



The USWHBA "Pony Express"

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Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the US Wild Horse and Burro Association news letter. We have been very busy and the organization is steaming along. Here is what we have been doing, and what we are planning for the future.

◆◆ ***Saturday September 26th. is "National Adoption Day".***

The Bureau of Land Management hopes to place 1,000 Mustangs and Burros into private care at adoptions being held around the country. The USWHBA will be part of this event by participating in an adoption at ***Ricks Saddle Shop Equestrian Super Store***, 282 Rt. 539, in Cream Ridge New Jersey (609) 758-7267. At the time of this writing, we anticipate at least six gentled mustangs will be available for adoption. Please go to the "Ricks Adoption" page on our Web-site, http://www.uswhba.org/ricks_mustang_adoption for updates and pictures of the Mustangs that will be available for adoption. Thank you to Purina Mills for donating 5 bags of feed to the adopters of each Mustang. To visit Ricks Saddle Shop online go to www.saddlesource.com

◆◆ The USWHBA had a booth at the New Jersey State Fair from July 31st. to August 9th. The fair was held at the Sussex County Fair Grounds in Augusta N.J. This is the same site that a BLM wild horse and burro adoption was held in August 2008. We talked to hundreds of people about our organization, the "Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro" program, and the state of the wild horse and burros. Several previous adopters visited our booth to tell us about the status of their wild ones, and to say how much they are enjoying their mustang or burro. The Bureau of Land Management provided us with posters, pens, pencils, magnets, and trailer hitch covers to give away. We also had USWHBA t-shirts, stickers, Lisa Holderby's book, and wild horse art work to sell for fundraising. We would like to thank the N.J. State Fair Organization Committee and the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce. We hope to be able to return to the fair in 2010. We had a fantastic crew working at the booth and we would like to thank them at this time.

Nicole Bashaw, Dan Turso, Liz Walsh, Ramona Walsh, Grace Hoenigsberg, Jan Firiolo, Bruce Summers, Meghan Young, Pat Young, Karen Wagenhoffer, Treasurer Kim Dore and Lisa Smith from Connecticut, Public Relations Director and author Lisa Holderby, Member At Large Sandy Terp, President Robin Rivello, and Secretary Michael Yodice. Special thanks to USWHBA Editor Sue Gregorio and her husband Joe for opening up their home to our long distance and out of town members. We also thank the Bureau of Land Management's Eastern States Milwaukee Field Office for their time and support.

◆◆ Rutgers University receives 4 Mustangs. On Sunday, August 23rd. 2009, Robin Rivello and Michael Yodice delivered 4 Mustangs from the Cornell University adoption in Ithaca New York, to Dr. Sarah Ralston, VMD PhD, associate professor of animal science at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Dr. Ralston is one of the top equine nutritionists in the country. Her works and studies have been published in many of the foremost equine veterinarian journals, books, and magazines. Dr. Ralston and several of her students travelled to Cornell to see their new horses. Dr. Ralston has a young horse teaching and research program where the students learn to handle the horses while doing nutrition and behavior studies. Robin is teaching the Rutgers students about Mustang behavior and showing them how the process of gentling and training a Mustang progresses. At the end of the year, the Mustangs will be sold at auction to qualified buyers. Here are the Mustangs that will be part of the Rutgers University Class of 2010.

RU Rambling Rose. Yearling Bay Filly from Battle Mountain, Nevada. Freeze brand 08605915.

RU Canella. Yearling Bay Filly born April 2, 2008 in the Reno Nevada holding facility. Freeze brand 08602356.

RU Casanova. Black/Bay Yearling Colt from North Stillwater, Winnemucca, Nevada. Freeze brand 08602375.

RU Marley. Black/Bay Yearling Colt from North Stillwater, Winnemucca, Nevada. Freeze brand 08602455.

You can keep up to date on the progress of the Rutgers University Mustangs on our Web-site at http://www.uswhba.org/rutgers_university_mustangs You can also see them on the Rutgers Web-site at <http://younghorse.rutgers.edu/index.html>

We would like to thank all the people from the Bureau of Land Management who put forth the great effort to get the Rutgers Mustangs to the Cornell University adoption. To say they went “above and beyond” would be an understatement.

