

Donkeys and Horses and Sustainable Development in Ghana: the Impact of Donkey Slaughter and Horse Welfare

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DONKEY TRADE BETWEEN GHANA AND BURKINA FASO IN YELIWONGO MARKET

- The donkey trade between Ghana and Burkina Faso is at **Yeliwongo market in Burkina Faso**
- The Yeliwongo Market is every three days
- Other animals in the market are small ruminants, cattle, fowls and general goods
- **Many routes for movement of donkeys** from Yeliwongo market into Ghana - Yua-Sirigu-Kandiga-Vea route used for this study



BOLGATANGA DONKEY MARKET AND BUTCHERS

- Bolgatanga donkey market (BDM) is one of the destination centres for donkeys from Yeliwongo
- Donkeys on hoof move through an approved route to BDM
- Butchers buy from BDM to slaughter within Bolgatanga municipality
- Butchers buy from BDM to far away as to Walewale by using vehicles
- Bolgatanga donkey market is every three days
- **Skin of the donkey** is the value for donkey slaughter in the municipality
- **Meat from slaughtered donkeys sold locally and sent to other places**



DONKEY SLAUGHTER POINTS IN BOLGATANGA AND NAVRONGO MUNICIPALITIES

- Many dotted slaughter points
- **Slaughter between 5-20 donkeys per day**
- Skins of slaughter donkeys dressed, and dried and sold as the highest price
- Donkey meat is smoked, using fuel wood
- Much firewood/fuel wood used in smoking donkey meat, causing **environmental issues**
- **Indiscriminate slaughter of donkeys-including pregnant and weak ones**



Donkeys being moved from Burkina Faso (Navrongo market) to Ghana (Bolgatanga market)

THE IMPACT OF DONKEY SKIN TRADE THROUGH SLAUGHTER ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITIES

- **Less donkeys** for draught power and transport services
- Less availability of donkey manure for crop production
- **High cost of farm production** - tractors instead of donkeys
- **Soil degradation** with deep ploughing with tractors instead of donkeys
- Less visibility of donkey in livestock production



Dr. Anthony Akunzule at the Donkeys Plough Yua, 2019

ANNUAL TOTAL SLAUGHTER FOR DONKEYS IN BOLGATANGA MUNICIPAL (2020)

