

Illinois to resume slaughtering horses

Cavel slaughterhouse wins temporary restraining order.

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A U.S. District Judge in Illinois ruled on Friday morning that Cavel International can resume slaughtering horses for the next 10 days at its facility in DeKalb, Ill.

Cavel is suing the state of Illinois over a law banning horse slaughter in that state. The law was signed on May 24, but the next day Cavel asked for a temporary restraining order requesting that it be allowed to re-open for 10 days.

Additional court hearings are currently scheduled for June 12 and 14.

In the coming days, the law firm of Patton Boggs will be filing documents with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois on behalf of the Animal Welfare Institute and the Society for Animal Protective Legislation. Both organizations strongly oppose horse slaughter and have publicly denounced Friday's ruling.

Cavel is the last horse slaughterhouse of its type in the United States.