



The USWHBA "Pony Express"

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Hello and welcome to the final USWHBA news letter for 2009. We had a wonderful year and are extremely pleased with the achievements we have attained. We hope to carry this momentum into 2010 for the Mustangs and Burros that we all care about.

Rick's Saddle Shop hosts "National Adoption Day"

Saturday September 26th 2009 was "National Adoption Day" and Rick's Saddle Shop in Cream Ridge New Jersey hosted another mini adoption. 5 Mustangs were available for adoption at this event.

2 Geldings, Freckles and Cheddar, fostered, gentled, and trained by USWHBA Treasurer Kim Dore.

3 Fillies, Breeze, Mirage, and Molly, fostered, gentled, and trained by USWHBA President Robin Rivello.

Molly was the only Mustang not adopted at Ricks. She is still available for adoption. Contact Robin at president@uswhba.org for details on Molly.

We would like to thank Ricks Saddle Shop for their continued support of the "Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro Program" and for their support of the USWHBA. We would also like to thank Purina Mills for the 5 bags of feed donated to each Mustang adopter.

499 Mustangs were placed into private care through events and adoptions held throughout the United States on September 26th 2009.

Equine Affaire

USWHBA members and directors attended Equine Affaire in Springfield Massachusetts November 12th thru the 15th 2009. As volunteers working in the B.L.M. Wild Horse and Burro booths, they were promoting the adoption program, and showing off their Mustangs and Burros. One booth was in the Breed Pavilion, and the other was in the Youth Pavilion. There were 12 Mustangs and 1 Burro representing the “Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro Program”.

Wild Horse and Burro Specialist Steve Meyer, from the B.L.M. Eastern States Field Office in Milwaukee Wisconsin was there as the B.L.M. representative. Steve also had his Mustang Gelding “Sam” with him as one of the Mustang mascots. USWHBA Treasurer Kim Dore with her Burro “Swissy” and Steve Meyer with Sam conducted the youth demo.

The 12th annual Equine Affaire in the Northeast drew tens of thousands of horse people that enjoyed a world-class educational program and extensive trade show as well as an entertaining and informative competition.

Rutgers Mustang Update

The 4 Rutgers Mustangs are all doing extremely well. Their training is coming along nicely and they are all on turnout with Dr. Ralston’s 8 PMU weanlings and yearlings. They are all one big happy herd. Check out their pictures and read what is going on with the “Young Horse Teaching and Research Program” at <http://younghorse.rutgers.edu/gropho.html> .

Jill Blakeney News from the South East

Our 3 trainers made it to Tennessee and competed in the Extreme Mustang Makeover Eastern Stampede. Here’s the lowdown:

- Emily/Amicus – Amicus developed a hoof abscess. Emily did a great job showing him in hand and opted to walk him in hand (instead of ride) through the Idols horse course. A therapeutic riding center in Pittsboro, NC has purchased him for their program.

- Chapin/Hooah – They made it to the Idols finals. This dynamic duo had the crowd going wild with their free style performance! They placed 4th in the finals. Chapin purchased Hooah with his prize money and is using him to rope and work cows.
- Brock/Aztec – They just missed the finals and placed 12th in the Legends division. Brock purchased Aztec for his 5-year-old daughter for rodeo and trail riding.

More Mustangs Find Good Homes in NC

If you attended the Festival in October, you might recall the Paint a Pony class winner Tyke and his owner Sherri. While Sherri was out at the EMM, she fell in love with one of the Legends competitors Clay. Trained by Terina Spencer of Jacksonville FL, he placed 4th in the Legends finals. Tytan (formerly Clay) is now living near Camp LeJeune. In addition, Laura L. of Pittsboro purchased herself a beautiful yearling filly she named Heloise. We hope to see both of them at the next Mustang festival or event!

