

SHARK works against Texas, Illinois Horse Slaughter

While in Texas working on the Baylor bear issue in May, Steve and the Tiger took a few nights to work with Texas activists in opposition to a proposed Texas law to legalize horse slaughter. Two horse slaughterhouses currently operate illegally in Texas, and the proposed law would have allowed these kill factories to continue to murder horses, many of whom are former companion animals or rodeo victims.

The Tiger cruised the area near the state capitol in Austin, attracting media attention and shocking and angering citizens. Within a few days, the proposed Texas law was defeated. Hopefully this will soon lead to the closing of the illegal Texas horse slaughterhouses, although these rich and politically powerful killers may still have more underhanded tricks up their bloody sleeves.

In September, SHARK again used the Tiger truck to battle a proposed horse slaughterhouse, this time in DeKalb, Illinois. The Belgium-based Cavel International operated a horse slaughter operation for years before an unexplained fire destroyed the facility. Cavel now wants to rebuild the operation.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

H.R. 857 has been introduced by New York Rep. John E. Sweeney

The bill reads: To prevent the slaughter of horses in and from the United States for human consumption by prohibiting the slaughter of horses for human consumption and by prohibiting the trade and transport of horseflesh and live horses intended for human consumption, and for other purposes.



SHARK's Tiger truck has been working to stop horse slaughter in Texas and Illinois.

The bill is currently in the US House Committee on Agriculture, so please contact the members, and urge them to support the bill, or it will die in committee. See the list of members at: <http://agriculture.house.gov/members.htm>.

Additionally, Illinois State Representative Bob Molaro (21st) has introduced legislation that would ban the slaughter of horses for human consumption in the State of Illinois. Please write, call, fax or email all members of the Illinois General Assembly (see: <http://www.legis.state.il.us/>) and urge them to support and co-sponsor Rep. Molaro's bill **HB3845** to ban horse slaughter in Illinois. Also, please let DeKalb policymakers know that Illinoisans don't want horses slaughtered for food in our backyard - or anywhere.

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Finally, please contact Angela Miller at (815) 784-3931 or Annabell81824@aol.com and Gail Vacca at (815) 787-4957 or glv190@aol.com to get involved in the campaign to stop the plant from opening.