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## PEOPLE HAVING SEX WITH HORSES IS ON THE RISE IN SWITZERLAND



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Spokesman Andreas Rüttimann said there were 150,000 people in Switzerland involved in equestrian activities with an estimated 110,000 horses living on 18,000 farms.

Unfortunately, it

is not just love for horse races only.

The number of horse sexual abuse cases that are not reported to

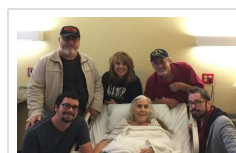
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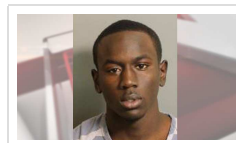
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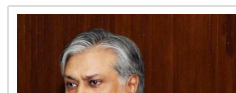
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Switzerland, up from 1,542 in 2013.

Swiss animal rights workers fear there are 10,000 people roaming the nation with an unnatural sexual interest in horses.

A total of 105 cases of animal cruelty to horses were registered last year, up considerably from previous years but probably below the actual number of incidents, Rüttimann said. The 20 Minuten newspaper cites experts who estimate that about 10,000 people in the country are pre-disposed to zoophilia.



Zoophile abuse of horses decried by legal group

While overall cases of maltreatment of animals are up, Tier im Recht indicated this is due to the impact of tougher animal protection legislation recently adopted by the Swiss parliament.

The reason behind the rise in cases could be the relative low fine which averaged 300 francs.

Bestiality cases are up in Switzerland.

The practice is also known to happen in the U.S. The Huffington Post reports that 45-year-old Cirilo Castillo Jr. was arrested for having sex with a horse in February. A video sharing site has a post of a woman having sex with a horse.



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