Today's News

Eating Americans about the reality of horse slaughter is only half the challenge. At the time we try to educate the people who are consuming meat from our American horses as to the reality of what they are eating. In the case we were approached by a Swedish citizen who had concerns about American horses appearing in her local grocery, she asked us for help in her investigation and then managed to get the press interested.

I think you will find the Swedish news story encouraging - John

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PUMPED full of drugs - sold as food

From: HORSE must imported into the EU and Sweden from South America and above all, Mexico - may contain substances which are directly dangerous to humans.

Several Swedish meat processing companies state that they import horse meat from South America and that the separation in a large extent takes place via Belgium.

- Meat that is imported at any border of the EU is free to be sold on the Swedish market and is not affected by the EPA controls, writes Suzanne Stenfelt Berge at the National Food Administration in an email.

Many of the horses that are slaughtered in Mexico are old end of life competition horses - and race horses - from the United States. Those, during their competition careers are often treated with different types of preparations, such as phenylbutazone - a widely used anti-inflammatory drug that can cause serious and fatal allergic reactions, and serious birth defects in humans.

In Sweden, the horses at some point in their lifetime been treated with phenylbutazone never be used as food.

A study the New York Times made showed that 98% of race horses in California 2010 comprised with phenylbutazone in the body, and that the majority of these went to slaughter.

Horses from the United States to be slaughtered in Mexico must be accompanied by a document where the owner certify that the horse has not been received to unauthorized substance at least 168 days back in time.

The problem is that these transporting horses to slaughter houses and sign the certificates, at back, bought the horses within the month, at worst, within a few hours. It is impossible for the last owner to know something about horse's history.

Consignments of horse meat from Mexico must under EU-direktive be marked for hormonal and growth-promoting agents, but in the contrast do they not test other active substances.

In reality, the horse meat's owners knows throughout the EU is buy very well may contain residues of potentially deadly substances.

Horses are tortured during transport.

Horses slaughtered in Mexico and Canada for the European market are subjected to unacceptable suffering. The two animal rights organizations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico have reported this since 2007.

The horses are bought up by “buyers” at auctions in the U.S. and then shipped long distances by truck to Mexico or Canada - not food and water. According to regulations, the horses are fed at least six hours prior to departure, but may then be shipped in 24 hours.

Recent photos show horses that are lying packed in more than 30 hours in 35-degree heat on overcrowded truck beds. On their way through Texas, to Mexican slaughterhouses.

At the border, the horses were standing for more than four hours before it was allowed to put again. The heat rose significantly under the plastic roof.

Documents from the border between Texas and Mexico from one day in January of this year show that out of the books of horses on the way to a slaughter house which export Nature need to Europe, Lenin of the animal is severely injured that they were not brought into the country. The animal was torn and mangled by damage to eyes and large wounds. Five horses were so weak they could not stand up.

Reports of abuse and violence against slaughtering horses even at auctions, loading and unloading and at slaughter are both from Canada and Mexico.