First Quarter

January	32
February	60
March	124
TOTAL	216

Second Quarter

April	11
May	10
June	17
TOTAL	38

Third Quarter

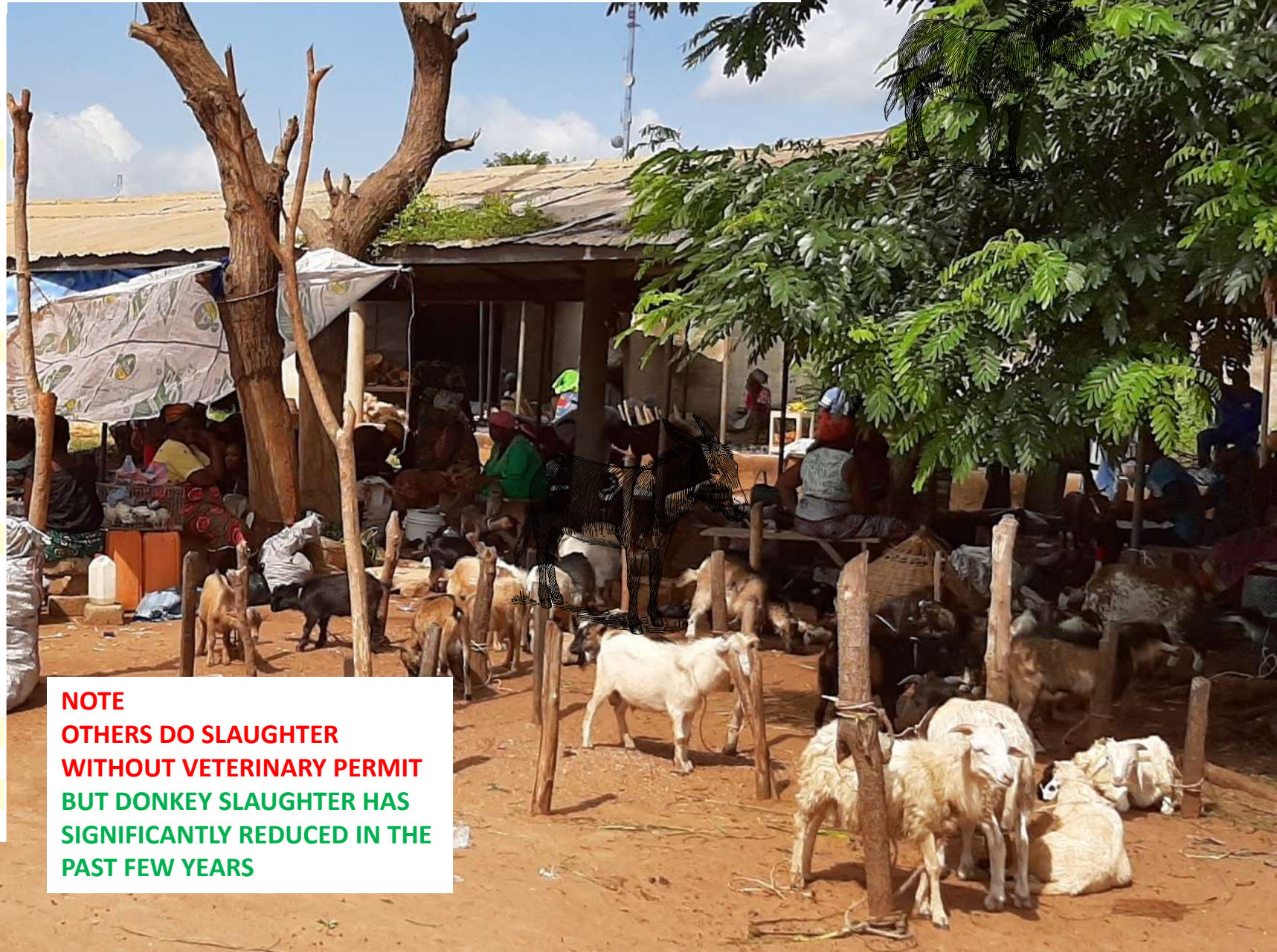
July	12
August	18
September	12
TOTAL	42

Fourth Quarter

October	10
November	5
December	6
TOTAL	21

GRAND TOTAL	317
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NOTE
OTHERS DO SLAUGHTER
WITHOUT VETERINARY PERMIT
BUT DONKEY SLAUGHTER HAS
SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED IN THE
PAST FEW YEARS





