

President's Budget Proposes Horse Slaughter Ban
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SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - Animal protection advocates are applauding President Barack Obama for proposing a continued federal ban on commercial horse slaughter in the U.S.



American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals senior vice president Nancy Perry on Tuesday urged Congress to adopt the proposal.

A measure approved earlier this year withholds money through September for Agriculture Department inspections necessary for slaughterhouses to process horse meat for human consumption.

The ban derailed a New Mexico company's plan to slaughter horses to export the meat to overseas consumers.

The president's budget proposed continuing the inspection funding prohibition through September 2015.

The last U.S. horse slaughterhouses closed in 2007 because Congress eliminated inspection funding. Plants in New Mexico, Missouri and Iowa sought to resume horse slaughtering when federal money was restored in 2011.