Karen Malloy, Sally Spencer, The Pauls Valley Oklahoma holding facility, The Ewing Illinois holding facility, and the staff of the Milwaukee field office. Randy Anderson, Steve Meyer, Gabriele Thompson, Rebecca Chase, and Dave Berg.

◆◆ July 11th. 2009, another adoption was held at the “Red Man Ranch and Arena” in New Freedom Penn. For the second year in a row, Wayne and Cathy Rehmeyer opened their farm for an adoption. Eighteen of the fifty seven Mustangs were adopted as well as several fosters and one returned stallion.

Red Man Ranch hosts many western events, shows, and clinics throughout the year. They also offer riding lessons. Cathy and Wayne run a beautiful facility and we thank them for their support of the “Wild Horse and Burro Program”. You can visit Red Man Ranch at <http://www.redmanranchandarena.com/>

◆◆ We would like to announce the appointment of Lisa Holderby to the position of Public Relations Director for the USWHBA. Lisa has several contacts in the major media outlets, as well as through the publishing house that printed her book “Soleil, A Mustang’s Story”. Lisa has been very active and will be a great asset to the USWHBA. She is looking forward to getting more involved with the organization and its promotion. Lisa can be contacted at pr.director@uswhba.org For more information about Lisa and her books go to www.lisaholderby.com

◆◆ Northeast region 2 directors Megan Print and Cliff Crowl have been having a banner year so far. They have travelled to adoptions in Virginia, Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan, and Illinois. They will be travelling to Indiana in September. They have been responsible for gentling, training, and placing 11 Mustangs into private care so far this year. At the time of this writing, Megan and Cliff were participating in their county fair with a booth. They are really working hard for the Mustangs. We thank them for everything they have done for the organization and the Wild Horse and Burro Program. Megan Print can be contacted at ne.region2@uswhba.org You can visit Megan and Cliff online at www.cfhrescue.org

◆◆ MOLLY UPDATE. USWHBA massage therapist Lyn Kamer of “The Healing Touch” come to work on Molly August 11th. Lyn did “Raindrop Therapy” consisting of essential oils on her, and then a massage. Molly was much improved after the initial therapy. Lyn returned again on August 17th and did an abbreviated “Raindrop Therapy”, and another massage. Dr. Kathy Lackey also came out on the evening of August 17th to check her back, and did a Chiropractic adjustment on her. Molly’s condition is due to an injury and not a congenital defect. Her hips were off by 3 inches and her back was tight on the right side due to the hips being out of alignment, which was causing her back to hump. She is doing great, and has had her feet trimmed to help keep the alignment.

Molly will be rideable, but she may never be a top performer. She may have a slight bump in her back, but will be quite suitable for any type of riding. Molly is very sweet, and tough considering all that she has been through. She will still need to be massaged and adjusted at least every 3-4 months for the next year, and possibly 1-3 times for the next year or so after that. She is just a year old now, and to keep her back going in the right direction through her most critical growth years this will be a necessary treatment. She is going to be a large horse, and is quite a nice mover with great confirmation. We thank Lyn and Dr. Lackey for their time and effort with Molly.

◆◆ ASPEN UPDATE. Aspen. 2 yr. old colt adopted May 2, 2009 at the Rick’s Saddle Shop, Cream Ridge, N.J. adoption. The adopters needed to geld him, but he was a double crypt, which means that both of his testicles were up in his abdomen. The adopters could not afford the whole amount, and they did not want to have to return him to the B.L.M.

The USWHBA found veterinarian Dr. Patty Hogan in Cream Ridge to do the surgery for \$1,000.00. The USWHBA donated \$500.00 to help the adopters. Aspen is doing great. He is under saddle and doing light work. His adopters are very pleased with him and the progress he is making. Thank you Dr. Hogan for helping Aspen. Our funds are now low and we are in need of donations to continue helping the horses and other adopters.

