

THE TRUTH ABOUT KAUFMAN, TEXAS, AND THE DALLAS CROWN HORSE PROCESSING PLANT

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The slaughtering of horses in the town of Kaufman began more than 25 years ago by the former owner of the plant.

The business from the beginning provided numerous jobs and injected millions of dollars into the local economy.

The business for many years enjoyed an excellent relationship with the community with no complaints.

It was only in the last couple of years prior to closing that the company came under attack, and this was primarily from sources outside the City of Kaufman.

When the attacks began against the Dallas Crown the same individuals and groups began their attacks against the two other horse slaughtering plants in existence at the time.

Although certain individuals with the city of Kaufman jumped on the band wagon and manufactured complaints against the company this was mainly brought on by the media attention.

The mayor, Paula Bacon, was able to get her 15 minutes of fame on Nightline and was subsequently defeated at the polls.

None of the alleged complaints brought by the city were ever prosecuted to a conclusion.

When the company shut down hundreds of individuals and families suffered financially and the City of Kaufman had nothing to offer them.

The meat processing business has often been unfairly criticized for its treatment of animals and this seems to play well to the media.

However this type of business has always been regulated and inspected by the USDA and numerous other state and Federal agencies.

While Dallas Crown was in operation there was a full time licensed Veterinarian who worked for the USDA on the premises and the company had an excellent record with this agency and others.

This type of business is not only necessary for many practical reasons it is an industry that is capable of supporting many jobs and producing home grown American made products.

The horse processing business supports and regulates the fair and humane treatment of animals more than any so called animal rights organization.

When the horse processing industry was forced to close in the United States the country suffered economically, but tragically, the horse population has suffered even more.