



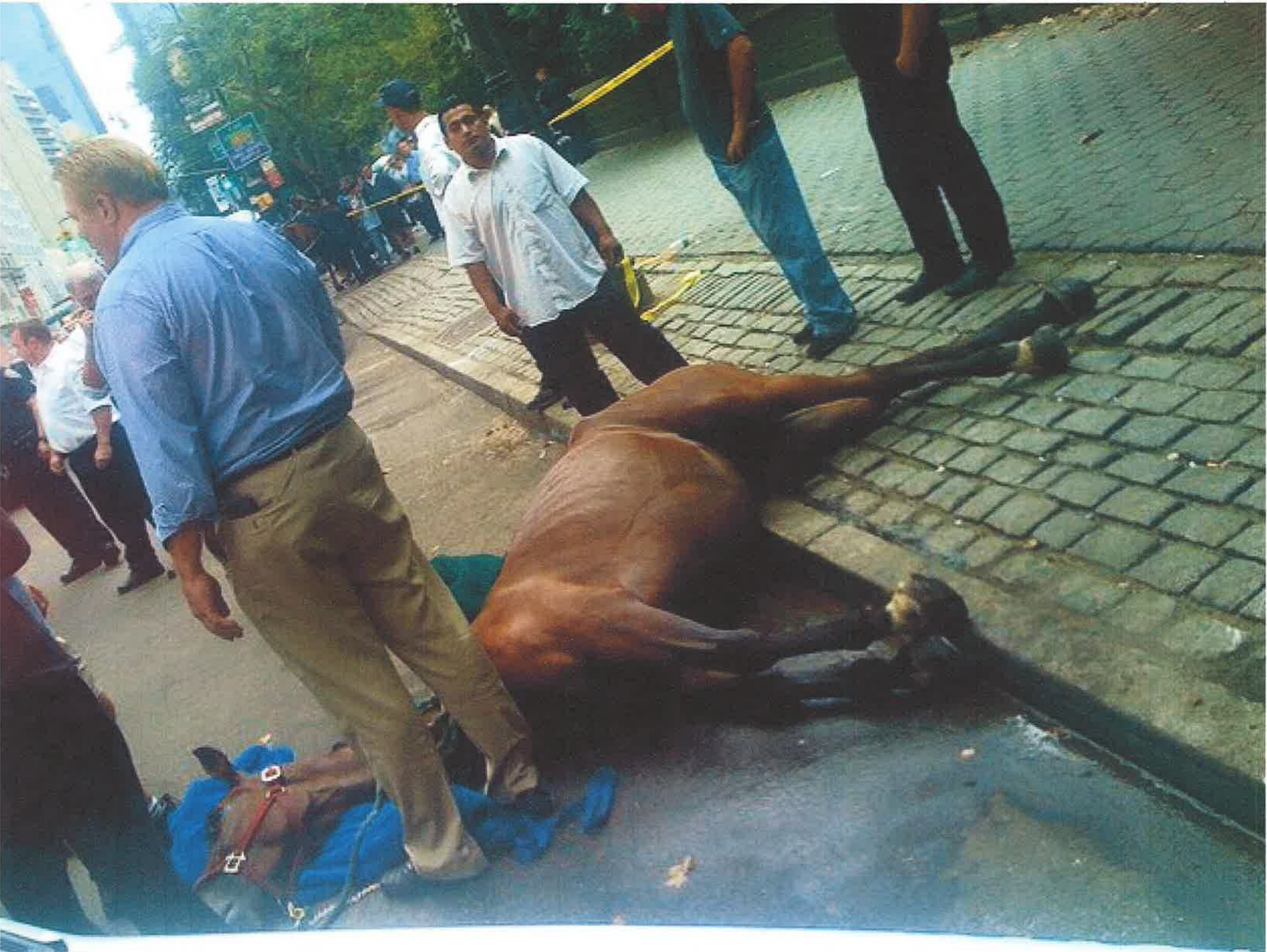
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Horse flips out in midtown Manhattan traffic, carriage breaks, animal gets trapped underneath

When horse the bucks and bolts along Eighth Ave., near Columbus Circle, the frantic carriage driver used all his might to prevent the animal from running amok.

BY EDGAR SANDOVAL, JOE KEMP, BILL HUTCHINSON / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS /

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A horse from the Manhattan Carriage Company was pinned under a carriage after it collapsed on the animal near Columbus Circle.

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It was a case of whoaaa-d rage.

The driver of a horse-drawn carriage lost control of his steed and flipped his rig on a busy midtown street Thursday.

