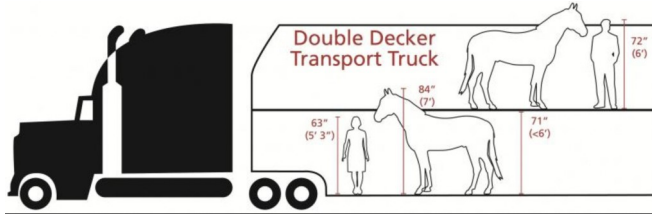




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**Take Action**



**Help Stop a Cruel Horse Transport Practice**

The bipartisan Horse Transportation Safety Act (H.R. 3623) has been reintroduced in the US House of Representatives. Led by Reps. Steve Cohen (D-TN), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and Dina Titus (D-NV), this legislation would prohibit the interstate transport of horses in double-deck trailers, which do not provide adequate headroom for horses to stand upright. No horse should be forced to endure a long journey stuck in a cramped position that can cause permanent injury. You can contact your representative and ask them to cosponsor this bill at

[Animal Welfare Institute](#)

**Good News for Animals**

[Mexico Bans Dolphin Shows in Historic Win for Animal Welfare](#)

Mexico has approved a nationwide ban on dolphin shows and on the use of marine mammals in entertainment.

With full support from both the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, Mexico has passed legislation that prohibits the use of dolphins in shows, therapy, entertainment, research, and any other activity not related to conservation. The law also bans the breeding of dolphins in captivity.

Dolphins currently held in dolphinariums and marine entertainment facilities will remain in captivity but must be cared for under strict welfare standards until their natural death.

**Animal Welfare Organization of the Month**

**ORANGE COUNTY BIRD OF PREY CENTER**

The Orange County Bird of Prey Center (OCBPC) is a state- and federally-licensed 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Lake Forest, dedicated to treating and rehabilitating injured raptors and returning them to the wild. They believe that education is the best long-term solution to prevent and mitigate many of the challenges that raptors face and that raptors play an integral role in the balance of nature. They reintroduce raptors under specific conditions: following state and federal guidelines, respecting current wild raptor population cycles and considering environmental factors.

Donations support the treatment, care, housing, and feeding of the birds in their care.

[Orange County Bird of Prey Center](#)

**Pet Food Collection**

We are continuing to collect donations on Sundays for the No Empty Bowls program of OC Animal Allies for homeless and low-income pet owners. Please bring unopened canned or dry pet food and also new blankets, toys, and leashes.

[OC Animal Allies](#)

**UUAM Meeting in September**

The UUAnimal Ministry group at OCUUC will be meeting on Zoom September 14 at 2:30. Come join us and help us decide on our next actions to help animals!

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