



The USWHBA “Pony Express”

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Hello and welcome to the newest edition of our news letter. All our members and directors have been very busy and we would like to share with you what has happened, and what will be happening this summer.

◆ Sad Goodbye:

USWHBA president Robin Rivello had to say goodbye to her 27 year old Mustang Reno on May 3. They were together for 21 years. Reno was her first mustang. Reno was the start of it all, and really the Star of it all. Reno’s many accomplishments include not only being a great distance and endurance horse, but was awesome at helping to train other mustangs, mascotting at adoptions, dressage, and working at Windsor Farms Haunted Hayrides for years. Reno will be greatly missed not just by Robin but everyone who has known her.

◆ Annual Meeting:

We held our annual meeting on March 27th 2010 at the home of President Robin Rivello and Secretary Michael Yodice. Vice President Hans Shull, as well as Directors Jill Blakeney, Lisa Holderby, and Pony Express Editor Sue Gregorio were in attendance. Treasurer Kim Dore and Director Megan Print were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

◆ Rutgers University Mustangs:

We are pleased and proud to announce that all four Rutgers University Mustangs were sold at auction on Sunday April 25th 2010. The Sale was preceded by the “Rutgers Day” activities held on all the university campuses on Saturday April 24th.

The 4 Mustangs as well as the eight PMU horses in the “Young Horse Teaching and Research Program” were demonstrated by their respective students in the round pen. The program is under the direction of university professor Dr. Sarah Ralston, VMD, PhD.

The Mustangs were initially gentled by Robin Rivello and they were gradually turned over to the students as their training progressed, and as the students became comfortable and proficient working with wild horses. We are very happy that our organization was able to be part of this wonderful program with Dr. Ralston and Rutgers University. We look forward to working with them in the future.

Robin Rivello and our organization were also featured in an article about the Rutgers Mustangs in the May 2010, issue # 392 of Equus Magazine. The article entitled “From wild to well-behaved” by Allison Lyons, can be found on the “EQ Back Page” in the magazine on page 88.

To see the Rutgers University Mustangs go to our Web-site.

http://www.uswhba.org/rutgers_university_mustangs

or go to Rutgers University Web-site.

<http://younghorse.rutgers.edu/index.html>

◆ **RU Canella has her foal!!!**

Rutgers University Mustang RU Canella had her foal on June 12th 2010. Both mom and baby Maggie are doing great. The foal is truly an unusual and amazing surprise for all of us involved with the wild ones. To see RU Canella and Maggie go to

http://www.uswhba.org/rutgers_university_mustangs

◆ **The New “Mustang Spotlight” page:**

We have renamed our spotlight page. If you have a Mustang or Burro that is doing great things, we would like to know about it and we want to share it with everyone. All types of activities and disciplines are acceptable. Currently, USWHBA member Katie Vogel and her Mustang Gelding “DeFazio” are featured attending a Mounted Police de spooking clinic. You can see them doing the obstacle course, walking through smoke, walking over fire. It is very impressive.

◆ **Multi Farm, Barn, & Tack Sale fund raiser: 8/21/2010**

Speaking of Katie Vogel. She will be hosting a flea market style yard sale fund raiser at her farm in Wall Township New Jersey on Saturday August 21st. Sale is not limited to horse related articles. Spaces are \$15.00 (bring your own tarp or table) all Proceeds to benefit USWHBA. So clean out you attic, basement, or garage and come on down. The address is 160 Vienna Rd. Howell NJ, 07731. Sale is from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. No Rain Date. For more information and directions contact Katie at (732)-367 1162 or katiev@optonline.net

◆ **Halls Brook House Raffle: Drawing 11/13/2010**

The raffle for a weekend at the Halls Brook House in Groton New Hampshire is still underway. The house provides accommodations for up to 8 people in a beautiful country setting on 8 acres. Pets are allowed. The drawing will be November 13th and the winner will be notified by November 20th. To see the Halls Brook House and read the contest rules go to

http://uswhba.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/Raffle_Rules.66192013.pdf

To view and print tickets for the drawing go to

[http://uswhba.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/RAFFLE TICKE TS.66191622.pdf](http://uswhba.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/RAFFLE_TICKE TS.66191622.pdf)

◆ **News from North East Region 2:**

Megan Print and Cliff Crawl in Ohio, as always, are going above and beyond. They have been volunteering at adoptions, promoting the organization, fostering Mustangs, and taking in titled Mustangs thru their Claddagh Farm Horse Rescue. They also held a car wash fund raiser at the Bowling Green Ohio Tractor Supply Company Store this past April. They are on track for another stellar year. They are responsible for placing over a dozen Mustangs this year and it is only June. Megan and Cliff also trailer Mustangs and Burros for adopters for a nominal fee. You can contact Megan at ne.region2@uswhba.org or call Megan at (440)-213-3871. Please visit Megan and Cliff online at <http://www.cfhrefcue.org/home>