The horse, named Chris, was trotting up Eighth Ave. near W. 57th St. when he suddenly bolted, sideswiped a hatchback and flipped his hansom cab about 10 a.m.

The erratic equine was pinned briefly under the carriage, but managed to get up after a group of good Samaritans lifted the rig off his hind legs.

Neither horse nor human was injured. There were no passengers aboard at the time.

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A horse-drawn carriage was severely damaged Thursday after a spooked horse went wild in Manhattan.

The carriage was heavily damaged, and driver Frank Luo — who only a day earlier had been cited by the city for industry violations — was rattled. Luo said he'd only worked with Chris for three days and noticed the animal was acting strangely as soon as they left the stable Thursday.

"I was really nervous," Luo, of Staten Island, told the Daily News. "I just held tight. I kept yelling at the horse, 'Hold! Hold!' to calm him down."

The 6-foot-1, 240-pound driver said it took all his might to prevent the animal from running amok.

"I knew that if I let him go, he would have run into traffic, caused accidents and hit people," said Luo. "I'm very thankful I didn't get killed."

The accident came a day after the Department of Consumer Affairs accused Luo, owner of Manhattan Carriage Co., of overcharging.

Luo, 43, a licensed carriage driver since 1996, was also charged with operating

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Horse collapses on Broadway at 60th Street in NYC (credit: CBS 2)

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NEW YORK (CBSNewYork) — A horse collapsed while pulling a carriage at the intersection of 60th Street and Broadway on Friday, right in the middle of the evening commute.

According to the ASPCA, the horse was suspended pending a veterinary exam and won't return to work until the exam is completed.

It was the second horse to collapse in the street in two weeks. Last week a spooked horse crashed outside Central Park. Animal advocates say enough is enough.

"Yet again it's another illustration of why these horses do not belong on the streets of New York City," said Carly Knudson of New Yorkers for Clean and Livable Safe Streets.

However, a spokesperson for the Horse and Carriage Association of New York e-mailed CBS 2 early Saturday morning disputing the claim that the horse had collapsed, saying: "This horse did not 'collapse.' All horses were suspended from working most of this week due to storm damage in Central Park. The combination of the long period with no work and the cold snap led to this horse exhibiting normal, frisky horse behavior by bucking. A hind leg tangled with the shaft of the carriage, the horse fell, and stayed down calmly while people unhooked him from the carriage. He was walked back to his stable under his own power, without further incident."

Last month, 15-year-old draft horse "Charlie" dropped dead as he pulled a carriage to work at Central Park. A necropsy revealed he had several ailments, including a fractured tooth and a chronic stomach ulcer.

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"Some of these horses have underlying health conditions that are not being noticed or picked up in the mandatory Department of Health fact checks," Knudson said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg is a long-time supporter of the horse and carriage trade, what he called a major source of tourism revenue. He's not wavered from his position to keep the horses on the street.

"Most of them probably wouldn't be alive if they didn't have a job," Bloomberg said recently.

State Sen. Tony Avella, however, has sponsored legislation to ban the horse and buggy rides.

"I challenge the Mayor and Speaker Quinn now to end this practice because shame on them if they continue to allow this to go on," he said.

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Infuriated by the latest incident, Avella asked how many more accidents need to happen before the practice is stopped.

"How long are we going to continue to have the cruelty to the animals, horses dropping dead in Midtown traffic? Plus the danger to pedestrians and motorists?" Avella said.

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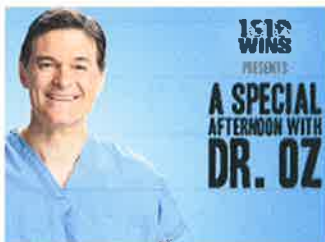
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The ASPCA is conducting an investigation into the death of a carriage horse that [collapsed and died](#) Sunday morning on West 54th Street near Eighth Avenue in Midtown.

The [white equine](#) was heading towards Central Park when at around 9:30AM it collapsed. The body was taken to Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine.

The ASPCA told [Gothamist](#) that results from the necropsy would be available by Tuesday morning.

The death has triggered animal rights activists to condemn the use of carriage horses in the city. The [ASPCA said in a statement](#):

We at the ASPCA express our sadness and concern at this tragic incident. The life of a carriage horse on New York City streets is extremely difficult and life threatening, and the ASPCA has long believed that carriage horses were never meant to live and work in today's urban setting.

A representative for the [Horse and Carriage Association of New York](#) expressed sadness, but was also quick on the defense, "It's a tragedy. It's not something that happens regularly...Our horses are taken care of."

The city's use of horse-drawn carriages has long been a source of controversy between animal rights activists and the tourism industry. Last year, [New York's City Council](#) passed a bill ensuring horses have mandatory vacation, larger stalls, and provided blankets in cold, wet weather.

