



*In memory of Suzy and Echo*

## **HELP! MY HORSE IS GONE!**

Far too often we hear of horses who have fallen into the slaughter pipeline for one reason or another. The CHDC has been contacted on a number of occasions by people desperately searching for their missing horse so we've put together some suggestions on where to start looking. These suggestions are not a guarantee that you will be successful but are provided as a guide on where to start looking.

Be prepared with proof of ownership, clear photos of the horse(s) and the knowledge that your search may not end positively.

If your horse has been administered drugs such as Bute or Clenbuterol make sure that you have proof of this on-hand too as a horse who has been administered these drugs are not to be killed for human consumption but kill buyers and slaughter plants routinely ignore this. A comprehensive list of prohibited drugs is on the CFIA's web site [here](#).

Probably the single most important step is find out where the kill buyers are in the area of the last location of the horse and GO THERE! Be polite and not confrontational. Your goal is to recover your horse safely. If you call they may try to dissuade you from going to their property. Some kill buyers will work with a former owner, sometimes not. They also don't keep horses for very long as it's not worth it to them financially so you have to act quickly.

To find the local kill buyers - call the local large boarding facilities and ask who the horse traders are in the area.

Then there are the slaughter plants. Call and ask to speak to the General Manager. These plants are the final stop for these slaughter-bound horses and if you can alert them to the fact that your horse could be in the pipeline then, hopefully, they will cooperate and keep a watch for him or her. Send copies of any police or [NetPosse](#) reports to let them know that you are serious.

Registration Number	Name of the Operator Address(s)	Function Codes	Telephone Number(s)
076	<b>VIANDE RICHELIEU INC./RICHELIEU MEAT INC.</b> ----- <b>Location Address: :</b> 595 RUE ROYALE, MASSUEVILLE, QC, J0G 1K0 <b>Mailing Address: :</b> C.P. 101, MASSUEVILLE, QC, J0G 1K0	1aehi, 3x, 6x, 11ADGHLR,	(450) 788-2667 (450) 788-2622/F (450) 788-2061/I
505	<b>LES VIANDES DE LA PETITE-NATION INC.</b> <b>Also Doing Business As Name :</b> LES CERFS DE BOILEAU ----- <b>Location Address: :</b> 517, RANG STE-JULIE EST, ST-ANDRÉ-AVELLIN, QC, J0V 1W0 <b>Mailing Address: :</b> 421, RUE ST-PAUL EST, BUREAU 200, MONTRÉAL, QC, H2Y 1H5	1eh, 3x, 6x, 11ADGHKL,	(819) 983-7941 (819) 983-4041/F (819) 983-7941/I
506	<b>BOUVRY EXPORT CALGARY LTD.</b> ----- <b>Location Address: :</b> S.W. 1/4 SEC. 17TWP. 9, RG. 25, W. 4, HWY # 3 EAST, FORT MACLEOD, AB, <b>Mailing Address: :</b> P.O. BOX 2024, FORT MACLEOD, AB, T0L 0Z0	1aehi, 3x, 11ACDGHLR,	(403) 553-4431 (403) 553-3037/I (403) 553-3222/F
587	<b>KML MEAT PROCESSORS LTD.</b> ----- <b>Location Address: :</b> 6478 KAMLOOPS-VERNON HWY., WESTWOLD, BC, V0E 3B1	1e, 3x, 11J,	(250) 375-2388 (250) 375-2378/F
657	<b>CANADIAN PREMIUM MEATS INC.</b> ----- <b>Location Address: :</b> 3401 - 53RD AVE., LACOMBE, AB, T4L 2L6 <b>Mailing Address: :</b> SAME, , ,	1aehi, 3x, 11ADHLMRSV,	(403) 782-9366 (403) 782-7163/F (403) 782-7991/I

For a list of all slaughter plants in Canada go [here](#).

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) monitors all shipments of horses crossing into Canada for slaughter and, as well, also oversees conditions at the plants. They fall under the Minister of Health's portfolio.

When they unload a trailer at the border to check the load they can look at that time. This [link](#) is to a listing of their area offices.

From there they can alert their various inspectors at the border or at the slaughter plants. You can also call the designated border crossings yourself by checking [this list](#).

Also call or email the following CFIA personnel. They should be kept informed of horses who have ended up in the slaughter pipeline by dubious means.

