



Rodeo is animal abuse - from a veterinarian

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It is time to ban rodeo for good. Animals are injured and some are killed. Baby calves suffer extensive damage to their necks as revealed by Dr. Bay, Colorado, when he autopsied roping calves that had been roped in the rodeo.

As a large animal veterinarian, I treated rodeo animals when I practiced in North Dakota. The owners of some bucking horses asked me not to pet them when I vaccinated them. They did not want these horses to be relaxed around humans.

Children often cry at rodeos. What are we teaching them? That animal abuse is acceptable. As a former criminal prosecutor, we prosecuted human abusers. Many had abused animals as children and teenagers.

Time to end rodeo.

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RODEOS, CULTURE, TRADITION and ANIMAL CRUELTY

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TO: ALL MEMBERS, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

For anyone to defend rodeos (or charreadas) with "culture" or "tradition" arguments, please consider the following excerpt from a treasured 12/26/90 letter written to me by Cesar Chavez (UNITED FARM WORKERS):

"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." Words to live by.

Kind regards,

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Letter to LA Times

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To: LA Times <letters@latimes.com>

As societies become more educated as to the effects our species is having on others and the natural world in general, we are realizing that much of that effect is negative and many of us are protesting those. One of the many negative effects are 'entertainments' that purport to bring pleasure, such as circuses, petting zoos and rodeos which might please some audience members and financially benefit human participants, but are in fact harmful to the animals forced to be part of these spectacles. Little by little, society is beginning to understand that to exploit sentient animals in ways that harm those creatures is nothing about which to be pleased or proud, but should in fact be understood for what it is and condemned.

Regarding rodeos, 72% of the L.A. general public do not support this activity and this reader is one of those persons, since she finds that violence towards animals is part and parcel of this 'entertainment' and this troubles her greatly and is offensive to her sense of 'humane'. The creatures involved are normally docile prey animals: cows, calves, steers and horses who are forced to run terrified from a man on horseback who is aiming to rope them down on the hard ground and restrain them by their fragile legs which are often injured or broken in the effort. Fear, distress and injury results and all of this in front of impressionable children who might come to think that it is acceptable to harm animals for pleasure, which, in a civil society, it is most certainly not. Some calves even lose their tails in 'steer-tailing' events! We are using the excuse of 'tradition' to justify cruelty, which is unworthy in this day and age. This kind of display has no place in our modern community - enough of the rank cruelty of spurs, bucking straps and electric prods! Enough Rodeo! Other countries and states have outlawed such events, it is beyond time for us to do the same!

Elaine Livesey-Fassel



Fwd: RODEO BULL JUMPS FENCE, TRAMPLES SPECTATORS - multi-million dollar lawsuit

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<https://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/2026/06/a-bull-jumped-a-fence-at-a-packed-oregon-rodeo-now-2-trampled-spectators-are-suing-for-115m.html>

FYI - Could happen anywhere/anytime. SUPPORT THE PROPOSED L.A. RODEO BAN!

x

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TWO COMMENTS from 6/9/26 MyNewsLA - "Rodriguez Decries ICE Argument in Proposed LA Rodeo Ban"

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ANY RESPONSES APPRECIATED.

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Subject: TWO COMMENTS from 6/9/26 MyNewsLA - "Rodriguez Decries ICE Argument in Proposed LA Rodeo Ban"

Irene Muschel (NYC) says:

June 9, 2026 at 6:42 pm

It's a very sad day when politicians representing the Hispanic community promote cruelty to animals—turning a blind eye to practices that injure animals externally and internally. Veterinarians at slaughterhouses where these poor animals end up have documented the massive internal bleeding and other injuries inflicted on these victims in rodeos that are observed in their corpses.

Think of how wonderful it would be if the Hispanic community had leaders who protect the good and ban the destructive practices in the lives of their constituents. Instead, so many politicians endorse anything they feel will keep them in power.

Communities need leaders who promote empathy and kindness—not the cruelty and violence that define rodeo.

Reply

Eric Mills says:

June 10, 2026 at 7:52 am

Agreed! Consider the following excerpt from a 12/26/90 letter that Cesar Chavez (United Farm Workers) wrote to me.

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