

**VOIR DIRE FOR HORSE NEGLECT CASE**

1. Do you personally know, or have any connection with, the defendant [name]?
2. What kind of work do you do?
3. Have you ever done any sort of work with animals?
4. *(If the answer to question # 3 was "yes")* What was the nature of that work?
5. Have you ever done any work in the meat-production industry, such as raising or slaughtering animals for food?
6. What sort of activities do you enjoy in your spare time?
7. Have you ever owned, or had any experience with, a horse?
8. Do you ever go to horse races or rodeos?
9. Have you ever been charged with any acts of animal cruelty?
10. Have you ever shot or killed an animal?
11. *(If the answer to question # 10 was "yes")* What were the circumstances?
12. Do you believe that animals can suffer pain or discomfort?
13. Do you believe that cruelty to animals is wrong?
14. Do you believe that neglect of animals is wrong?
15. I'm sure you realize, don't you, that a criminal trial is a search for the truth, and not a personality contest between opposing counsel?
16. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial. Do you believe you can judge them fairly?
17. The State is also entitled to have twelve open minded jurors who are fair, unprejudiced and unbiased. Do you believe you can be that type of juror?
18. You have probably heard sayings like "to err is human, to forgive divine," ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ As a juror it is not within your responsibilities to forgive or excuse.  
You understand, don't you, that your sole responsibility is to determine the question of innocence or guilt?