Dr. Bruce Archibald, President, Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Email: [bruce.archibald@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:bruce.archibald@inspection.gc.ca)

Tel: 613.773.6000; Fax: 613.773.6060

Dr. Harpreet S. Kochhar, Chief Veterinary Officer for Canada, CFIA

Email: [Harpreet.Kochhar@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:Harpreet.Kochhar@inspection.gc.ca)

Tel: 613.773.7472; Fax 613.228.6637

Hon. Rona Ambrose, Minister of Health

Email: [rona.ambrose@parl.gc.ca](mailto:rona.ambrose@parl.gc.ca)

Tel: 613.996.9778

[NetPosse](#) maintains a web site where you can post information about your horse. In the very remote chance that a kill buyer checks to see if a horse is legitimately theirs, they may check here to see if the horse is reported missing. This is also a great tool for networking with others.

In the US, contact the [USDA field office](#) in the State where this happened. This link can help you find the office nearest you.

You can also go to [GIPSA](#) (Registered and Bonded Market Agencies Buying on Commission and Dealers) to find out where the local auctions are - it also has a list of registered 'markets'.

The USDA inspects paperwork of horses crossing from the US to Canada and Mexico so if you can provide good quality photos and a description, they may be able to help.

There are two contacts for the USDA who oversee all paperwork and transportation issues with horses being shipped to slaughter:

Joey Astling  
Compliance Specialist - USDA/APHIS Equine Transportation Program  
301-734-5324  
[joseph.t.astling@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:joseph.t.astling@aphis.usda.gov)

Dr. Paul G. Egrie  
Farm Animal Welfare VMO - USDA/APHIS  
301-734-0695  
[paul.g.egrie@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:paul.g.egrie@aphis.usda.gov)

For those horses who are in danger of going to Mexico, here are some contacts for a few of the feedlots:

Frontier Meats Feedlot (owned by Beltex Corp)  
(806)525-4221  
2180 County Road 120  
Morton, TX 79346  
Telephone: (806)525-4221  
<https://www.frontiermeats.com>

Beltex Corporation  
3801 N Grove St  
Fort Worth, TX, 76106 United States  
(817) 624-1136



C4 Cattle Company operates Presidio Pens  
(432) 229-3247

Also, Texas has a [list of feedlots](#). This [list](#) shows the rules at the Export Pens.  
In Texas contact:

Jon Garza  
Director, Commodity Reporting & Livestock Exports  
Texas Department of Agriculture  
(512) 463-6098  
[Jon.garza@texasagriculture.gov](mailto:Jon.garza@texasagriculture.gov)

Doyle Fuchs  
Livestock Specialist  
Texas Department of Agriculture  
512-463-7628  
[doyle.fuchs@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:doyle.fuchs@TexasAgriculture.gov)

The only person that actually is required to visually inspect each horse is the local vet that the kill buyer uses and it's this vet who issues the health certificate. The health certificate is sent to the APHIS state vet or AVIC (Area Veterinarian in Charge).  
This [list](#) shows the State Vets.

If you know the last known location - get pictures to the local vets. The border isn't actually required to visually inspect each load of horses - paperwork yes, but not necessarily the horses - it is their discretion.

In Texas, there are the [TSCRA special rangers](#) who, if your horse has a unique brand or markings, can possibly keep a lookout for them.

Your search will take a long time and may not be successful but the key is to work very fast.

Be prepared to get the run-around from the agencies, USDA, APHIS, CFIA etc. They have been known to pass people on to other agencies citing that it isn't their jurisdiction or responsibility.

Some more information to consider from Vicky Johnson who tried to find her horses Suzy & Echo....

“Call the police first. In the U.S. most states have a 'theft by deception' law - the States use it to prosecute government theft and most likely will say it is 'civil' and close it - without a police report, they won't give you the time of day. I can tell you it is so heart wrenching to get set aside - agency after agency while you are fighting for your horses' life.

In all my flyers and notifications I stated that any paperwork received is falsified, they really don't care if they are stolen - only that they are adulterated.

Create an affidavit of medications and take it to your vet immediately. The veterinarians in the States are typically only required to keep records for two years.

What people don't realize is that most loads are sealed at the border and the horses killed within a day of arrival. Most do not sit in feed lots.

They can 'acquire' a horse today and it can be shipped the SAME day. They buy loads at auction and ship from the auction.”

If anyone has any suggestions to improve this document please submit it to [info@defendhorsescanada.org](mailto:info@defendhorsescanada.org)

To learn about Suzy & Echo please go [here](#) and [here](#).

