

Lady Freethinker Email Script – Week of Action for Horses:

Dear National Wild Horse & Burro Advisory Board,

I'm writing today to urge you to do everything in your power to oppose wild horse helicopter roundups, where horses are chased into corrals by helicopters, often being injured, killed, or tragically separated from their families in the process.

In July 2023, nonprofit animal protection group Lady Freethinker sent an observer to the Antelope Complex roundup and documented one horse who broke his leg after jumping over the corral. The horse continued to run for nearly an hour before being shot and killed by wranglers.

Sadly, deaths and brutal injuries from helicopter-assisted gathers are far too common. A Lady Freethinker analysis found that at least 245 wild horses died as a result of the 20 helicopter roundups between 2021 and 2022. Many died following broken bones, snapped necks, lacerations, and heart failure. This death toll doesn't even take into account the hundreds of horses who died from disease – like equine flu – after being captured and packed into holding facilities, or the horses who were slaughtered after being adopted out through the Adoption Incentive Program and sold at livestock auctions.

America's iconic wild horses don't deserve to be chased down in extreme heat, separated from their beloved families, and tragically killed. The time is long overdue for the BLM to end cruel wild horse helicopter roundups now.

Thank you,

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