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Rodeo is condemned by nearly EVERY animal welfare organization on Earth due to its inherent cruelty. Rodeo has almost NOTHING to do with ranching. For most of the animals, the rodeo arena is merely a detour en route to the slaughterhouse. Real working ranch hands never routinely rode bulls, or rode bareback, or wrestled steers, or barrel raced, or practiced calf roping (terrified BABIES!) as a timed event. Nor did they put irritating flank straps on the horses and bulls or work them over in the holding chutes with painful "hotshots," tail-twisting, kicks and slaps. Some "sport"!

Indeed, rodeo is not a true "sport" at all. That term denotes willing, evenly-matched participants. Rodeo does not qualify. Rather, it's a mostly bogus, macho exercise in DOMINATION. It needs to end. And the media needs to stop promoting this blatant cruelty. I was present at the 1995 California Rodeo/Salinas when FIVE animals suffered and died, all in the name of "entertainment." Only in the aftermath of the mayhem did the PRCA adopt a rule requiring on-site veterinarians at all their events. The great majority of the estimated 2,000+ U.S. rodeos don't provide even this basic care, and animal injuries and deaths are commonplace. Even Cesar Chavez was an outspoken critic; ditto Pope Francis and Jane Goodall.

The United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales) outlawed rodeos back in 1934, soon followed by the Netherlands. Can the U.S. be far behind? Rodeo has had its brutal day and now belongs in the Dustbin of History. **BOYCOTT ALL RODEOS, THEIR CORPORATE ADVERTISERS & SPONSORS. FOLLOW THE MONEY.**

See prize-winning documentary, "BUCKING TRADITION" – <http://www.buckingtradition.com> (also available on YouTube).

1995 HSUS rodeo video, "Bucking the Myth" – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRQFZwlfZrk&t=3>

Kind regards,

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