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NEW ADVOCACY GROUP FORMS IN TEXAS TO END HORSE SLAUGHTER

HOUSTON, October 3, 2003 (F4H) – The Fund for Horses, a new national non profit horse protection advocacy organization, is formed in Texas by Houstonian Vivian Farrell with the primary purpose of ending horse slaughter for human consumption by lobbying for the enactment of a federal law.

"When I discovered horses were being slaughtered in this country for their meat and exported live for slaughter, I was stunned," says Farrell. "Investigations revealed practices connected to the horse slaughter industry so terrifying and brutal, I felt I had to find a way to stop it. So I started the Fund for Horses."

Farrell began her fight against horse slaughter with a group of around 200 horse lovers called Texans for Horses that quickly drew new members from all over the State. Their passion and commitment enabled them to help defeat Texas State Rep. Betty Brown's bill to legalize horse slaughter earlier this year. It was after that victory that Farrell decided to form a national group. She went through the incorporation process, attained tax exempt status and launched the The Fund for Horses website all in a matter of a few months. The Fund for Horses, with a broad base of constituents, not just in Texas, but from around the United States, intend to take on the legislators in Washington DC to defeat horse slaughter nationally.

Describing her group, Farrell states, "The Fund for Horses are a strong community of concerned horse lovers from all walks of life who understand, respect and appreciate the unique character and contribution of the horse. We are determined to bring an end to horse slaughter, and strongly believe a grassroots movement like ours can do it."

The Fund for Horses is a dynamic horse advocacy group based in Houston, Texas, working for the protection of equines through intervention, education and legislation. On the web at www.fund4.org.

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