

## HorseChannel Newswire

**Couple banned from keeping animals after obese ponies siezed by RSPCA; Philadelphia museum acquires 500-year-old horse armor; University of Minnesota increases mounted police presence**

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### Equine Welfare

**Couple banned for allowing pony to become obese**

A married couple from Cleveleys in Lancashire have been banned from keeping horses for five years after leading international horse charity World Horse Welfare and the RSPCA removed two Shetland ponies from their care. From World Horse Welfare. [Read more >>](#)

**Most Egyptian Arabian horses rescued from breeding farm near Pilot Point sold at auction**

Two months ago, Gentle Beck was starving. Every rib stood out, and even his hindquarters looked skeletal. From Dallas News. [Read more >>](#)

### In Other News

**Rare horse armor to Art Museum**

After a decades-long quest, the Philadelphia Museum of Art has acquired a rare complete set of European horse armor - accompanied by an equally monumental suit of man armor - one of the last such sets remaining in private hands and the only one to be offered for sale in nearly half a century. From The Philadelphia Inquirer. [Read more >>](#)

**Mounted patrols increase police coverage**

Getting a speeding ticket isn't often something motorists usually laugh about, but when the officer writing the ticket does it from horseback, reactions may vary. From The Twin Cities Daily Planet. [Read more >>](#)

**MT lawmaker talking with Chinese about horse slaughter plant**

State Representative Ed Butcher is talking with Chinese investors about the possibility of building a horse slaughter facility in Montana. From Montana's News Station. [Read more >>](#)

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