

## HorseChannel Newswire

**Arizona bill would make Spanish Barb the official state horse; Firefighters rescue draft horse from icy pond in Pennsylvania; Homes sought for abandoned Thoroughbreds in Sacramento**

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### Equine Welfare

#### Panel backs horse rescue standards board

A board to recommend voluntary standards for horse rescue and retirement shelters, and suggest ways for the state to deal with abandoned horses, would be created under a bill that unanimously passed the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee Wednesday. From The Louisville Courier-Journal. [Read more >>](#)

### In Other News

#### Bill Aims To Declare Spanish Barb State Horse

There's a state bird, a state flower, a state butterfly and even an official neckwear, the bolo tie -- so why not a state horse? From KPHO. [Read more >>](#)

#### Pa. fire department rescues horse from ice

A draft horse was rescued Feb. 16 by a caring group of firefighters in North Strabane and Peters Township. From Farm and Dairy. [Read more >>](#)

#### Animal Assisted Therapy Proves Successful With Troubled Teens

Troubled teens experiencing emotional and behavioral issues often benefit from animal assisted therapy, according to mental health professionals. From WebWire. [Read more >>](#)

#### Groups Cry Foul Over City Action

The city of Orlando is not renewing two leases with organizations that use space at Trotter's Park along Lee Road. From WESH. [Read more >>](#)

#### Abandoned horses in need of adoption, sponsorship

The Sacramento County Animal Care and Regulation has put out an urgent plea for people to adopt or sponsor five horses being cared for since December at its shelter on Bradshaw Rd. From News10. [Read more >>](#)

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