



LETTER TO EDITOR - RODEO'S INHERENT CRUELTY

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Letters: It's time to ban rodeos and the suffering inflicted on animals

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By Letters To The Editor

Time to end animals' suffering at rodeos

A few weeks ago, Rowell Ranch Rodeo in Castro Valley suffered another animal fatality.

Dr. Tina Faulkner, DVM, reported the death of a bucking horse to the State Veterinary Medical Board (as required by Penal Code 596.7): "After the rider completed the 8 second ride in the arena, the horse fractured its distal right hind leg. He was humanely euthanized."

And all in the name of "entertainment," God forgive us. Nearly every animal welfare organization on Earth condemns rodeo for its inherent cruelty. As did Dr. Jane Goodall and Pope Francis.

Rodeo is not a true sport — that term denotes willing, evenly-matched participants. Rodeo does not qualify. Rather, it's mostly hype, a macho exercise in domination. It needs to end.

The United Kingdom (England/Scotland/Wales) outlawed all of rodeo back in 1934. Can the United States and the rest of the world be far behind? Legislation is in order: local, state and federal. Let your reps hear from you.

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