



## ***The USWHBA “Pony Express”***

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As usual we have been extremely busy since our last News Letter. To keep this one shorter we have posted all our past events for 2013 on our Web-sites past events page, so you can catch up there.

[http://www.uswhba.org/schedule\\_of\\_events\\_past\\_events/past\\_events](http://www.uswhba.org/schedule_of_events_past_events/past_events)



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We currently have 3 new videos on YouTube.

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**We are pleased to announce our newest directors:**

Representing the State of New York we have John Dodson Sr. and Diane M. Hart. John and Diane are BLM Volunteers and Mustang owners and trainers. They live in Upstate New York in the town of Holley.

Representing the South West Region we have J.D. and Kathleen Pyatt. J.D. and Kathleen are also BLM Volunteers and Mustang owners and trainers.

Hey all you Wild equine people out there, this is Kathy Pyatt. I would like to tell you a little about my husband and I. We are the proud but horse poor owners of 11 equines. We have 3 standard donkeys, of the domestic variety. Though I'm sure there was a wild ass along the lines somewhere! We also have a registered Morgan mare, a registered solid paint gelding, and yes, 6 Mustangs! 5 geldings and one mare, so, a total of 11 equines. Our Mustangs range in age from 3 to 18 years. I use natural horsemanship to train my animals, and they are in various stages of training. We use our animals for the Weld County Sheriffs Posse. We do call outs on horseback, searches for evidence or missing persons, and everything from traffic to crowd control. We do security every night at the Greeley Stampede and Rodeo. We also camp out with our guys, do trail rides in the mountains and on the flat. We've been known to do some mounted shooting too! In other words if you can do it on a horse we'll try it! On March 7- 9, 2014 we will be at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo to promote the wild equines through the USWHBA and the BLM Wild horse and burro adoptions. We will also be riding in some events, Western Pleasure, Free style, cattle working, and The Extreme Mustang Trail Challenge! Hope to see all of my wild equine buddy's there! Stop by our booth and say hi.

Contact information for these and all our Directors can be found on our Web-site at [http://www.uswhba.org/talk\\_to\\_the\\_directors](http://www.uswhba.org/talk_to_the_directors)



## Upcoming Events for 2014:

JD and Kathleen Pyatt say “Mark Your Calendars” for the 2014 Rocky Mountain Horse Expo Friday March 7 thru Sunday March 9, 2014.

Hundreds of presentations/clinicians to choose from:

Many New and Exciting Events and Attractions:

Pre- Clinics - RMHE Sale - Mane Event - Art in the Park

Cavallo Equestrians - Ma'Ceo - Big Horse Productions/Gladius

Mini Horse Fair - Holistic Horse Fair

Colt Starting Challenge/USA - Mustang Days - Homes for Every Horse

4H Show - Polo/Polocrosse/Campdraft - Vaulting - Tradeshow

Go to [www.coloradohorsecouncil.com](http://www.coloradohorsecouncil.com) for more information and check back often for updates!



## Northeast Wild Horse Adoption Conference:



Cummings School of  
Veterinary Medicine

200 Westboro Rd, North Grafton, MA 01536

### **Registration now open for 2014 Northeast Wild Horse Adoption Conference:**

### ***Promoting Best Practices for Adopting Bureau of Land Management Wild Horses***

NORTH GRAFTON, MASSACHUSETTS- The Center for Animals and Public Policy at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University is hosting the 2014 Northeast Wild Horse Adoption Conference Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>.

The goals of the conference are to connect members of the equine community—from adopters and potential adopters, to equine rescue organizations, equine and veterinary professionals, and veterinary students—and promote successful Bureau of Land Management (BLM) wild horse adoption in the Northeast.

The conference will feature expert speakers and presenters, such as Kris Kokal from Horse Tenders Mustang Foundation, Kim Dore and Robin Rivello from the United States Wild Horse and Burro Association, and Mona Jerome from Ever After Mustang Rescue, and offer a variety of panels and discussions on BLM wild horse adoption. Saturday's topics include caring for a wild horse, acquiring and selecting a wild horse, and understanding relinquishment of wild horses. Sunday opens with small group discussions on ways to promote adoption of BLM wild horses in the Northeast and will be followed by saddle-fitting and training demonstrations as well as a “meet and greet” with locally

The weekend will also feature opportunities to meet with conference speakers and presenters, informational tables, and ample time to network with other wild horse enthusiasts.