◆◆ On August 22nd. 2009 an adoption was held in Ithaca New York at Cornell University’s Oxley Equestrian Center. 60 Mustangs were available. 47 Mustangs were adopted including many internet adoption pick ups, two returns, and “Sandy”, a 2 yr. old Sorrel filly from Nevada fostered by Robin Rivello. The USWHBA was

represented by Robin Rivello, Michael Yodice, Kim Dore, Nicole Bashaw, and Dan Turso. We would like to thank Oxley Equestrian Center director Virginia Grove, her staff, and the students. They did a fantastic job and we look forward to working with them again.

◆◆ Halloween is right around the corner and that means it's time for Windsor Farms Pumpkin Festival and Haunted Hay Rides. For the pumpkin festival, Michael Yodice dons his Cherokee Indian Chief outfit and takes on the persona of "Chief Windsor Farm" with his California Mustang Filly "Indigo". Indigo will be wearing her full costume of war paint and feathers as she greets the children in the tractor pulled wagons on their way to the pumpkin patch. Robin Rivello will transform into Washington Irving's classic character, "The Headless Horseman" with pumpkin head in hand chasing the wagons through town on her Wyoming Mustang Mare "Skye". Robins Nevada Mare "Reno" will be the mount of choice for Ichabod Crane. The person or people who will be doing the part of Ichabod Crane will be announced when available. Windsor Farm is located at 1202 Windsor Rd. in West Windsor N.J. For a complete list of activities and schedule of events, go to www.windsorfarmandmarket.com

◆◆ Equine Affaire in Springfield Massachusetts Nov. 12 thru 15. Members and directors of USWHBA will be at Equine Affaire. They will be tending to the "B.L.M. Wild Horse and Burro" booth in the Stroh Building Breed Pavilion as well as participating in the breed demo on Friday, Nov. 13, and in the Youth Demo Pavilion on Saturday, Nov. 14. Mustangs will be in stalls at the booth, and will be rotated so that several horses are available for viewing each day. Mustangs and Burros will be brought by USWHBA members and B.L.M. volunteers. Wild Horse and Burro Specialist Steve Meyer of the B.L.M. Eastern States Milwaukee Field Office will be the Bureau of Land Management representative at Equine Affaire. Steve's Wyoming Gelding "Sam" will also be at Equine Affaire. The hours for Equine Affaire are Thursday Nov. 12 thru Saturday Nov. 14 9:00 am to 7:30 pm, and Sunday Nov. 15 9:00am to 5:00 pm. For a complete schedule of events and directions to Equine Affaire go to <http://www.equineaffaire.com/massachusetts/index.html>

◆◆ 9 year old California Mustang Mare "Sunny", adopted by USWHBA Secretary Michael Yodice in August of 2002, will be residing at "Chestnut Ridge Equestrian Center" in Millstone, New Jersey. Sunny loves dressage and will be part of the lesson program. Sunny won a second place ribbon in her first dressage competition at Chestnut Ridge, skipping training level one, and going right to

training level 2. Chestnut Ridge E.C., under the direction of owners Lisa M. Marie Post (USDF Associate Trainer), and her husband Chris Post, is one of the premier dressage facilities in New Jersey. We are very pleased that Sunny will be part of the Chestnut Ridge family. Lisa has been schooling dressage for all of Robin and Michaels Mustangs, including some of Robin's fosters and trainees, and will continue to do so in the future. You can visit Chestnut Ridge Equestrian Center at www.chestnutridgedressage.com and Helping Hearts Equine Rescue at www.freewebs.com/hher

◆◆ Jan Firriolo adopted Sage, a 2 year old filly from the Augusta, New Jersey adoption in August of 2008. Jan did all the gentling on Sage, but she had recently had surgery on her shoulder and asked if Robin would finish working with her, and start her under saddle. Sage came in November 2008. Robin and Sage worked on leading outside of an enclosure, loading on a trailer, and getting ready for the blacksmith, along with learning to wear a blanket during the winter. Robin began longing, bridling, and saddling Sage. She rode her for the first time at the end of April 2009. Sage was an excellent student, and has just gone on to further her education with Jan's reining trainer. Best wishes to Jan and Sage and Happy Trails!!!