**CHALLENGES OF HORSE WELFARE IN GHANA
OBSERVED IN ACCRA AREA**



THE SIX FREEDOMS

Horses around Ring Road, Accra, 2021

BACKGROUND

PURPOSES OF HORSES IN GHANA

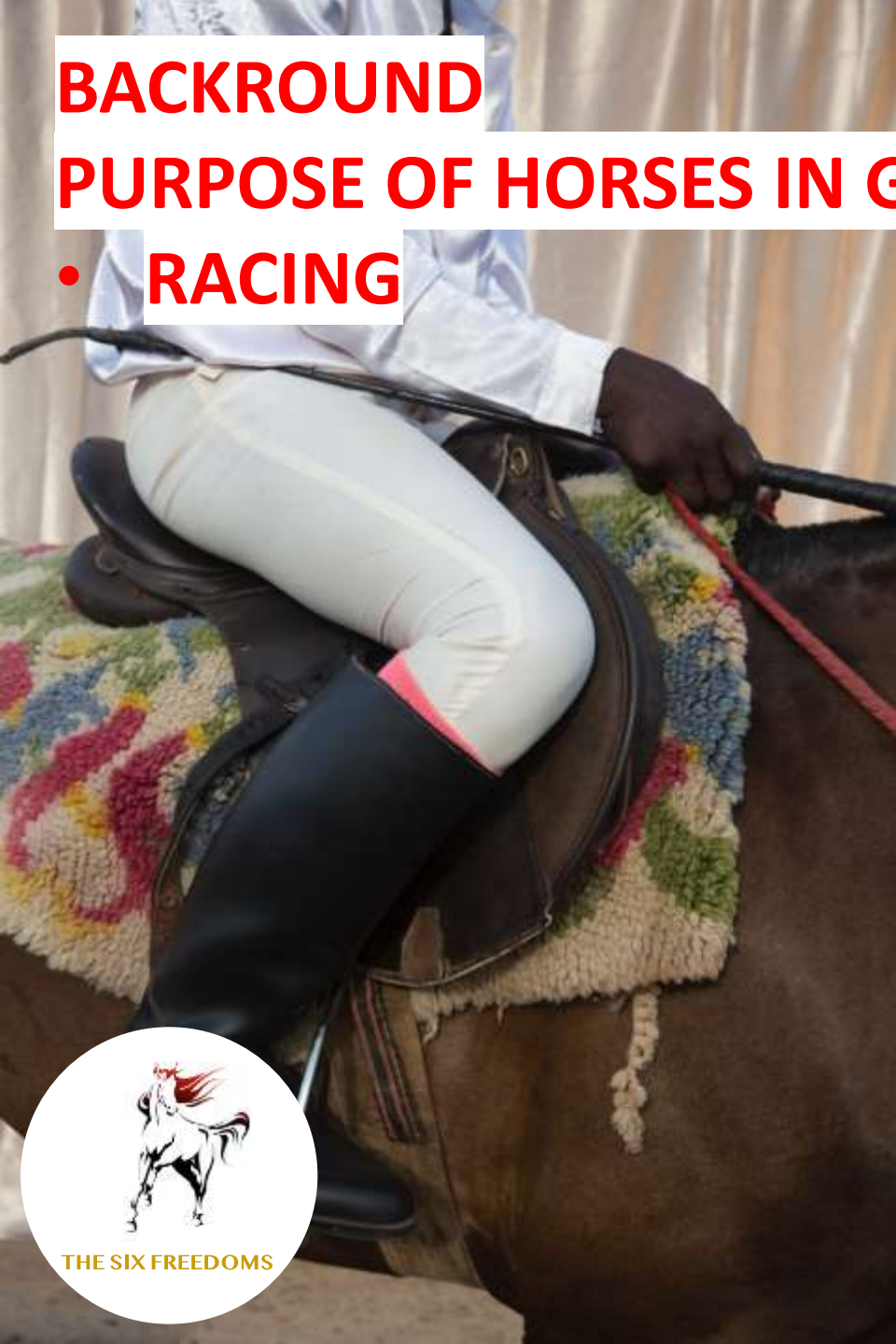
- BEACH RIDING



