



5/29/26 ANTI-RODEO LETTER, PLEASANTON WEEKLY - responses invited

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Letter in today's PLEASANTON WEEKLY.

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RODEO CRUELTY

Last weekend's Rowell Ranch Rodeo in Castro Valley suffered yet another animal fatality. California Penal Code 596.7 requires that rodeo injuries be reported to the State Veterinary Medical Board (reports free upon request, email – enforcement.VMB@dca.ca.gov).

Dr. Tina Faulkner's report states: "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 Cesar Chavez, 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 U.S. and the rest of the world be far behind? Legislation is in order: local/state/federal. Let your reps hear from you!

– Eric Mills, coordinator, Action for Animals