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Media Roundup

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Unwanted horses: A problem for the equine industry and horse lovers

The United States is bursting at the seams with unwanted horses – an estimated 170,000 each year. With people losing jobs and cutting back on expenses, horse ownership has become a luxury.

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Tampa Bay and TROT Form Partnership

Tampa Bay Downs has announced its partnership with the Thoroughbred Retirement of Tampa, a non-profit organization dedicated to the safe retirement, rehabilitation, and adoption of Tampa's racing Thoroughbreds.

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Horse Rescues Prepare for Long Winter Ahead

Tawnee Preisner doesn't need a calendar to know that winter is approaching--all she has to do is count the number of inquiries she receives from horse owners wanting to place their animals at her California equine rescue.

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Horse Rescues Get Creative to Combat Donation Recession

In a stubbornly stagnant economy and with winter fast approaching, equine rescue operators are finding creative ways to attract financial support from beyond their traditional contributor bases.

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Retired Race Horses Skip Slaughter House

Upcoming Events

[Hanaeleh Horse Rescue Celebration of Music, Art and Horses](#)

November 7
Laguna Beach, California

[Heartland Horse Rescue](#)

[Trail Ride](#)
November 21
Winter Park, Florida

to Fight Crime

Broadway Kevin waited in the auction holding pen, a successful harness horses whose life was now worth less than the cost to take care of him.

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Free Equine Castration Clinic

A Success in Minnesota

A free equine castration clinic was held on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo, Minn. The clinic was sponsored by the Minnesota Horse Welfare Coalition, which is made up of members from the Minnesota Horse Council, the Minnesota Animal Humane Society, Equine Rescues, the University of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Association of Equine Practitioners.

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Castration as a Solution?

The plight of the unwanted horse may be the most important horse issue of the 21st century. Estimates suggest that 100,000 horses per year become "unwanted," leading to saturation of rescue and retirement facilities around the country and a strain on their financial resources. Is overbreeding to blame? Is it because horse processing plants were closed? Just as a combination of factors have lead to the surplus, only a wide variety of ideas and programs will begin to solve the problem.

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The mission of the Unwanted Horse Coalition is to reduce the number of unwanted horses and to improve their welfare through education and the efforts of organizations committed to the health, safety, and responsible care and disposition of these horses.

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