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The photos were taken by Russ Mead on July 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Harney County Oregon fair grounds in Burns Oregon. These photos show horse tripping does currently take place in rodeos in Oregon. They also show the cruel treatment these horse endure in horse roping / tripping events.

The photos show:

- Two mounted riders chasing a horse at full speed.
- The first rider throwing a rope around the horse's neck, driving the horse's head into the ground.
- A second photo of a horse gasping for air as they are roped around the neck. You could hear the gasping across the arena.
- A photo of the rope being thrown around the horse's legs.
- A photo of a horse being flipped over after being roped around the neck, and a second rope pulling the legs out from under the horse.

The rodeo officials and "cowboy" participants did everything possible to stop me from taking these photos. They blocked my view, brought in mounted riders to surround me, and even took one of my cameras.

Testimony of Russ Mead









