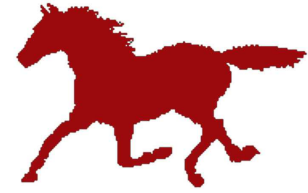


Greetings CHDC members, and thank you for  
subscribing to Update Canada.



May 3, 2005



**Alert: "Horses in Light" Event Calls for Canadian Support**

Governor Rell has declared May 7, 2005 (Kentucky Derby Day) a day of recognition and rescue for horses throughout the state of Connecticut. A candlelight vigil presented by Equine Angels Rescue Sanctuary is being held in Brookfield between 7 p.m. and midnight EST, and will further be observed across the U.S. and Canada.

The Canadian Horse Defense Coalition commends Governor Rell for his compassion, and encourages event participation by horse lovers and defenders across our own nation. *It is important to note that slaughter-bound horses move readily across the U.S.-Canada border, and end up at slaughter plants in both countries; therefore, the brutality is border-friendly and needs to be addressed in both the U.S. and Canada.*

**Please participate, in spirit, by lighting a candle for the horses on Saturday, May 7th.**

Another action you can take is to **contact your Member of Parliament** and request that he/she follow Governor Rell's lead in recognizing the plight of the horse in our country. Ask your legislator to take an active role in pursuing an end to horse slaughter in Canada. (We have included a sample letter below.) For information on who your MP is, please visit the following link and enter your postal code in the box near the top of the page: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/index.asp?Language=E>

***May the candles for our beloved horses burn brightly, heralding an end to the brutal slaughter of these magnificent animals.***

For more information on this event, visit: <http://www.foalrescue.com/>  
Also linked is the story released May 3, 2005 in The Danbury News Times:  
<http://news.newstimeslive.com/story.php?id=71080>

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**Sample letter:**

[Your mailing address]

[Date]

Dear [Name of MP]:

I am writing to express my concerns about the slaughtering of horses for meat in Canada, and to ask for your support in seeking an end to this barbaric and unnecessary practice. Horses are beautiful, intelligent animals that have served humankind for centuries. It is appalling that our nation's annual equine

slaughter statistics number in the tens of thousands, whereas Canadian public opinion, as determined by an Ipsos-Reid poll in May 2004, does not support the butchering of horses for human consumption. Canada has no need to send its horses to overseas dinner tables; in view of the huge revenue brought in every year by varied facets of the horse industry, it follows that equines are worth far more alive than dead.

As a shining example of compassion and stewardship, Connecticut's Governor Rell has declared May 7, 2005 (Kentucky Derby Day) a day of recognition and rescue for horses throughout his state. A candlelight vigil presented by Equine Angels Rescue Sanctuary is being held in Brookfield between 7 p.m. and midnight EST, and will further be observed across the U.S. and Canada. Frank Weller, EARS President, states that thousands of candles will be lit across the U.S. and Canada as rescue agencies join in this international event, entitled "Horses in Light".

Please know that I am lighting a candle for horses this Saturday evening, in remembrance of the sacrifices made by these noble animals while serving humankind. My candle will also burn brightly in hope: that Canada, with your help and mine, will soon recognize the horse as a cherished national treasure--not as a slab of meat destined for foreign markets.

As your constituent, I would appreciate hearing from you soon regarding this issue.

Yours truly,  
[Your name and phone number]



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Thank you.

## **THE CANADIAN HORSE DEFENSE COALITION**

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*End.*