



# Let's Bring an End to Horse-Drawn Carriages in Atlanta!

Horse-drawn carriages were the primary mode of transportation during the 1800s, but they have since become a popular tourist or date activity in many cities, because people consider them “romantic”. Unfortunately they don’t consider the horses that are pulling along the carriages.

Several cities in the United States still provide horse drawn carriage rides for leisure and entertainment, including the city of Atlanta. In the summer, Atlanta’s average temperature sits in the low 80s but the asphalt below it can be up to 50 degrees hotter. Just imagine being a horse and standing on that all day long.

To make it worse there is also:

- Smoke and exhaust fumes that can harm a horse’s respiratory system.
- Loud noise and traffic can cause horses to run out of control.
- Asphalt can cause lameness and hoof deterioration.
- No food or drink for many hours.
- Long standing in the sun.



Many of the “drivers” are not horsemen, and they do not know how to properly care for the horses so the horses live in bad conditions such as:

- Living in concrete buildings without proper light or ventilation.
- Small paddocks without grass.
- No pastures.
- Living near railroad tracks, intersections, and overpasses creating a noisy, urban atmosphere.

*What can you do to help?*

- Do NOT support horse-drawn carriages.
- Contact the Mayor of Atlanta ([mkreed@atlantaga.gov](mailto:mkreed@atlantaga.gov) Subject:Horse Drawn Carriages)
- Remember, there ARE alternatives such as environmentally safe cars.
- Keep up to date with this ongoing problem by following “Against Atlanta Horse Drawn Carriages” on Facebook.

**We can all do something, so why don’t we fight for horses?**