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Rodeo ban

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As a former bareback bronc rider, a veterinarian who has treated rodeo animals and a lawyer who understands the law, it is time to ban rodeos forever. Rodeos are animal cruelty as proven by videos, injury reports and observation.

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With respect, may I please again strongly suggest that you pass the now stalled RODEO ban for Los Angeles. For many, to witness the rank cruelty of spurs, bucking straps and electric prods being used to irritate and enrage normally docile, gentle sentient farm animals used to 'entertain' the public is unworthy in this day and age. Isn't there enough cruelty already in this world, especially towards innocent animals, without gratuitously adding to it? This is just a pathetic example of exhibiting man's domination over animals as such practices were never used in a normal ranching environment. Even before entering the ring, animals are often prodded with an electrical 'hotshot' so that the pain will rile them. Bulls and horses violently buck and kick because the bucking straps are tightly cinched around sensitive parts of their bodies. In 'steer-tailed' a young calf might have his tail painfully torn off! And children watch these cruel displays and perhaps come to think that hurting animals is acceptable social behavior, which in a civil society, it is most certainly not! This kind of display has no place in our community!

Thank you,
Elaine Livesey-Fassel



5/17/26 ANTI-RODEO AD, EAST BAY TIMES

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IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED LOS ANGELES RODEO BAN -

SEE ATTACHED 1/4-PAGE DISPLAY AD - Ran in the Friday, May 17, 2026 issue of the EAST BAY TIMES (opening day of the Rowell Ranch Rodeo in Castro Valley. A bucking horse suffered a broken rear leg and was euthanized).

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Eric Mills, coordinator
ACTION FOR ANIMALS
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P.S. - As noted previously, there should be NO EXEMPTIONS for any of the Mexican charreadas (common throughout California). Three of the charreada's nine scored events involve roping the legs of running horses. The "steer tailing" event is even more brutal, with steers' tails being stripped to the bone ("degloved"), broken legs and horns....it all needs to end. Neither "culture" nor "tradition" should ever be used as a cover for animal abuse.



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RODEO: A CRIME AGAINST NATURE?



by Eric Mills, coordinator, ACTION FOR ANIMALS, Oakland, CA

"Kindness and compassion towards all living things is a mark of a civilized society. Conversely, cruelty, whether it is directed against human beings or against animals, is not the exclusive province of any one culture or community of people. Racism, economic deprival, dog fighting and cock fighting, bullfighting and rodeos are cut from the same fabric: violence. Only when we have become nonviolent towards all life will we have learned to live well ourselves."

(UNITED FARM WORKERS, from a 12/90/90 letter to ACTION FOR ANIMALS)

Nearly every animal welfare organization in North America condemns rodeo due to its inherent cruelty. For most of the animals, the rodeo arena is merely a detour en route to the slaughterhouse. It needs to end.

California Education Code 60042 mandates that "humane education and kindness to animals" be taught in the public schools, K-12. California Penal Code 597, "Crimes Against Animals, Felony or Misdemeanor," states in part: "Every person who subjects any animal to needless suffering, or inflicts unnecessary cruelty upon the animal, or in any manner abuses any animal" is, for each offense, guilty of a crime.

And yet the abuse of rodeo animals continues unabated. Where is Animal Control? The SPCA? The District Attorney's office? The religious community? Ironically, the adoring farm animals depicted in Nativity Scenes every Christmas--cattle, horses, sheep, goats, et al.--are the very same animals abused, crippled and killed in rodeos the rest of the year, all in the name of "entertainment." Imagine the public outcry if pet dogs were as brutalized as are the terrified roping calves. What's the difference, pray?

World-renowned animal behaviorist Dr. Temple Grandin has written that, "The single worst thing you can do to an animal emotionally is to make it feel afraid. Fear is so bad for animals I think it's worse than pain." Rodeo animals are all "prey" animals. As such, they fear for their very lives when roped, ridden, chased, wrestled, jumped on or otherwise handled roughly.

Rodeo is mostly hype, having little to do with either agriculture or life on a working ranch. REAL working cowboys/girls never routinely rode bulls, or wrestled steers, or rode bareback, or barrel raced, or practiced calf roping as a timed event. Nor did they put flank straps on the animals, or work them over in the holding chutes with painful "hotshots," kicks and slaps. Some "sport"! Indeed, rodeo is not a true "sport" at all. That term denotes willing, equally-matched participants. Rodeo does not qualify. Rather, it's a macho exercise in DOMINATION. The United Kingdom outlawed rodeos back in 1934, followed by the Netherlands. Can the U.S. be far behind?

There are some 2,000-5,000 rodeos held throughout the U.S. every year. The great majority don't even require on-site veterinarians to care for injured animals, and injuries and deaths are routine. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA), which sanctions around 800 rodeos annually, has required on-site veterinarians only since 1995, after five animals suffered and died at the California Rodeo in Salinas that year.

Legislation is in order to stop this cruelty: local, state and federal. In the interim, boycott all rodeos, their corporate sponsors and advertisers. Follow the money. And let your reps hear from you, local/state/federal.

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