Horses helped us build this nation. They continue to serve us today in the military, on police forces, as patient and loving therapy animals for those who struggle with physical or emotional issues and as faithful friends and companions.

The United States owes a great debt to all equines. American Horse Rescue Network (AHRN) is committed to paying that debt by helping equines in danger. Some of these animals are victims of neglect, abuse, abandonment or starvation. Others are in danger of entering the slaughter pipeline across our borders.

## Rescuing equines in need is AHRN's first priority!

Our secondary priority is lending a helping hand to qualified equine rescue organizations nationwide so that they can continue to be there for equines in trouble.





This is Gunner! He is a 27 year old Thoroughbred who was saved from slaughter in 2007. Gunner is the poster boy for American Horse Rescue Network and his handsome image graces our logo. His story has a happy ending and

AHRN works to create more happy endings for equines who were once in danger.

#### **JOIN OUR NETWORK!**

Help us achieve our commitment to rescue equines. You can do this by networking and alerting advocates and agencies on the ground about emergencies where equines must be moved away from danger. Finding safe and life-restoring sanctuary for rescued animals until proper homes are found for them is critical to their survival.

Your help is sincerely appreciated and accepted on behalf of America's equines!

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150,000 unwanted American equines are sent to Mexican or Canadian slaughterhouses every year. Most of them are 2 to 6 years old (they are not broken down or sick animals). They were bought from irresponsible owners on a price-per-pound basis because they will soon be turned into meat for Europe and Japan.

These terrified and traumatized animals are collected from private or government auctions and crowded into huge open trailers, body to body, with no room to lie down. They travel many hours or days that way, in hot or freezing weather, and receive no food or water during the trip. Panic causes trampling, injuries and fights that often cause death.

Once they reach the slaughter lines, these equines smell blood and hear other equines screaming in agony. Because they are flight animals they try desperately to run somewhere, anywhere, away from this horrible place. But they cannot.

Some equines face different dangers. Since 1971, the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has systematically eradicated millions—more than 95%—of wild horses and burros from our public lands where they have lived in peace for 500 years. Once the proud symbols of the American West, they have been forcefully removed so ranchers can replace them with millions of cattle. Roundups by BLM helicopters cause these equines to run in panic. Weak foals and adults who cannot keep up trip and fall under the copter's roar and are left to die!

# Your taxes finance these roundups! BOTH EQUINE SLAUGHTER AND EQUINE ROUNDUPS MUST BE STOPPED!

Saving these innocent animals is the major reason why American Horse Rescue Network was established.

### EQUINE RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

These vital organizations must continue to operate so they can assist equines in peril in every state. Qualified USA equine rescues are eligible for American Horse Rescue Network grants that will help them with such challenges such as disaster relief, gelding, food and hay shortages, transport or medical assistance.



### **OUR YOUTH PROGRAM**

American Horse Rescue Network's Youth Program is designed to prepare the next generation of equine advocates. It educates and trains youngsters who already love horses to care for them properly and to pass this knowledge on to their peers. This process will hopefully ensure the continuation of compassionate equine stewardship into the future.

