There’s No Getting Around It: Supporting Today’s Kentucky Derby Means Supporting Animal Cruelty and Animal Killing
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Today is Kentucky Derby Day, a day in which the The Big Lie is at its most obscene. NBC and mint juleps; “The Run for the Roses,” “The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports.” But the truth is, today is but a hollow dog and pony show. Horseracing, everyday horseracing, is cold, violent, and merciless.

And here’s another hard truth: Horseracing in America is not 100 disparate companies; it is a single entity. As such, a bet at one track is a bet at all; to patronize one race is to patronize all. In other words, if you support – watch, bet on – today’s race, you make possible the following.

(These lists – over 8,000 dead horses in case anyone was wondering – say nothing of racing’s many other wrongs, most prominently the intensive, unremitting solitary confinement to tiny spaces.

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