Events

Jill, her husband Connor, and hopefully some other Mustang owners will be sharing their Mustang Adoption experience at Piedmont Feed and Garden Center in Chapel Hill, NC on February 13, 2010. The goal of this help promote Mustang adoption. If you'd like to join them and share your experience, contact Jill at se.region@uswhba.org. If you'd like to host one of these at your local feed store, Jill will be happy to help you coordinate this. There will be 2 BLM adoptions in NC in 2010 – Asheville on 4/16-17 and Kenansville in the fall. Let's get the word out about our wonderful Mustangs and help get more of them adopted.

Some other fun mustang events and a second Adopted Wild Mustang Festival are being discussed. Stay tuned at <http://www.adoptedwildmustangfestival.com/Home.html> .

Megan and Cliff News from the North East

North East Region 2 Directors Megan Print and Cliff Crowl from Ohio have done an amazing job this year for the Mustangs and our organization. Through the B.L.M. Foster Program, they have gentled, trained, and placed into private care 11 Mustangs. They have accomplished this through private adoption at their farm, and at B.L.M. Adoptions including the May 2009 mini adoption at Ricks Saddle Shop in New Jersey. It has been a pleasure working with Megan and Cliff this year and we are confident 2010 will be as successful for them as 2009 was. They are a great asset to the USWHBA and we thank them for all their efforts. Be sure to visit Megan and Cliff online at <http://www.cfhrefcue.org/>

From the desk of the President Robin Rivello

Due to the economic downturn we have been getting numerous horses needing new homes. Some are untitled, but a lot are titled. All of them have been gentled, but none are ride able yet. They range in sex and age from yearlings to 10 years old. Everyone is trying to get us pictures and information on the horses, but due to the weather here in the east not being cooperative, and everyone getting ready for the holidays and working, no one has had time to get it all together. So if anyone is interested or has a friend who might be interested in a mustang, call or email me, and I am sure we can find you a perfect match. We will be getting their pictures and information up on the web site as we get it.

We have already helped several adopters find new homes for the horses they could not keep due to various reasons in the last several months. There have also been a couple of titled mustangs brought to a local auction and they too have gotten new homes.

The horses that are available range in states from New Hampshire, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Please help us keep the titled horses from going to auctions.

Other News

“Soleil, A Mustangs Story” written by USWHBA Public Relations Director Lisa Holderby has been recommended as a must read by Young Rider Magazine in their January/February 2010 issue. You can purchase a signed copy of Lisa’s book at our online store at http://www.uswhba.org/online_store . You can visit Lisa online at www.lisaholderby.com . Contact Lisa at pr.director@uswhba.org .

Be sure to check out the “Monthly Spotlight” page on our Web-site. Currently featured are Steven Drysdale from Cape Cod Massachusetts and his Mustang Mare “Sage”. Sage has been under saddle for only 7 months and is doing some amazing things. See the pictures and read their story at http://www.uswhba.org/monthly_spotlight .

If you and your Mustang or Burro would like to be featured as our monthly spotlight, contact Michael Yodice at secretary@uswhba.org .

A reminder to all our members: Dues are to be paid for the upcoming year. Remember we are now offering discounts on our merchandise for members and we are going to have some really neat offers coming up this year for our members. If you have any questions regarding your membership, dues, or would like to join the USWHBA, contact Hans Shull at vice.pres@uswhba.org .

The USWHBA was responsible for assisting the BLM in placing 31 Mustangs into private care in 2009 through the Foster Program. Of those 31, fourteen were adopted from the 2 Rick’s Saddle Shop mini adoptions.

Thank you

We would like to thank the following people and businesses for their support this year. They were very instrumental in helping us get this organization up and running.

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Thanks also to all of our Directors who have spent countless hours working to make this organization a reality. We have a great team and they have done a great job for the organization and the Mustangs and Burros we all love. You can contact any of our Directors at [http://www.uswhba.org/talk to the directors](http://www.uswhba.org/talk_to_the_directors) . They will be happy to assist you in any way they can.

Thank you to all of our members, volunteers, supporters, and sponsors.

We would like to wish all of you a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season as well as a happy new year. We are looking forward to 2010 and will be working hard to build on the achievements of 2009.

Thank you from the members and directors of the USWHBA.