

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Animal suffering is the very essence of rodeo. Ropes and straps are tied around bulls and horses abdomens and electric prods are used to literally shock the animals into giving more "exciting" performances. Animals in rodeos are routinely subjected to a variety of torments including choking, roping, neck twisting, tail twisting, spurring, and electric shock to force performance. Infant animals such as calves are jerked backward by the neck with taut ropes after reaching speeds of 25 mph in the event of "Calf Roping", now euphemistically called "Tie-down Roping". It is time to bring more compassion to the community and do away with the brutal "rodeo sport" of demonstrating human power over horse, bulls, steers, and calves. Cesar Chavez talked of compassion (in December, 1990), stating, "Kindness and compassion towards all living beings is a mark of a civilized society. Racism, economic deprivation, dog fighting and cock fighting, bullfighting and rodeos are all cut from the same defective fabric: violence." Thank you.