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To Whom It May Concern:

On June 28, 1994, I accompanied the [REDACTED] County SPCA to investigate a suspected cruelty case in the town of [REDACTED]. The case involved an unknown number of horses on the property.

On arrival I observed two corrals constructed of underground fuel tanks, each tank being about 8 feet in diameter by 15 feet long. The large corral had four live horses in it and 3 horse carcasses; an approximately three-week-old foal dead about two days, and two adult carcasses severely decayed with skin rotted and bones exposed.

The tanks were too heavy to move so we crawled over them to gain access to the corral. There was no feed, hay, or water available for the horses. A discolored water-seep puddle with algae was in the corral. As there were no water troughs, I assume Mr. [REDACTED] intended this to be the horses water source. A tractor trailer bed was parked outside the corral. Some rotting hay was strewn on the ground next to the trailer, outside the corral, unavailable to the horses.

In the second corral of similar construction but with a gate, there was one horse. This animal also was underweight and malnourished.

The following horses were in the two corrals:

Appaloosa mare approximately 3 years old
Appaloosa mare approximately 11 years old
Appaloosa stallion approximately 11 years old
Appaloosa stallion approximately 6 years old
Appaloosa stallion approximately 7 years old

All were approximately 20-30% under their acceptable weight as the result of starvation and neglect.

It is important to note that in addition to lacking necessary food and water, these animals had no shade or protection from the elements.

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