Groom Isaak, Ulla Deventer and Groom Wisdom Gasu at Kokrobite beach, Accra, 2019

BACKGROUND PURPOSE OF HORSES IN GHANA

- RACING



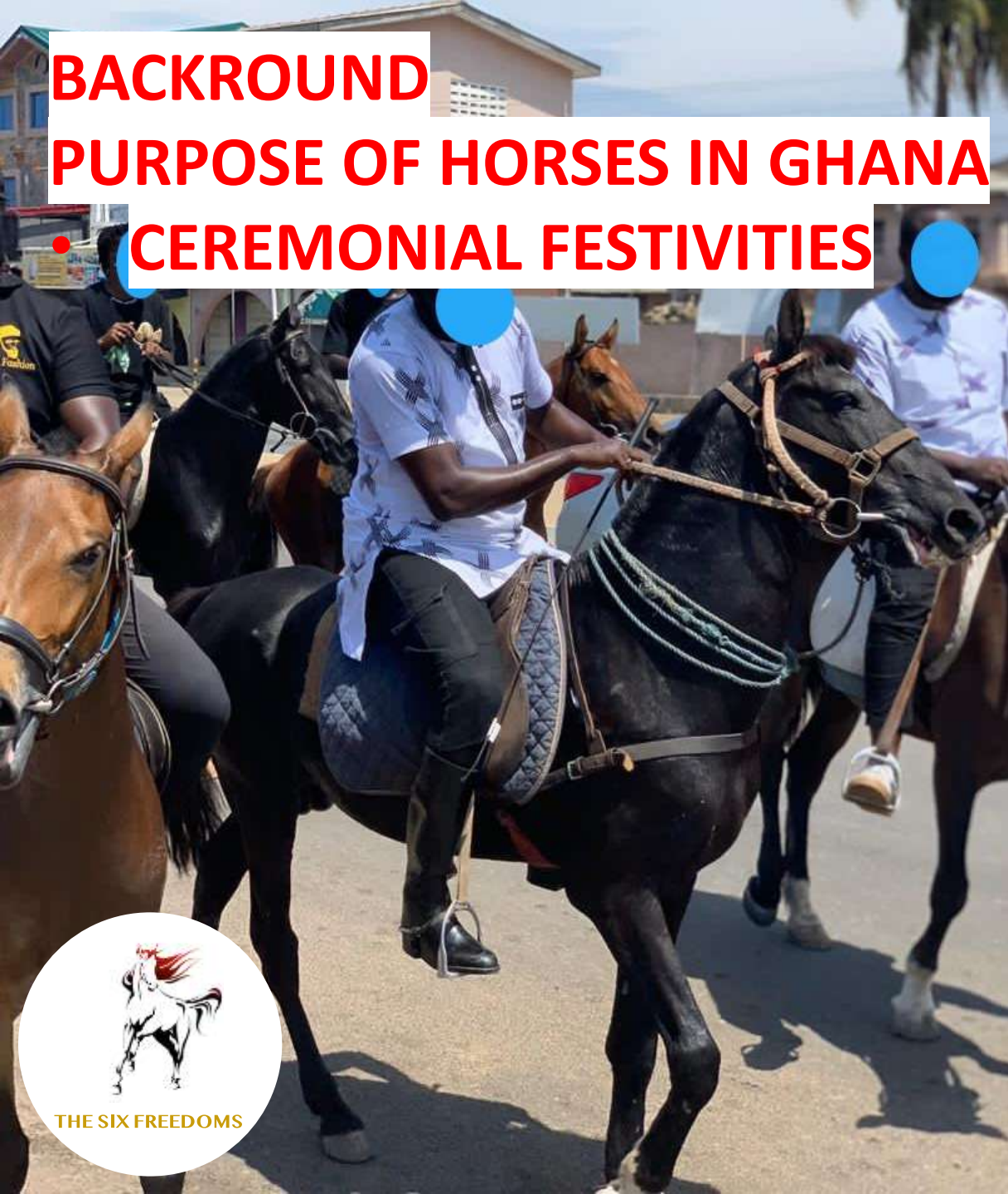
THE STANDARD CHARTERED BANK
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CUP

