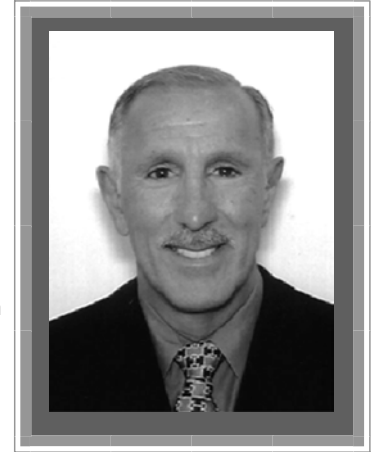


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“The AATA and the Animal Welfare Alliance”

In the last three years the AATA has assumed a greater International role in the field of Animal Welfare, than ever before in its 27-year history. Our members have participated in conferences and seminars around the world and as such have become increasingly involved in promulgation of regulations that foster safety and care in the transport of animals worldwide.

- Last July the AATA had five speakers at the 2nd conference on Horse transportation sponsored by the International League for the Protection of Horses (ILPH)
- In October through an AATA initiative and our participation in a working group of the LAPB of IATA a definition of competency for animal attendants traveling by air was added to the LAR.
- Emma Stamper, AATA’s past President traveled to Paris to speak at the OIE’s Global Conference on Animal Welfare.
- Joe Santarelli traveled to Las Vegas to address The National Horse Carriers.
- Tim Harris, our European Secretary has had many meetings with ELT (European Livestock Transporters Association) regarding the new proposed changes to the European Transport Legislation.
- Joe Santarelli has been named a member of member of The Equine ID Task Force in USA.

As President of the AATA, I propose the formation of “The Animal Welfare Alliance”

I see a committee comprised of one member, designated by each association, to be part of a standing Committee named The Animal Welfare Alliance who will meet by conference call every three months to apprise the other groups of issues that are taking place within their group that possibly overlap to other groups. In this way we will formulate a united front on key issues affecting all our members. As a unified entity we will develop strategies to deal effectively with issues affecting the industry of animal transportation.

- 1 member from the OIE *World Organisation for Animal Health*
- 1 member from Cites *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wildlife Fauna & Flora*
- 1 member from AATA *Animal Transport Association*
- 1 member from IATA (LAPB) *Live Animal & Perishable Board of IATA*
- 1 member from ILPH *International League for the Protection of Horses*
- 1 member from WAZA *World Association of Zoos and Aquariums*
- 1 member from IPATA *The Independent Pet and Animal Transportation Association International, Inc.*

Perhaps even a member of The EU Commission, The USDA, and other select Ministries of Agriculture.

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Mr. Santarelli was the recipient of The Animal Transportation Association’s 1998 Robert Campbell Memorial Award. This award is given to a person who has contributed outstanding organizational skills, and ability in animal transport as Dr. Campbell did as USDA Port Veterinarian in Miami, Florida, prior to his death in 1979. Recognized in 1998 for the development of The AATA Equine Attendant Registration Program. He is also a member of the TOBA, Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and the Arabian Jockey Club.