



Fwd: 1995 rodeo video short - Humane Society of the U.S.

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TO: ALL MEMBERS, L.A. CITY COUNCIL

Please see the 1995 short rodeo video below from the Humane Society of the U.S.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRQFZwlfZrk&t=3s>

Again, nearly every animal welfare organization on the planet condemns rodeo for its inherent cruelty. Rodeo has little to do with life on a working ranch. REAL cowboys/girls never routinely rode bulls, or wrestled steers, or rode bareback, or practiced calf roping (terrified BABIES) as a timed event. Nor did they put flank straps on the animals or work them over in the hold chutes with electric prods, kicks and slaps. Some "sport"!

Indeed, rodeo is not a "sport" at all. 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.

I urge your support of the proposed Los Angeles rodeo ban. You'll be in good company. Several California cities have already done so. And the United Kingdom (England/Scotland/Wales) outlawed all of rodeo back in 1934. Can the U.S. be far behind?

Kind regards,

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Fwd: 1982 "JOINT RODEO POLICY STATEMENT" - HUMANE SOCIETY OF U.S. and AMERICAN HUMANE

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IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED LOS ANGELES RODEO BAN -

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SEE ATTACHED.

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Joint Rodeo Policy Statement

During the past several years The Humane Society of the United States and the American Humane Association have differed widely in their respective policies regarding rodeos and the ways in which each approached the rodeo issue. Indeed, so apparent were these differences that the rodeo industry exploited them to their own advantage, using the name and position of the AHA to neutralize the protests and objections to rodeo being advanced by The HSUS. It is with much enthusiasm that I tell you this difference no longer exists.

On March 3, 1982, officers of both organizations met together and adopted the following position statement on rodeo, a statement formally approved by The HSUS Board of Directors at its May 5 meeting:

"The Humane Society of the United States and the American Humane Association are opposed to rodeos because they result in torment, harassment, and stress being inflicted upon the participating animals and expose rodeo stock to the probability of pain, injury, or death. We denounce this type of unnecessary exploitation and the use of devices such as electric prods, sharpened sticks, spurs, flank straps, and other rodeo tack which cause animals to react violently. We find these abuses cannot be justified.

"We have determined that professionally sanctioned rodeos often ignore the established guidelines intended to prevent cruelty. Furthermore, we have determined that abuse and suffering occur during non-sanctioned or amateur competitions and especially when animals are used repetitively for practice. Therefore, we believe that a program of official humane supervision cannot effectively prevent the cruelties inherent in rodeo.

"The HSUS and the AHA contend that rodeos are not an accurate or harmless portrayal of ranching skills; rather, they display and encourage an insensitivity to and acceptance of brutal treatment of animals in the name of sport. Such callous disregard of our moral obligations toward other living creatures has a negative impact on society as a whole and on impressionable children in particular. It is, therefore, our mutual policy to oppose all rodeos, to educate the public about our humane objections, and to encourage like-minded individuals and groups to seek the elimination of rodeo cruelties through programs of local activism."

Copies of this statement have been mailed to 2,187 animal-welfare organizations and animal-control agencies throughout the United States inviting them to adopt this statement as their own rodeo policy. Further, The HSUS is in the process of launching a major campaign opposing rodeo.

This landmark event, bringing together the American Humane Association and The Humane Society of the United States on this important issue, has the potential for dealing rodeo in this country a very damaging blow.



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**president's
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12/7/22 RODEO ARTICLE - L.A. TIMES - Susanne Rust, reporter

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FOR THE L.A. CITY COUNCIL - IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED RODEO BAN

Subject: 12/7/22 RODEO ARTICLE - L.A. TIMES

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-12-07/rodeo-casualties-for-animals-that-are-ridden-and-roped-broken-backs-legs-and-skulls>

NOTE: These required injury reports (Penal Code 596.7) have been grossly under-submitted over the years since the law was enacted (2000). In a number of years there were ZERO reports submitted; and almost NO reports from the many annual Mexican charreadas--statistically not possible!

NOTE #2: The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) has required on-site veterinarians at their events only since 1995, when FIVE animals were killed at the California Rodeo/Salinas (I was there).

Kind regards,

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P.S. - PLEASE DO NOT EXEMPT MEXICAN CHARREADAS FROM THE ORDINANCE! Charreadas feature nine scored events, two of which involve roping the legs of running horses (either front or rear), and another--"steer tailing"--in which a mounted charro (cowboy) grabs a running steer by the tail, wraps the tail around his leg, then drags/slams the hapless steer brutally to the ground. Steers' tails are routinely stripped to the bone ("degloved"), broken and/or torn off. Both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties banned both "horse tripping" and "steer tailing" in the early 1990's. L.A. should follow suit.