◆◆ Liz Walsh adopted Soleil last year at the Augusta, New Jersey 2008 adoption as well. Soleil was one of Robins foster Mustangs that she brought in from the July 2008 Redman Ranch adoption in PA. Robin gentled and worked with Soleil on basic ground work. Liz continued to work with Soleil on longing, ponying, saddling, and desensitizing games with her during the winter. Liz sent Soleil back to Robin to start her under saddle training. On Sept. 7th 2009, Soleil went home with Liz. Soleil is going onto training as a barrel racer.

◆◆ The USWHBA welcomes Jill Blakeney, our new South East Regional Director. Jill is holding a Mustang Festival in North Carolina October 3rd and 4th. The USWHBA is donating \$50.00 each to Extreme Makeover participants Emily Thomas, Chapin Thomas, and Brock Griffith, to help with the costs of getting their mustangs to the Makeover.

The Goals of the Festival are:

“Promote wild mustangs as versatile companion and riding horse. Allow current owners to celebrate and show off their adopted mustangs. Share success stories and training approaches. Promote camaraderie among mustang owners”.

There will be a clinic Saturday morning with displays and events for the kids. There will be a show Saturday afternoon, and BBQ Sat evening. An all breed trail ride scheduled for Sunday morning.

Come join us for the Adopted Wild Mustang Festival on October 3rd in Pittsboro, North Carolina. We'll start the morning off with clinics with Jimmy Thomas and Brock Griffith. They'll be more than happy to help you with you mustang. At noon we'll have the only 3 trainers selected from NC show off their Extreme Mustang Makeover mounts. This will be followed by a fun horse show. On Sunday October 4th, we're having an all breed trail ride. Come on out for the ride! The event is being held at

The Bar T, 730 Pete Thomas Rd, Pittsboro, NC 27312
Call 919-428-3209 for additional info.

You can contact Jill Blakeney at se.region@uswhba.org

You can check out the festival details at www.adoptedwildmustangfestival.com.

◆◆ Gemstone Enterprises, Equestrian Prints, Art and Sculpture has graciously offered to donate 50% of all proceeds from sales when you order, and put "USWHBA" in the referral code. Gemstone Enterprises has already donated some smaller prints for us to sell for the organization, and brought us some larger prints to sell at the NJ State Fair. Please visit their web site at www.gemstone-enterprises.com
Thank you very much Gemstone Enterprises for your support!
*Remember to put USWHBA in the referral code when ordering. As a side note to this, we received a business donation for \$50.00 from Freedom for Wild Horses in CA. One the photographers featured on Gemstones site, Kimberly Curly, takes most of her photos on a wild horse sanctuary that Freedom for Wild Horses also supports.

◆◆ Ann and Winnie update. Unfortunately, Ann and Winnie the Mustang were not able to complete their cross country journey on foot from Massachusetts to California. Winnie was experiencing some lameness issues which forced them to finish their trek by truck and trailer. We applaud their effort, and wish them the best of luck at their new home in California. To visit Ann and Winnie online go to <http://www.walkingwithwinnie.com/>

◆◆ Robin would like to thank her working students for helping out all this summer. She had a lot of fosters and other horses to train, and

without their help she would not have been able to get it all accomplished. Thank you to Becky, Heather, Kelsey, Kristen, Emily, Christopher, Vicky, Adam, and the friends and family who you brought to help with all the cleaning as well.

◆◆ We would like to thank everyone who has become a member of the USWHBA, and registered their animals. Many thanks also to everyone who has made a contribution to our organization.

◆◆ We are happy to announce that all the items on our online store are now discounted for members. We are also in the process of getting discounts for travel, hotels, airfare, and rental cars for USWHBA members.

◆◆ To our recent news letter subscribers. All past issues of the “Pony Express” are archived at the bottom of the http://www.uswhba.org/pony_express_news_letter page on our Web-site.

Thank you from the members and directors of the USWHBA.