

Cheryl Manning and her Mustangs Khamose and Takoda

Khamose is a 31 year old Mustang adopted 29 years ago. I fell in love with this horse when attending a Mustang and Burro adoption in Canandaigua, New York State. Even though I did not plan to adopt, he tore at my heart and I hired a truck to bring him the 8 hours to my house.

Khamose is now being ridden by my grandchildren and is teaching them the tricks of the trade. Khamose loves parades, Western riding, and in his younger days held the top record in Vermont for barrel racing. He still shows in fairs and 4H horse shows, bringing home the trophies and ribbons every time.

Just this past September, a black Mustang that I named Takoda, showed up at the auction in New Holland Pennsylvania and I rescued him from slaughter. He is the same color as my 32 year old Khamose, and I knew I had to adopt him also, even though I didn't know much about his background.

Takoda was saved from slaughter by Morgan Safenet since he went through the auction advertised as a Morgan. When he arrived in quarantine in PA, they found his government brand. I then applied to adopt him through this great group and was accepted as his adopter. That is how I found out about him.

So, I now have Takoda and Khamose. My two black Mustangs! The picture with my husband and the two black Mustangs is my old man Khamose and my new Mustang rescued from Pennsylvania, Takoda. The newspaper article tells of the many accomplishments, public appearances, and teachings of Khamose. Mustangs are wonderful and loving horses and continue to amaze me as to how much they can forgive.

Khamose is currently the oldest living Mustang in Vermont.