

NEVADA

By Renee Hines and Hanna F.

We rescued Nevada three years ago from New Holland Pennsylvania Auction because the owner of our barn, Lynne, had an older mustang mare named Veronica. She became our best lesson horse. It was the end of the auction, and many of the meat buyers were bidding, so Lynne picked Nevada up for only 350 dollars. Nevada was very standoffish in the beginning. He merely tolerated attention.

Under saddle, he was very brave and well behaved on the trails but, it was obvious that he had some confidence issues. He refused jumps consistently in the beginning and would get stuck in "park" and just completely refuse to move. That didn't seem to deter our young riders! We used him for our summer camp program at Whitebriar Farm in Kutztown, PA. and he was a favorite horse of many of the kids. So favored, in fact, that he usually had a list of children that wanted turns on him!

Nevada continued to have stuck in park moments and did not seem to connect with any of his riders, which is when I decided that he needed someone like Hannah to try him. I have taught Hannah from the beginning to think like a horse, and never give up. During the first lesson, he did his usual "stuck in park" act. She stuck with him through the whole lesson and suddenly he was a completely different horse. He went from being grouchy, slow and pinning his ears to practically prancing around the ring. We actually had to practice slowing him down!

With Nevada, Hannah learned how to canter for the first time. She started over jumps and he never refused. She learned to trust that he wouldn't hurt her and their improvement together as a team was extremely fast. It's obvious how much they love each other. Of course, the bag of carrots she always brings him doesn't hurt either! Renee.

Hi everyone,

My name is Hannah and I am so happy to be the star rider in the USWHBA Mustang Spotlight with my favorite horse Nevada. I am very thankful for the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program because they made my friendship with Nevada possible. I love him because he gives me the confidence to do and to try my best. Nevada is my best friend and I think I can really go far with him. Hannah.

See Photos Below.