However, animal advocates suggest that such measures are not enough. [New York City Public Advocate Bill de Blasio](#) suggested the city catch up to other major cities and ban the industry.

London, Paris, Las Vegas, Toronto and Beijing -- New York City's chief rivals for tourism -- have all banned horse-drawn carriages in recent years, and with good reason. Our city's carriage horses work strenuous hours throughout the week and unlike the horses that plied the park a hundred years ago, today's horses travel on hard asphalt roads that wear down and damage their feet.

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Horse collapses in middle of carriage ride, sparking outrage in Salt Lake City

Passersby were desperate to help 13-year-old Jerry, who got hit with a bout of colic, fell to the ground and refused to get up. Jerry is recovering, but animal rights activists want to see the 'cruel industry' re-examined.

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13-year-old carriage horse Jerry suffered a bout of colic on Saturday, then fell to the ground and refused to get up.

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Salt Lake City has erupted in outcry after a carriage horse collapsed suddenly in the street over the weekend.

Concerned passersby watched on as the 13-year-old horse named Jerry suffered a bout of colic and fell to the ground, refusing to get up.

The horse was near the end of a horse-drawn carriage ride between South Temple and State St. on Saturday when he suddenly kicked his stomach and fell to the ground.

Ronald Schulthies was one of the people who tried to help.

"(He) just didn't want to move: His eyes were open and when we'd move him he'd neigh and whinny," he told the [Salt Lake Tribune](#).

Schulthies said he had brought several buckets of water to pour on the horse while veterinarians also came to his aid.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported that he said: "It was distressing because lots of people there wanted to do something, but didn't know what to do.

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A Twitter photo showing the horse lying on the street in Philadelphia. Police had its handler ensure the horse stayed down until animal-care-and-control officials could be summoned. Eventually, the horse was raised to its feet by straps connected to a tractor, said Linda Kramer, a stable manager.



GALLERY: Carriage horse falls, wrongly pronounced dead by social media

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In an age when everybody has a camera and a Facebook page, it seemed for sure, for a while, that the carriage horse was dead.

And even when it was plain that the horse was alive, it didn't lessen the animosity between those who want horse-drawn carriages off the streets of Philadelphia, and those who think animal activists live to create drama.

It was about 5 p.m. Saturday, when the horse, Silver, stumbled and fell near 7th and Sansom streets in Center City.

Juan Carlos Cruz, who on Twitter describes himself as a communications executive in Philadelphia, posted a photo of the white horse lying on its side in the street, the carriage awkwardly turned toward the sidewalk. He wrote, "This cruelty to horses has to stop in Philly. . . . Horse cannot get up."

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Glass from a damaged car is cleaned up in Savannah on Monday after a horse ran loose with a carriage and its passengers.

By **Katie Martin**

Morris News Service

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SAVANNAH, Ga. -- A spooked horse and the carriage it was pulling caused havoc for six blocks Monday afternoon in downtown Savannah, damaging five vehicles along Congress Street and injuring the driver of the carriage.

The driver, Ashley Bignault, was taken to Memorial University Medical Center. The extent of her injuries were unknown Monday afternoon, said police spokesman Julian Miller.

Miller said the five passengers on the carriage, including three children, escaped serious injury. One of the passengers, a 67-year-old woman, was treated at a nearby urgent care center and released.

Miller said the incident started near Barnard and Bryan streets when the horse began to run and a bridle became dislodged making it difficult to control the horse. The horse ran to the south side of Ellis Square and continued east on Congress street before the driver was ejected.

"We think some of the tack broke and the horse became spooked and then struck several vehicles," Miller said. "It spilled the passengers, and then the horse somehow went around the block before heading down the lane."

View user-submitted photos of the incident.

The horse-drawn carriage involved belongs to Historic Savannah Carriage Tours. According to the company's website they have a fleet of nine horses and six carriages. It was not clear which horse or carriage was involved in Monday's accident, which closed several portions of Congress, Bull and Whitaker streets as Savannah-Chatham police investigated the scene.

A person who answered the telephone at the firm said they would have no comment.

Witnesses described the horse and carriage bouncing off cars "like a pin ball" and reported seeing the horse in full gallop running down Congress street as the driver of the carriage stood up trying to take control of the horse.

Miller said employees from a nearby restaurant were able to get control of the horse near Bull street and calmed it down by feeding it carrots.

He said no injury to the horse was reported, and it was transported out of the downtown area.

In his three-and-a-half years with the police department, Miller said, this was the first incident involving a horse-drawn carriage.