

Preserve

Chicago Horse Carriages



- * Chicago Carriage horses are already strictly regulated to ensure welfare and safety standards.
- * Chicago carriage companies have a perfect safety record.
- * Chicago carriage horses are overseen by an equine veterinarian to ensure their health.
- * Studies have revealed health benefits to children and adults when experiencing contact with animals.
- * Carriage horses are bred to work.
- * A carriage ban eliminates jobs for both horse and owner.
- * A carriage ban promotes the radical animal rights animal abolition agenda which establishes new precedents to restrict animal ownership.
- * Chicago Carriages operate under very strict protective measures to ensure content and healthy horses.
- * Horse drawn carriages have been present on Chicago city streets for centuries and preserve the last vestiges of our city's heritage!

SAVE JOBS! SAVE HORSES!



Animal Rights LIES De-bunked about Carriage Horses:

LIE No. 1: Carriage horses have half the lifespan of other horses.

FACT: Carriage horses routinely work until their late teens or early 20s and live well into their 20s or even early 30s — the normal, full lifespan for horses. If anything, because they get good steady work and lots of hands-on care, carriage horses live longer than other horses.

LIE No. 2: Carriage horses live in tiny stalls too small to turn around or lie down in.

FACT: All city carriage horses live in box stalls. Most cities have an Administrative Code which requires stalls to be at least 60 square feet with a minimum width of 7 feet, and to be “configured to permit a carriage horse to turn around and safely lay down within the stall.” If we didn’t comply, we’d be shut down.

LIE No. 3: Carriage horses never get any turnout or pasture time.

FACT: By law, carriage horses must get at least five weeks of turnout a year, outside the city, or else the city won’t renew our license. And vets who’ve examined Chicago city carriage horses have observed that the horses are very healthy and contented under their current regimen.

LIE No. 4: Asphalt damages carriage horses’ hooves and legs.

FACT: Asphalt was designed for horses to walk on to make their jobs easier; the first asphalt laid was in New York City and was used on Fifth Avenue in 1872 where carriage horses have worked for many years. Carriage horses wear special horse shoes to protect their hooves and give them traction. Because they work at a walk or a trot on a firm surface, they generally have fewer tendon and joint problems than horses ridden or jumped on uneven, soft surfaces.

LIE No. 5: Carriage horses live a “nose-to-tailpipe” existence and suffer from respiratory problems.

FACT: Vets who’ve actually examined our horses remark at their lack of respiratory problems, compared to other stabled horses.

LIE No.6: After carriage horses are finished working they’re sent to auction in Pennsylvania, then sent to slaughter.

FACT: Retiring city carriage horses make wonderful family horses or beginning pleasure driving horses, and are often sold or given to private homes or smaller carriage companies that have a lighter workload.

LIE No. 8: Carriages are banned in London, Paris, Las Vegas, Toronto and Beijing.

FACT: None of those cities have banned horse-drawn carriages. Do a Google-image search for “Paris carriage,” and you will see plenty of carriages parked in front of the Eiffel Tower.

Horse carriage companies comply with the most comprehensive regulations. A veterinarian examines the horses a minimum of 4 times each year, and they have their hooves examined and shod a minimum of every six (6) weeks by a licensed farrier to ensure that they are sound.

We love our horses, and we love our jobs serving the people and tourists of our great city.



