

**INFORMATION FOR TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Agenda Item 4: Discussion and possible motion: **Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution requesting the Los Angeles City Council to prohibit the staging of rodeos and rodeo-type activities in the City of Los Angeles in which animals are injured.**

Please see Last Chance for Animals (LCA) website at:

<https://www.lcanimal.org/index.php/campaigns/animals-in-entertainment/rodeos>

According to Last Chance for Animals:

“Rodeo animals like bulls and horses are generally tame creatures who must be provoked into battle. Rodeo contestants practice their ‘games’ on numerous animals, at times injuring and killing many of them before they even enter the ring. Depending on the event, a contestant's score is based on how long he can ride a struggling animal, or how quickly he can overpower an animal, e.g., calf roping and steer wrestling. Sprains, broken bones, muscle pulls, saddle blisters, spur and flank strap wounds, broken ribs, bruising, and broken necks are all very common. Wounded animals are quickly removed while the rodeo announcer distracts the public and animals that become too injured are killed.”

Calf Roping is one of the most violent rodeo events. According to Last Chance for Animals:

“Three- to four-month-old calves are tormented in the holding pen. Their tails are frequently scraped across the pen’s metal bars until they bleed. Other times, their tails are twisted, or the animals are shocked with electric prods until the gate opens. As a result, they run quickly into the ring. The contestant, who is mounted on a horse, chases a calf, then lassoes him by the neck. The rope often jerks the calf into the air, snapping his head back and causing him to gasp for air. He then falls to the ground where the contestant ties three of the calf’s hind legs together so that he cannot move.

Calf Injuries

- Broken legs
- Back injuries and broken backs
- Spinal cord paralysis
- Neck injuries and broken necks
- Severed tracheas
- Internal hemorrhaging
- Damage to internal organs
- Bruises
- Torn ligaments”

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The Last Chance for Animals website describes other rodeo events, details the injuries that are caused by them, and contains pictures and videos of these events.