◇ **News from the South:**

Jill Blakeney in North Carolina has been very active promoting the organization, going to adoptions, and organizing activities for her Adopted Wild Mustang Festival. Her group held a Free clinic with Jimmy Thomas at Piedmont Feed and Garden Center in Chapel Hill May 8th They had a Trail ride and sleepover May 22nd and 23rd in the Uwharrie National Forest, and they held Mustang Day at Person County Saddle Club in Roxboro, NC on June 12th. Jill also has 2 Mustangs in need of homes, and a foster Filly. They are “Jazzy”. A four yr. old Nevada Mare, and “Jack”. A seven yr. old Utah Gelding. She also has a 3 yr. old BLM Foster Filly at her farm. You can see her available Mustangs at http://www.uswhba.org/mustangs_available Jill is doing a great job and we thank her for her for all her efforts. You can contact Jill at se.region@uswhba.org or you can call Jill at (919) 932-9365. Please visit Jill online at <http://www.adoptedwildmustangfestival.com/Home.html>

◇ **Visitor from Northern Europe:**

We had the pleasure of becoming friends with Karolina Noren, a Natural Horse Trainer from Sweden, when she was here in December of 2009. She returned to the United States in April 2010, and stayed with Robin and Mike for a month to learn about the mustangs. Karolina was a great help working with some of the mustangs we have available that were previously adopted, as well as the older ones to help them farther along with trusting people and being worked with. Karolina really liked Tess and would have liked to take her back to Sweden with her, but the cost of shipping was just too expensive. We hope to see Karolina again.

◆ **Rick's Saddle Shop Event July 31st-August 1st 2010:**

We will be at Rick's Saddle Shop in Cream Ridge NJ with mustangs available that need homes. We currently have 6 that will be there and you can view them on our "mustangs available" page. The 5 are Hawk, Cheyenne, Tess, Allie, and one foster Molly. We have other mustangs available in North Carolina, Ohio, and Connecticut. If any of these can make it they too will be offered at Rick's if not re-homed prior. We will keep up dating the mustang's available page, and you can follow their training on our "Junior Trainers" Page. The titled mustangs will be offered at \$200.00-\$400.00 depending on their level of training. Any untitled mustangs that are available for adoption are \$125.00. Any mustangs not sold or adopted on Saturday will be available on Sunday. We will be doing demonstrations on Saturday at 10:00a.m., 1:00p.m. and 3:00p.m. On Sunday we will have a demo at 11:00a.m., a video presentation in the conference room at 1:00p.m. and another demo at 2:30p.m. View the available Mustangs at http://www.uswhba.org/ricks_saddle_shop_mustang_weekend

◆ **The New Jersey State Fair: 8/6 thru 8/15**

The USWHBA will once again have a booth at the New Jersey State Fair. The fair begins Friday August 6th and runs till Sunday afternoon August 15th. It is at the Sussex County Fair Grounds, 37 Plains Rd. Augusta N.J. 07822. Last years fair was a great success for us and we hope to build on that further. We will also be using our booth to promote the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Adoption that we be held at the fair grounds Friday Sept 10th and Saturday Sept 11th, as well as our "Wild Horse and Burro Only" show that will be taking place in conjunction with the adoption. The show will be a great way to show potential adopters what can be done with the wild ones.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us with the booth at the fair. There has to be at least one person at the booth during operating hours for the entire run of the fair. Even if you can only make it for one day, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping us at the fair contact Robin Rivello at president@uswhba.org or call Robin at (732)-742-5044.

◆ **Get your Mustang or Burro to the show! 9/10 & 9/11**

The USWHBA will be hosting a Mustang and Burro only Show at the Sussex County Fair grounds on September 10th and 11th **in conjunction with the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro adoption** being held there that weekend. This show is open only to Mustangs and Burros, so please do not bring other breeds. The details and the class lists will follow in the next news letter as we are still working on the finalization of it.

This show will be just for fun so everyone can get their animals out to show them off, and to get the young or more inexperienced ones out to get started. We will be having a lot of in hand classes as well as ridden ones so that the animals who aren't yet under saddle can participate in the fun. There won't be any dress or tack requirements to show in any event, as this is for everyone to have fun with their animals. However helmets are strongly recommended for the ridden events for adults and are required for any junior riders to participate. Also please do not bring or advertise any animals that are for sale, as this event is to help promote the BLM's adoption that is going on at the same time.

◆ **Gentled Mustang Mini Adoption: 8/14/2010**

USWHBA Treasurer Kim Dore will be holding a BLM "Gentled Mustang Mini Adoption" at her farm, Berkshire Livery Stable, 59 Litchfield Rd, Morris Connecticut, 06763. Kim will be offering approx. 6-10 trained animals only. Adoption will be conducted first-come, first-served beginning at 8:00am. The adoption fee will be \$125 per animal and is payable by check or Visa/MasterCard. Applications should be faxed or mailed to Milwaukee Field Office prior to the event, but can also be accepted on adoption day. For directions and more information about this adoption event, contact Kim Dore at treasurer@uswhba.org or call Kim at (860)-309-4507. You may also contact the BLM at

Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Program, Bureau of Land Management
626 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 200
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-4617
1 (800) 293-1781 or 1 (414) 297-4443
FAX: (414) 297-4442

◆ **Bureau of Land Management Adoptions:**

There are plenty of Wild Horse and Burro adoptions taking place this year all around the country. These are great animals and they are in need of good homes. If you have room in your heart and your barn, and can comply with the adoption requirements, please consider adopting. You can contact the BLM at the above address.

Our directors and trainers are also available to help you and answer your questions. You can reach them from our Web-sites [http://www.uswhba.org/talk to the directors](http://www.uswhba.org/talk_to_the_directors) page.

Please visit the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Web-site at [http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild horse and burro.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro.html)

Thank you and have a happy and safe summer from

The Members and Directors of the USWHBA.