



# ONTARIO EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

## Position Statement on Equine Slaughter

Ensuring horses are treated humanely and with dignity and respect at the end of their lives is the responsibility of every member of the equine community. The Ontario Equestrian Federation recognizes that some horses in this province may be destined for slaughter. While there are no equine slaughter facilities located in Ontario at this time, horses may be transported to facilities outside the province. It is incumbent on any individual or party involved in the care, management, handling or transportation of horses for the purposes of slaughter to prevent pain and suffering.

Pertinent laws, policies and guidelines:

- CFIA transportation regulations – <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/humane-transport/compromised-animals-policy/eng/1360016317589/1360016435110>
- OSPCA Act – [http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws\\_statutes\\_90o36\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90o36_e.htm)
- CVMA Euthanization Guidelines – <http://www.canadianveterinarians.net/documents/euthanasia>
- Equine Canada Code of Practice (to be released June 2013) – [www.equinecanada.ca](http://www.equinecanada.ca)

Additional resources:

- CFIA Humane Slaughter of Horses Fact Sheet – <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/anima/trans/horchefse.shtml>
- CFIA Transporting Horses in Canada – Is that Animal Fit for the Trip? – <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/anima/trans/20080430e.shtml>

A number of animal rescue and adoption agencies can also provide assistance to horse owners confronted with a difficult decision:

- Adoption/rescue agencies – <http://horse.on.ca/directory-details/?q=&area=0&postal=&category=204>
- Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – [www.ontariospca.ca](http://www.ontariospca.ca)