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What is Horse Racing?

Horse Racing is a sport many people enjoy watching, it's a source of both business and entertainment. Those who live in the backstretch including the ones who don't make a living out of this, this is their way of income to survive. It's a fun experience for both the workers and the public. But animal cruelty organizations put in misleading information that puts the sport in jeopardy all because of the lack of research. They pick and choose what to fight for while still using things like cosmetics that are tested on animals which are truly killing the animal and they seem to not care for that.

Horsing is not animal cruelty riders do not harm the animal. The human does not have the strength to do so. A horse has 10x more strength. If the horse doesn't feel safe they can simply not run and if they don't want the person on top they can just buck. But this doesn't happen because they are having fun and don't have discomfort, they enjoy it and trust the rider. The riders create a relationship so both of them work together to have a good race. And if they happen to win even better.

These creatures are not just any animal. Their owners will do anything to have a strong healthy horse. These horses are treated better than a literal person. They are well fed, they all have a personal trainer that makes sure they are warmed up and have no injuries before all their races. Any time a horse faces some sort of discomfort they are immediately taken care of.

All race tracks have vets in there 24/7 for this exact reason. This isn't abuse, this is love for the animal and sport.

Animal Rights organizations have the mindset of trainers using illegal drugs on the horse that can harm the creature. Which isn't true there's rules when it comes to drugs. The horses get tested and if something does come up the owner is then punished to extreme measures like banning them from racing again. The race track takes safety very seriously; they make sure that every horse that is in the race gets Lasix which helps them avoid any internal bleeding. The horseracing industry takes precautions, health isn't a joke here. I've seen it personally, I've seen owners pull all nighters to be with their horse. No harm is meant to be done.

The values horseracing creates are stronger bonds between the person and animal along with patience, this also creates a shelter for the horse instead of being out there running around with possibilities of them getting badly injured. Horse Racing should continue to exist because it's giving jobs for communities along with memorable experiences. Horses in the industry are seen as pets, not just animals.