

NYC Carriage Horses

Recently, Drs. Jordan and Singer attended an open house at Clinton Stables, one of several stables in NYC housing the iconic carriage horses.

We have all seen these working animals on the streets of NYC, and opinions likely vary on the quality of life of these horses. Our intention was to observe firsthand the health and living conditions of these animals, and formulate an educated opinion of our own.



On a personal tour with a proud, hardworking horse-owner, we spent several hours asking questions, examining the horses, their hay quality, water access and reviewing the myriad of regulations governing their operation.

Things we learned:

- There are five government agencies monitoring the horses' use, work and living conditions.
- The horses are all in excellent body condition, have appropriate veterinary care, and are highly valued by their owners.
- Carriage horses can only work a limited number of hours per day, and they only pull carriages at the walk.
- There are temperature restrictions to avoid heat exhaustion.
- There is strong peer pressure to keep the horses happy and healthy.
- They live in box stalls that are well bedded and dry.
- They spend 5 weeks a year turned out on pasture.

While we went in to this visit with a slight bias against the carriage horse trade, our personal experience there strongly swayed our professional opinion in the pro direction. We urge you to learn more about these animals, as there is a political push right now to ban them permanently.

Visit the website www.SaveNYChorsecarriages.com

Take a tour, talk to the horse owners -

Clinton Stables 618 W 52nd Street NY NY 10019

Drs Jordan and Singer are getting involved in this cause by providing ongoing education and veterinary information to carriage horse owners. Check out this worthy cause!

