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Vancouver Humane Society
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The Vancouver Humane Society has compiled a list of animal deaths at the Calgary Stampede since 1986. The following is the Society's media release, in its entirety, from July 2013:

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

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- 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)

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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)

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 practises.**

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