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**Leona Valley Stable Owner Sentenced To Two Years
in Jail For Abusing Horses**

A 35-year-old woman has been sentenced to two years in county jail after pleading no contest to animal cruelty for starving a horse to death in Leona Valley, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Aron Emily Jacques of Santa Clarita entered her plea yesterday to one count of animal cruelty and was immediately sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Kathleen Blanchard.

Jacques was originally charged with starving or neglecting to care for nine horses. As part of her plea, Jacques agreed to pay restitution to the owners of all the horses and to the county's Department of Animal Care and Control for investigative costs. A restitution hearing is set for Dec. 9.

She also must not own or care for any animal for 10 years.

Deputy District Attorney Daniel Rochmes, who prosecuted the case, said several horses were found starving by county animal officials on the defendant's property in February 2014.

One of the horses died on the defendant's property and three had to be euthanized as a result of her negligent care, the prosecutor added.

Case MA063344 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.