



Everyone wants the best for their horse, but if you breed this season
..can you guarantee what the future holds for *your* foal?

Around 40,000 horses are slaughtered each year in Australia for human consumption and the pet food industry - mostly for overseas markets - the biggest of which is Japan, followed by France, Switzerland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Around 20% of these horses are feral stock, i.e. brumbies. The remainder is made up of domestic stock, ex-race horses and the like.

The horses are slaughtered, and their meat processed in two onshore export-accredited abattoirs located in South Australia and Queensland.



Chances are, that if you have ever sold a horse in a sale yard, they have ended up in one of these two processing plants.

Not all equines in the slaughterhouse yard are aged or ill, a high proportion of them are sound, young horses who are merely surplus to requirements.

**Equine slaughter isn't utilising a resource,
it's cleaning up a mess**

If these facts disturb you, ask yourself one simple question this year

Do you need to breed?

Salient fact: "The volume of horse meat and offal exported from September 2007–September 2008 was approx 2244 tonnes."

Ref. - Food Exports Branch, Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

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