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First I want to vote a "yes" for WIFE. We dont want it watered down with amendment.

Now for me as an individual that does love horses! I have lived with horses all my life - on the ranch & rodeoing.

Living in the country it used to be easy to dispose of a horse - put it down and let the animals take care of it. But now with all

the horses everywhere
can't do that.

When I lived in Arizona
I had to illegally bury my
old horse on my property.

Twenty years ago I helped
haul horses to a processing
plant in Portland. Good to
see some of the horses
being put out of their misery.
glad some wouldn't hurt
anyone - they were scary -

Have a friend with 5-6
horses - some lame - old
can't be broke gentle enough

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to enjoy riding. Now she cant afford to feed a good horse because of these, she is stuck -

So my vote is for the processing plant for horses it is needed very much, Sort of like "capital" punishment may never need to use it but glad to have it there!

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