The Bureau of Land Management has adopted out over 240,000 wild horses nationwide, including 6,415 in the Northeast. But slowing of adoptions in recent years and continued removals of wild horses from drought-stricken rangelands have led to approximately 50,000 wild horses living in holding facilities. The conference is a timely venue for adopters as well as others in the region to gather together and learn more about wild horse adoption.

The conference is made possible in part by grants from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and the Elizabeth A. Lawrence Endowed Fund.

For more information contact the Office of Continuing Education at [vetCEinfo@tufts.edu](mailto:vetCEinfo@tufts.edu). To register, please visit:

<http://vet.tufts.edu/ce/events/20140328.html>



### **Donations:**

Our organization was extremely fortunate to receive a generous donation this year from a very nice family who wishes to remain anonymous. It was made in honor of Lisa Holderby, our Public Relations Director, so our organization can continue to do the work we have been doing. With this economy so bad it is difficult for any organization to continue their great work, so our board members have again decided to help an equine rescue that we have had a working relationship with in many different capacities over the years. Helping Hearts Equine Rescue, Perrineville, NJ, Lisa Post-President, [www.hher.webs.com](http://www.hher.webs.com).



### **Wild Horse and Burro Adoptions 2014:**

Currently the only adoptions scheduled so far for the North East in 2014 are being held in:

Archdale, North Carolina at the Triad Livestock Arena, 5320 Poole Road, Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Springfield, Ohio at the Champions Center, 4122 Laybourne Road, Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>

North East Region 2 Directors Megan Print and Cliff Crawl will be working and volunteering at the BLM Wild Horse and Burro adoption, Fri. April 25<sup>th</sup> and Sat.

April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Champions Center in Springfield Ohio. Come meet the Mustangs, chat with the BLM and the USWHBA and find out why "America's Living Legends" are the best kept secret in the equine world

Ewing, Illinois. BLM Wild Horse Facility. 22295 Sheep Farm Rd. Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Lorton, Virginia June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Come meet the Mustangs, chat with the BLM and the USWHBA. At present, the venue for this adoption has not been released. Please check our Web-site for updates.

[http://www.uswhba.org/blm\\_adoptions\\_adopters\\_requirements](http://www.uswhba.org/blm_adoptions_adopters_requirements)

Ewing, Illinois. BLM Wild Horse Facility. 22295 Sheep Farm Rd. Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

To view the BLM National adoption schedule for the Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro Program go to

[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/whbprogram/adoption\\_program/schedule.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/whbprogram/adoption_program/schedule.html)



### **Mustang Spotlight Page:**

Meet our latest Stars Gene and his Mustang Duke from New York on our Mustang Spotlight Page. To read their story, go to [http://www.uswhba.org/mustang\\_spotlight](http://www.uswhba.org/mustang_spotlight)

If you and your Mustang or Burro would like to be on the "Mustang Spotlight Page" contact Michael Yodice at [secretary@uswhba.org](mailto:secretary@uswhba.org)



### **End of Year Awards:**

We have been asked to do End of Year points awards for members. This is something we have never done, but our directors feel this would be a great way to reward members every year. We would like to get some feed back from our readers on what disciplines you are all participating in, and what events you compete in. We know we can't have awards for everything, so some may have to be grouped together. Some of the categories we would do are Dressage, Hunter/Jumpers, Barrel Racing, and Reining. We would also have one for Driving, as well as Endurance and a Distance riding and one for Mounted Shooting, etc. So please send me suggestions and information about the events that you participate in to help us come up with the awards categories. Your input will be greatly appreciated. Send requests, suggestions, and information to Robin Rivello at [president@uswhba.org](mailto:president@uswhba.org) . Write End of Year Points in the subject line of your e-mail.



### **This years Available horses:**

Visit our Mustangs available page at [http://www.uswhba.org/mustangs\\_available](http://www.uswhba.org/mustangs_available)

America, Stormy, Geronimo, and Nick.