Accra Tuff Club, 2021



BACKGROUND PURPOSE OF HORSES IN GHANA

- CEREMONIAL FESTIVITIES



Horses in Ghana for ceremonial purposes, anonymous



CHALLENGES OF HORSE WELFARE IN GHANA

LACK OF OF SAFE PLACE FOR HORSES AND CARETAKERS ALIKE



**INCORRECT SELF-TREATMENT
REFUSAL OF VETERINARY ASSISTANCE**

LACK OF CARE AND FEEDING

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE



NO FREE MOVEMENT



HEALTH ISSUES OBSERVED



SKIN DISEASES

LACK OF SWEATING



CRIBBING

BRAN DISEASE

LACK OF MUSCULARE-BUILDING UP

RISK OF SAND EATING



HOOF PROBLEMS

DEFORMED LEGS

**WEAK FOALS
WEAK BONES
STUNTED GROWTH**



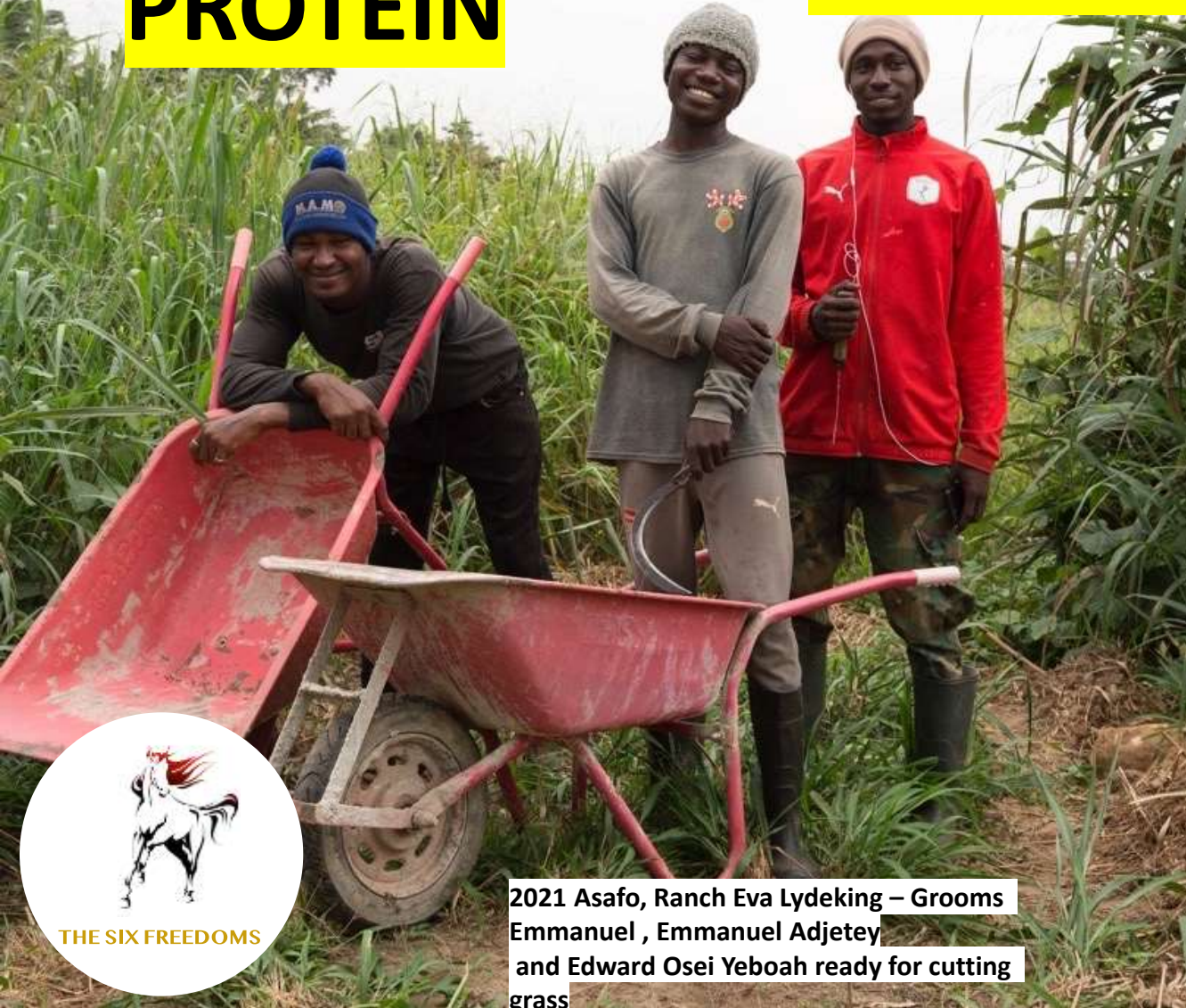
CHALLENGES OF FEEDING HORSES IN GHANA

PROTEIN

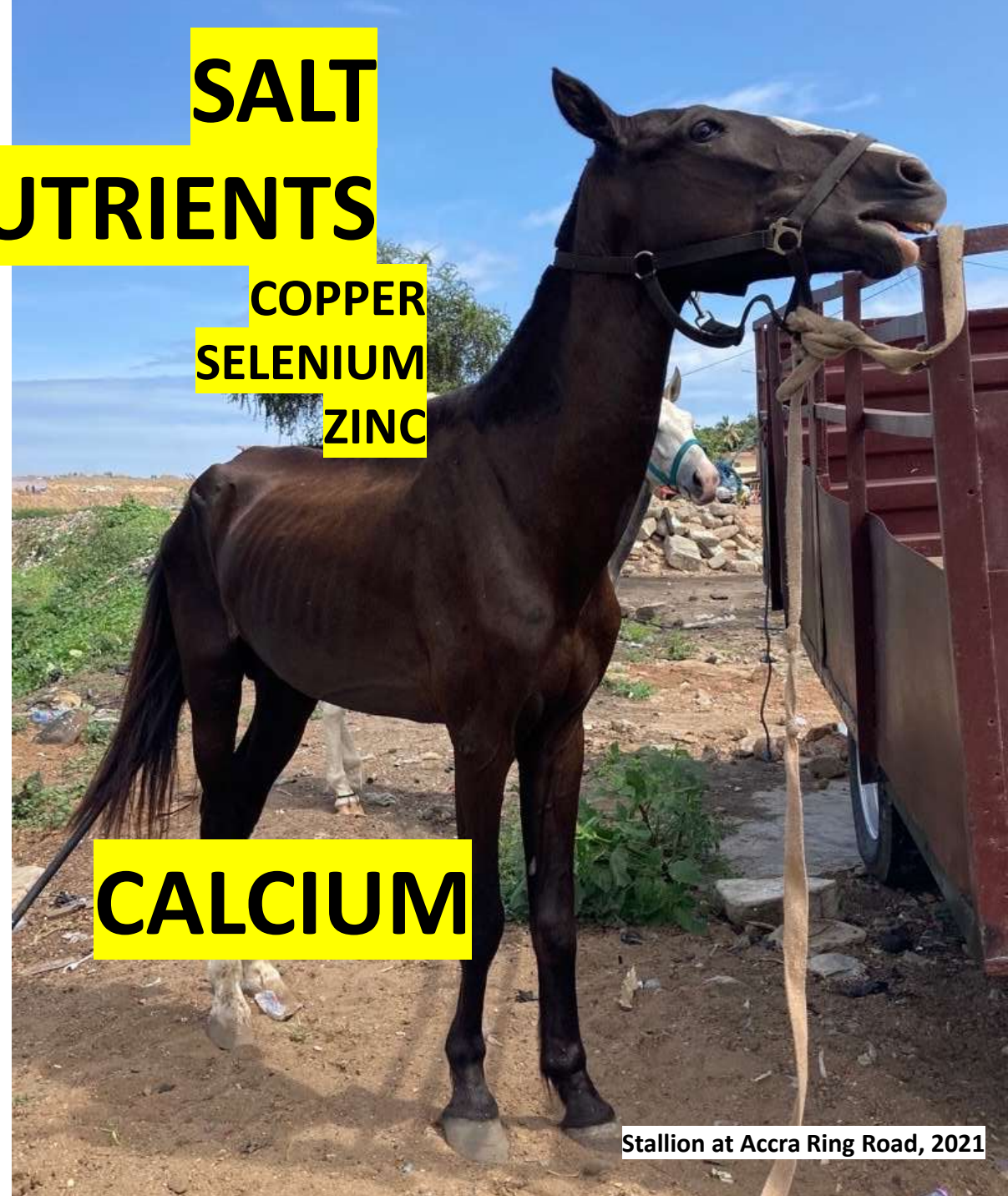
MICRONUTRIENTS

**COPPER
SELENIUM
ZINC**

CALCIUM



2021 Asafo, Ranch Eva Lydeking – Grooms Emmanuel, Emmanuel Adjetev and Edward Osei Yeboah ready for cutting grass



Stallion at Accra Ring Road, 2021



**OUR MISSION :
THE SIX FREEDOMS RANCH ACCRA AS A RESEACH HUB
FOR NON VIOLENT LIVING**



**A SAFE PLACES FOR ALL INVOLVED
NETWORKING
SHARING KNOWLEDGE**



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2021 Dr. Christian Twumesi, Grooms Emmanuel and Edward Osei Yeboah

PROVIDING TRAININGS ON HORSE WELFARE

HORSE NUTRITION GROOMING



TEETH CARE



HOOF CARE



2021 Grooms Edward Osei Yeboah (left) and Richmond Yaw Esandoh, trained by Eva Lydeking



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Mare Saza, faced severe injuries caused by a rope, Mai 2021



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Mare Saza, after severe injuries Sept 2021



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Stallion Arrowboy facing severe wound caused by incorrectly given injection, April 2021

