

NJ Horse Facts

To report neglect, cruelty or abuse of horse(s):

NJ classifies horses as livestock. Under this classification, they are protected under laws that do not include dogs and cats. Also, if there is a question of neglect, cruelty, abuse or anything of that nature of HORSES, the issue should be referred to NJ Dept. of Agriculture 609-292-3965 Dr. Nancy Halpern, DVM and not the local humane association.

Nancy.Halpern@ag.state.nj.us The livestock laws are under NJAC 2:8

To rescue horse from a trailer accident:

The Equine Rescue Tape is available for sale from the Horse Park of NJ for \$25.00 . They take all major credit cards. Horse Park of New Jersey, Box 548, Allentown, 08501 609-259-0170. www.horseparkofnewjersey.com

To protect from possible law suits:

The New Jersey Horse Council offers tough plastic signs for posting on your fence or barn in accordance with the NJ Equine Liability bill. The cost per sign: "9x12" sign is \$5.00 each and "18x 24" sign is \$15.00 each. Sign price include shipping and packaging. To order send check or money order payable to NJ Horse Council and send to: New Jersey Horse Council, 25 Beth Drive, Moorestown, NJ 08057-3021. New Jersey Horse Council website: <http://njhorsecouncil.com>

New Jersey's State Animal

State legislation naming the horse as the state animal was signed by Brendan Byrne on Aug. 14, 1977 at the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show in Frankford. A horse named Speechmaker, the fair's working Hunter Division Champion owned by Robin Ann Rost (Fairclough), was among the guests attending the historic moment. Students of Michael McCarthy of Harrington Park and James Sweetman of Freehold led the lobbying effort to have the horse named as the state animal. Sen. Wayne Dumont, who represented Sussex County at the time, was one of the sponsors of the legislation.

The legislation states: "The horse is a large stately herbivorous animal. Horses have been useful to man since prehistoric times. The founding fathers of the state thought so highly of the horse that they included it in the state seal. . . the horse is truly deserving of the title New Jersey State Animal."

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