

**Animals Deaths at the Calgary Stampede Rodeo
& Chuckwagon Races.**

Definition of “stampede” from Webster’s dictionary;
A sudden flight or rush of a number of frightened animals.

These statistics are from the Calgary Humane Society and/or the local media regarding the animals killed in these venues.

- 1986** 12 (twelve) chuckwagon horses
- 1987** 1 steer (broken leg) euthanized
1 calf broken leg) euthanized
1 chuckwagon horse - collapsed and died
1 chuckwagon horse, broken leg, euthanized)
- 1988** 1 chuckwagon horse -broken leg euthanized
- 1989** 2 calves - broken legs euthanized
- 1990** 3 calves - broken legs euthanized
1 steer - broken leg euthanized
1 bucking horse euthanized
1 chuckwagon horse -broken leg euthanized
- 1991** no fatalities reported
- 1992** 1 chuckwagon horse died
- 1993** no fatalities reported
- 1994** 1 horse (novice bronc) broken hind leg euthanized
- 1995** 1 chuckwagon horse -broken leg euthanized
1 horse (novice saddle bronc) head injury, euthanized
1 horse (novice bronc) front leg, euthanized
- 1996** 4 chuckwagon horses killed, 1 down with a heart
attack, 2 euthanized, 1 with broken neck and leg
- 1997** 1 chuckwagon horse died
1 bull euthanized after breaking his leg
- 1998** no fatalities reported
- 1999** 2 chuckwagon horses euthanized
- 2000** 2 chuckwagon horses - 1 horse died of pulmonary
aneurism; 1horse > euthanized (fractured front leg)
- 2001** 1 calf euthanized (broke right hind leg) in the calf
roping event on July 8th
1 chuckwagon outrider horse euthanized July 15th
(collapsed and broke right shoulder)
- 2002** 1 chuckwagon outrider horse died of a heart attack on
July 5 after running in heat 1
5 chuckwagon horses killed
1 calf euthanized (broken leg) in the calf roping event
- 2003** no fatalities reported
- 2004** 1 horse (broken leg in wild ride event)
- 2005** 9 horses killed in stampede on Bonnybrooke Bridge July 3
1 show horse, heart attack, July 8
1 calf, injured on July 8
1 chuckwagon horse, heart attack, July 15
2 chuckwagon horses (behind the scenes)
- 2006** 2 chuckwagon horses (July 7) heart attack, broken leg
1 chuckwagon horse (July 13) broke two bones in its
lower left front leg on Gary Gorst’s team
- 2007** 1 chuckwagon horse (Darcy Flad) euthanized
3 chuckwagon horses (Gary Gorst-July 14)
- 2008** 1 chuckwagon horse (Reg Johnstone) euthanized (July 10)
- 2009** 1 chuckwagon horse (Reg Johnstone) heart attack (July 5)
1 chuckwagon horse (Barry Hodgson) euthanized (July 7)
1 steer euthanized (July 9)
1 chuckwagon horse (Ray Mitsuing) heart attack (July 11)
- 2010** 6 chuckwagon horses
- 2011** 2 chuckwagon horses
- 2012** 3 chuckwagon horses dead, 1 injured (lead dropped, others followed-
outrider horse crashed into wagon at high speed)
- 2013** 1 chuckwagon outrider horse – from lung haemorrhage
1 steer – broken neck in steer-wrestling
- 2014** 1 steer – broken neck in steer-wrestling

- 1 chuckwagon horse – aneurysim in practice run.
- 2015** 4 chuckwagon horses – (2 with broken legs from
contact with wagons, two with ligament injuries)
- 2016** No fatalities reported
- 2017** 1 chuckwagon horse died (broken leg)

There have also been 2 human fatalities at the
Chuckwagon races in this time frame:
- Outrider Eugene Jackson died on July 20, 1996 from
head
injuries suffered from a spill on July 11, 1996.
- Wagon driver, Bill McEwen died July 11, 1999 of head
injuries received from a wagon crash on July 9, 1999.
****NOTE** There are literally thousands and thousands
of animals used behind the scenes to perfect the
“cowboys” rodeo skills. These figures do NOT include
animals that were injured and/or killed for these
practices.**