

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As the founder of a rescue organization and sanctuary for horses and other animals I have taken in hundreds of mistreated, abused, and neglected animals, but none are worse than those who come from rodeos. The psychological torture they endure is something very often overlooked but is evident in the look of terror and helplessness in these innocent animals' eyes. The horses used for "bucking" are typically old, retired animals from your local stable who probably haven't bucked for 20-30 years, and when they did they were punished for it. Now forced to buck to release the suffocating strap from their genital-area, these animals are terrified knowing there will be consequences for bucking yet are unable to stop. These horses often sustain severe and crippling spinal and muscular injuries. Same thing with the calves; our veterinarians have found dislocations, torn muscles and ligaments, and other severe injuries that go untreated after their use in a rodeo. Very often the animals hide their impairments as is the nature for "prey" species. Please take a strong stand and stop this blatant animal cruelty. Children witnessing animals being abused in a socially acceptable format can be traumatized and confused. Thank you

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Comments for Public Posting: The Western heritage and present way of life for farmers, cattlemen, ranchers and their families should be given respect and praise for their contribution to society. Even though you buy your meat and vegetables at the local store, the local store did not produce the food you eat! Remember that next time you open your fridge! Ask yourself where did that come from? What did it take to get here? What is the actual profit to the producer? Could less government restrictions have made my cost to buy it cheaper? The Cowboy heritage should be shared and enjoyed by all. Go to a Rodeo today, your kids will thank you for it!