

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are hideously cruel, violent, and unnecessary. Terrified animals literally running for their lives, getting slammed to the ground, bulls and horses bucking with such force that it places them at grave risk of injury and death. THIS IS NOT ENTERTAINMENT. IT IS ANIMAL ABUSE ON PUBLIC DISPLAY. See attachment, highlights from the court case in San Diego re: the Padres rodeo at Petco Park, the decision made 1.27.26. In 2024, they killed a horse named WACO KID when he ran headfirst into a fence. In 2025, they killed a PREGNANT bucking mare named PEARL NECKLACE. She ruptured her uterine artery and bled to death, at 11 months gestation. Unimaginable suffering. And to think that rodeos are marketed as "family fun?!? Please, LA City Council? Be a compassionate, progressive city and finalize this ordinance.

After a week-long trial, a San Diego Superior Court judge has found Defendants Padres and C5 Rodeo issued a press release that was "false and intended to mislead the public" regarding the collapse of a horse who crashed into a fence at their 2024 rodeo. The Court further found Padres and C5 Rodeo failed to provide adequate diagnostics and veterinary care to animals the rodeo injured.

Defendants Padres and C5 Rodeo also failed to take adequate steps to ensure horses used in bucking events were not pregnant, causing the death of an 11-month pregnant horse last year, who died of a ruptured uterine artery right after being used in a "saddle bronc" bucking event.

The full statement of decision is attached with key parts highlighted. The next step will be the Court issuing an unfair business practices injunction to prevent the Padres and C5 Rodeo from engaging in such violations of animal cruelty laws at future rodeos.

The plaintiffs were Animal Protection and Rescue League (APRL) and Showing Animals Respect and Kindness (SHARK), represented by attorneys Bryan Pease and Parisa Ijadi-Maghsoodi of Pease & Ijadi, APC.