



Some things just naturally go together. When it comes to Texas – no mention of the state would be complete without talking about the horse. After all, it was the horse that helped settle the Lone Star State.

Today, Texas horses need your help. Each year, Texas loses thousands of horses and millions of dollars to other states where money and opportunities are more abundant. However, we can level the playing field and preserve our rich tradition.

Texas HORSE – Horse Organizations for Racing, Showing and Eventing – comprises the largest group of horse organizations in Texas united to introduce *and pass* legislation to help Texas regain its leadership position within the horse industry.

- American Quarter Horse Association
- American Paint Horse Association
- National Cutting Horse Association
- Texas Quarter Horse Association
- Texas Arabian Breeders Association
- Texas Paint Horse Breeders Association
- Texas Horsemen's Partnership
- Texas Thoroughbred Association

Texas HORSE is:

- Dedicated to keeping the more than 1 Million horses in the state which presently contributes \$5.2 billion to the Texas economy.
- Committed to preserving the involvement of nearly 500,000 Texans who are equine industry participants.

Why You Should Be For Texas HORSE:

- Unlike any other legislation, the Texas HORSE bill dedicates a percentage for a performance horse development fund to support all horse activities in Texas.
- For rural Texas – the largest percentage of Texas horse owners live in smaller communities of 5,000 to 20,000. These communities are vital to Texas' horse industry.
- The legislation provides a revenue stream to support equine adoption and retirement programs for our equine to transition into new careers.
- The legislation will generate essential revenue for equine research programs at Texas universities that will benefit all horses.
- The legislation will NOT increase the footprint of gaming in the state. It will clear up language in existing law and provide funds for local municipalities to shut down illegal gambling machines. Gaming will only occur at regulated existing licensed facilities.