

CCFA is ten years old!

CCFA is celebrating the tenth anniversary of its founding. Representatives from three founding organizations – Animal Alliance of Canada, Winnipeg Humane Society and Vancouver Humane Society – met in February 2002 in Winnipeg to discuss a new organization to address intensive confinement of farmed animals in Canada. Sow stalls and battery cages were chosen as the foci, with animal transportation added later.

There are now 28 member organizations in CCFA, plus many individual supporters and donors whose generosity allows us to carry on our work on behalf of farmed animals.

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Monthly donors make a *big* difference. Monthly donations, spread over the year, provide for continuing CCFA programs and allow us to plan for the future. Amounts can be as low as \$5-a- month, to much larger amounts. All donations are gratefully welcomed. To become a monthly donor, please click

http://www.humanefood.ca/donation_new.html.

Cage-free egg whites featured at new Loblaws in Toronto

Kudos to Loblaw for featuring cage-free egg whites in their chef-made omelettes at Loblaw's new Maple Leaf Gardens store in Toronto. Loblaw, Canada's largest grocer, is taking leadership among Canadian food retailers by promoting cage-free eggs.



*Happy endings: Five sheep rescued from Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph and nine cattle from a barn which temporarily housed the rescued sheep are now happily living out their natural lives at Wishing Well Sanctuary in Bradford, Ontario. Animal Alliance of Canada arranged the rescues of the sheep and cattle, who were featured in previous issues of *News in a flash*.*

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MANITOBA SOW STALL CAMPAIGN

NFU takes strong stand against sow stalls

The National Farmers Union (NFU) is a farm organization based in Saskatoon that works toward development of economic and social policies to maintain the family farm as the primary food producing unit in Canada.

At its national convention in London, ON in November, the NFU resolved that “the NFU (will) petition all

relevant levels of government to pass legislation banning the use of sow stalls.”

Earlier, NFU’s Manitoba branch (Region 5), passed a motion advocating legislation to ban sow stalls in the province by 2017 – the year CCFA and CETFA advocate, and the year Maple Leaf Foods has committed to ending sow stalls in Manitoba.



Pregnant sows in stalls

Since all pigs for Maple Leaf are produced in Manitoba, CCFA and CETFA are calling for open housing for *all* sows in Manitoba by 2017.

CCFA op ed published

CCFA’s Lynn Kavanagh had an op ed published in the *Winnipeg Sun* titled, “Canada lagging on farm-animal welfare.” To read the article, click <http://tinyurl.com/7ucd6sg>.

In court : CFIA v. Maple Lodge Farms

CCFA reps have been attending court hearings to observe a trial involving the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) v. Maple Lodge Farms (MLF). The case centres on two animal transport infractions involving high numbers of dead broiler chickens and spent hens en route to the MLF slaughter plant in Brampton, ON.

In recent years the poultry company has had **scores of monetary penalties** levied by CFIA for animal transport infractions. Court hearings are continuing in Brampton, ON.

Let’s be Facebook friends

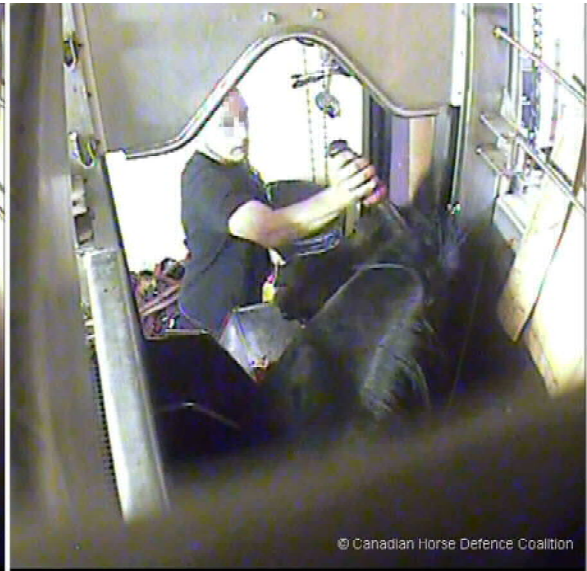
Please visit CCFA’s Facebook page <http://tinyurl.com/d3945k2> and our *Ban Sow Stalls in Manitoba* Facebook page <http://tinyurl.com/cz3qcls>. “Like” us to receive regular updates on campaign activities.

QC horse slaughter exposé; U.S. slaughter possible again

The Canadian Horse Defence Coalition has released its fourth undercover video exposé of a Canadian horse slaughter plant, Les Viandes de la Petite-Nation Inc. in St. Andre-Avellin, Quebec. The footage was filmed in July. This latest footage shows inhumane treatment of horses, including animals not rendered immediately unconscious after being shot with a captive bolt pistol.

Please visit <http://www.defendhorsescanada.org/>.

Many of the horses destined for slaughter in Canadian plants are transported from the U.S. where it has been illegal to slaughter horses for meat since 2007. However, recently U.S. President Obama signed a bill which could overturn the ban on horse slaughter in the U.S. and allow resumption of horse slaughter.



Undercover images of horse slaughter in St. Andre-Avellin, Quebec

End castration of piglets in Canada

CCFA sent a follow-up letter to Canadian grocers in October to encourage them to specify pig meat from uncastrated males. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/cfzqxyg>.

castrating is a new idea for Canada, but one that makes a great deal of sense for humane, environmental and economic reasons.

Common practice in Canada is to castrate young males without pain relief – yet there is a better way. *Not*

The European Union has moved forward with a voluntary Declaration to end piglet castration by January 1, 2018.

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