



# Don't Get Taken for a Ride



Photo: Jim Jackson

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According to equine expert Dr. Holly Cheever, horses used for carriage rides live "a nose-to-tailpipe existence."



**N**ew York City has the highest horse-drawn carriage accident rate in the country. In 2007, a spooked horse ran nearly a block before slamming into a tree and entangling her carriage. She broke her leg, went into shock, and died. A second horse panicked, darted into traffic, and collided with a car. Three other incidents in 2007 caused horses to be injured after colliding with vehicles and a cab driver to be hospitalized. In 2006, three frightened horses ran amok, and an ailing horse who collapsed in Central Park was repeatedly whipped by the carriage driver in order to force her to stand up. She died in her stall the next day.

Equine experts as well as the ASPCA agree that urban areas are inhumane and unsafe for horse-drawn carriages. Placing large animals who get scared easily in congested city traffic invites injury and death. Horses are forced to pull heavy loads in all weather extremes. Walking on hard pavement leads to debilitating hoof and leg ailments, and inhaling exhaust fumes causes lung damage. At the end of their long and strenuous work days, horses have no opportunity to socialize and graze in open pastures as they are confined to small, dark, damp stalls. A recent audit conducted by New York City's Comptroller's Office found that the horses work without adequate access to water and shade or oversight from authorities.

- **Help stop the cruelty**  
by refusing to patronize this miserable trade.
- **Call 212-NEW-YORK**  
and ask Mayor Bloomberg to support the pending legislation to ban horse-drawn carriages.
- **If you are a New York City resident,**  
write to and call your Council member with the same message (visit [www.council.nyc.gov](http://www.council.nyc.gov) to get contact information).



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