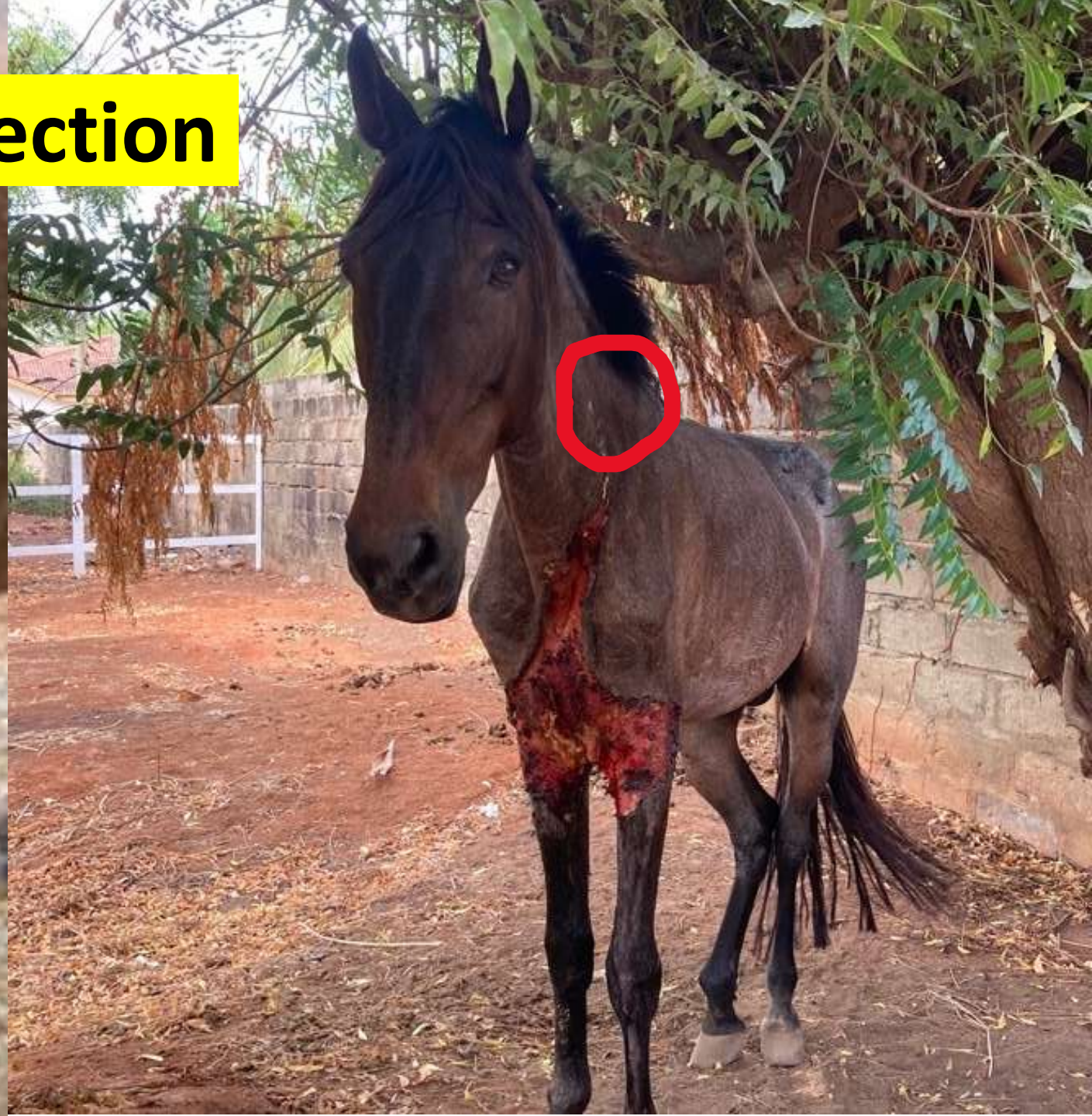


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**Site of injection
given**



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Arrowboy survived because finally veterinarian assistance was accepted. Dr. Christian Twumesi, 2021



September 2021



Consequences of incorrect given injection. Stallion Boga April-Sep 2021



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**Treatment by Dr.Christian Twumesi.
Stallion Boga Sep 2021**



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2018-2021 Stallion Shoeshine with groom Emmanuel



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**2021 Mare Anas recovered treatment
with Amitraz 20%**

Amitraz is toxic to cats and horses.



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**Pregnant mare Queen after years of neglect.
August-Oct 2021. Supervision by Eva Lydeking**



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WHO WE ARE

Eva Lydeking
Medical Nutritionist
and Organic
Permacultural
Farmer

Emmanuel Adjetej
Groom

**Benjamin Ali Oduro
Agyeman**
Horseman and
Farrier

Denise Heinlein
InterEquus
Horse trainer and
Coach, DE

Edward Osei Yeboah
Groom



THE SIX FREEDOMS

**Dr. Christian
Twumesi**
Veterinarian
Farm owner

**Dr. Anthony
Akunzule**
Veterinarian
GAPNET

Céline Curtain
Veterinarian and
Osteopath

Wisdom Gasu Eklu
Groom

Hyman Teouri
HYMAN CLUB
HIPPIQUE, Togo

Pascal Thomson
Groom

Karen Menczer
Animal-Kind
International
USA

Ulla Deventer
Founder and Coordinator
Artist, Phd candidate
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OUR MISSION

**THE SIX FREEDOMS RANCH GHANA
AS A HUB FOR WORKSHOPS AND RESEARCH:
TO BRIDGE DISCIPLINES,
CONNECT PEOPLE AND
BECOME A ROLE MODEL FOR NON VIOLENT LIVING.**

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Groom Edward Osei
Yeboah with Apollo at
Ranch Eva Lydeing,
Akim Asafo 2021



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