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Wild Horse Advocates Demonstrate Outside Nevada Capitol

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About 50 demonstrators showed up Wednesday at the Nevada Capitol to protest what they fear could be a state Agriculture Department roundup of about 1,200 wild horses near the old mining town of Virginia City.

The demonstrators waved signs that said "Save the mustangs," "Stop roundups now" and "Honk for wild horses." Cindy Phelps even brought a yearling named "Ginny" that came from the herd and is now being trained by Phelps.

Several people carried toilet plungers and brooms. One organizer, singer-songwriter Lacy J. Dalton, said, "What we're trying to say is clean up this Department of Agriculture and give us some people we can work with. It's getty pretty deep down there at the Department of Agriculture."

Dalton also said support from outside Nevada is growing, with the addition of rapper Snoop Dogg to a celebrity list headed by country singer Willie Nelson. She said Nelson and Snoop Dogg are urging people concerned about the horses to call Gov. Jim Gibbons.

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