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## MISSOURI SENATE SUPPORT HORSE SLAUGHTER

On May 5, 2008 Senate Concurrent Resolution SCR 35 passed the Missouri Senate. This resolution urges the U.S. Congress to support the continuation of horse processing in the United States and offer incentives to help create horse processing plants throughout the country. The resolution encourages the U.S. Congress to oppose two federal bills, S. 311 and H.R. 503, which relate to the slaughtering of horses and other equine animals for human consumption.

The Concurrent Resolution passed 28 to 5. Those Senators voting "No" were, Dempsey, Graham, Rupp, Smith and Wilson. If these are your Senators do your part and write, call or email them expressing your disappointment. If your Senator is not one of these five, write, email or phone them to express your approval at their vote. Phone calls do make a difference! MEC was told that the Senate was inundated with phone calls and emails regarding this issue.

If you don't know who your senator is, go to <http://www.senate.mo.gov/> and in the upper left corner is a place for you to enter your zip code and it will show you who your legislators are. If you don't know your 9 digit zip code, click on the yellow question mark and it will give you your 9 digit zip code based on your address. Take the time to get involved, don't just ride off into the sunset to wait and see what's going to happen. Contact your senator now!

To view the Resolution in it's entirety, go to [http://www.senate.mo.gov/O8info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=149952](http://www.senate.mo.gov/O8info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=149952)

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## MEC ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

Since it's inception in 1986, both humans and animals. Further, MEC supports the identification and the correction and/or elimination of practices that are contrary to this policy.

Inc. has adopted the promotion of animal welfare as it's official policy. MEC supports the responsible and humane use of animals as determined by experienced, knowledgeable and concerned persons for human purposes such as companionship, recreation, food, fiber, and research conducted for the benefit of



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Ride Missouri is a riding program designed for all ages, all levels of ability and all types of equine, whether you ride or drive. No matter the reason you ride, this is a way to be recognized for your achievements. To find out more about Ride Missouri log onto our website [www.mo-equine.org](http://www.mo-equine.org)

The following members put over a hundred hours in the saddle in 2007! Thank you for your participation in the Ride Missouri Program and keep having fun!!

- Marvin Bennett 455.75 hours
- Kristen Wyatt 339.50 hours
- Betty Bishop 304 hours
- Mike Foppe 253.25 hours
- Lori Burroughs 148 hours
- Linda Wyatt 124.50 hours



**WELCOME**

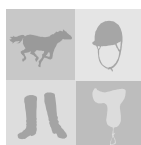
**JENNIFER KRUSE**

**EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR**



On May 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 Jennifer Kruse joined MEC as the Executive Administrator. Jennifer is very excited to be a part of MEC and looks forward to all of the new and exciting challenges that the position holds.

Jennifer has been working in the equine world for the last 10 years. She lived in Arizona where she worked for the Phoenix Zoo as an equine keeper and Horse Hands instructor. Here she managed and maintained 15-20 horses and mules for teaching and presentations. Jennifer worked for Wilms Training and Management an Arabian Horse Show facility, where she taught lessons, went to horse shows, and rode horses. And since moving to Missouri again, she worked for Therapeutic Horsemanship, a non profit organization in St. Louis that teaches riding to individuals with disabilities. While working at Therapeutic Horsemanship Jennifer was the Volunteer Coordinator and Lead Instructor. For the last few months Jennifer has been working on being a new mom, and is now very excited to be in the world of horses again with the Missouri Equine Council!



**2009 Horse Celebration  
January 23 & 24  
Boone County Fairgrounds, Columbia**

**37 YEAR OLD MISSOURI HORSE STILL GOING STRONG!**

**BY MARSHA HAYES**

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Pushing the envelope of equine athletic prowess, 37-year-old half-Arabian Elmer Bandit is gearing up to start yet another competitive trail ride season.

In 2007 Elmer's certified lifetime competitive miles stood at 20,240, nearing the national record of Saddlebred Wing Tempo's 20,710 miles.

Elmer's lifelong owner and rider, Mary Anna Wood of Independence, Mo., said she plans to enter Elmer in eight rides this year, depending on her schedule and Elmer's health, but she said she isn't chasing any records.

"I don't have a goal," Wood commented. "If it happens, it happens."

Horses in the open division of competitive trail events cover around 60 miles over the course of two days. Veterinarians evaluate horses several times a day and allow the animals to continue only if heart and respiration rates are within set parameters. Soundness and metabolic criteria must also be met.

Jerry Weil, DVM, has vetted Elmer through numerous events, starting in the 1980s.

"I have never seen a horse his age complete like he does," Weil observed. Weil attributed the horse's success to the fact that he, "is structurally correct, a gentleman, and smart."

Rhonda Gregory, DVM, vetted Elmer during his most recent completed ride in October

2007.

"Even at 36, Elmer was a highly competitive horse, and I could see he just didn't want to be left behind," Gregory observed.

Both Gregory and Weil noted arthritis could eventually compromise his trail career, but they still consider him sound to compete.

Elmer is entered to compete in his first sanctioned event of the year on April 26 near Topeka, Kan.



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