



“THE USWHBA PONY EXPRESS”

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Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the USWHBA news letter. We have lots of news to share!

The USWHBA has received our letter of recognition from the IRS approving our application for non profit status as a 501 (C) (3) tax exempt organization. Our letter of approval was stamped May 21st. 2009, and is retroactive to January 23rd. 2009, which was the date of our Incorporation. We would like to thank the following people for all the hard work and effort they put forth to make this happen in such a timely manner. Q.T. Pollard of Q-Tax financial services in Atlanta, Georgia. The employees of the “Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro Program” from the Bureau of Land Management’s Milwaukee Field Office, Scott Swanson of the Dept. of the Interior. At the time of the USWHBA inception, Scott was working for the BLM External Affairs Office of the “Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro Program”.

KUDOS

First, some very special “Thank You’s” to the following people for their dedication and commitment, without their untiring efforts the USWHBA would not have happened:

- USWHBA President Robin Rivello, and Secretary Michael Yodice for all the late nights spent drafting the by laws, policy manual, and filling out the countless applications and paperwork required by the State of New Jersey and the IRS.
- Thanks to our Treasurer Kim Dore and our Vice President Hans Shull. Kim and Hans spent many late nights on the telephone, and countless hours pounding the pavement getting our organization up and running.
- Thanks to our North East Region 2 Directors Megan Print and Cliff Crowl from Ohio. They took a chance putting their eggs in our basket. These two talented trainers have traveled great distances to adoptions to foster Mustangs and promote our organization. At this time they are training a Palomino Mustang mare for BLM employee Emma Reinhart from the Jackson, Mississippi field office.

- AN EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to Rick's Saddle Shop in Cream Ridge, N.J. for hosting the FIRST EVER BLM "Gentled Mustang Mini Adoption". The adoption was a huge success!
- Thanks to the Hunterdon County, N.J. Chamber of Commerce and the New Jersey Horse Expo.
- Thanks to singer and song writer Mike Goroll. Mike has written the song "Run with the Mustangs", and has given us permission to use it as our official song!
- Thank you to Laila and Robin Caune for their generous donation to our organization.
- Thank you to Joann Shull for your generous donation to the Aspen fund.
- Thank you Dr. Hogan for your very generous fee for gelding Aspen.
- Thanks to Vinnie and Donna Minelli for the trailer load of hay they donated to us.
- Thanks to our USWHBA Equine Dentist, Michael Mullin, who graciously donates his services to our fostered mustangs.
- Thanks to Reid Totten, USWHBA trainer and farrier for his time and effort.
- Thanks to Lyn Kamer USWHBA Equine Massage Therapist.
- And thanks to our Editor and USWHBA member Sue Gregorio. She keeps me from babbling!

Other Exciting News:

MUSTANGS ATTENDED UNIVERSITY! This year, Dr. Sarah Ralston, VMD PhD, associate professor of animal science at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, will be assisted by Robin Rivello with an equine nutrition study. Dr. Ralston has a young horse teaching and research program where the students learn to handle the horses while doing nutrition and behavior studies. Dr. Ralston will travel to one of the Mustang holding facilities to pick out four "3 strikes" yearling horses for her program. Robin will be assisting Dr. Ralston and her students to gentle and train their Mustangs so the horses will be safe to handle for the program. When the program is complete, the Mustangs will be offered for sale.

Robin and Dr. Ralston have been friends for over 20 years, as well as fellow competitors in distance and endurance competitions with the New Jersey Trail Ride Association (NJTRA), and the Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association (ECTRA).

RICK'S SADDLE SHOP COMES THROUGH YET AGAIN!

Saturday September 26, 2009 is "National Mustang Adoption Day". Once again Rick's Saddle Shop in Cream Ridge New Jersey will be hosting another "Mini Adoption" The USWHBA trainers will be gentling horses for this event. At this time we are not sure of the number of Mustangs that will be available for this adoption. Further details will be posted on our Web Sites "Rick's Adoption" page when they become available!

WE ARE ON THE MOVE AGAIN!

The USWHBA will be at the Washington Township, Warren County N.J. Tractor Supply Store for a "Mustang Meet and Greet" Saturday, June 27th. From 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Our Northeast Representatives Megan Print and Cliff Crawl will also be hosting a "Mustang Meet and Greet" at the Tractor Supply Store in Bowling Green, Ohio. From 9:00a.m. till 3:00p.m.

See our "Schedule of Events" page for all upcoming events.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

One of our members who adopted a 2 year old stud colt from the May adoption at Rick's in Cream Ridge is in need of our assistance. The colt that was adopted, Aspen, is a "double crypt", which means that both of his testicles are up inside his abdomen and have not distended. Unfortunately, in order to geld this colt it will require major surgery. The adopters really love this horse and he is making great progress in his training, but they are short on the funds for the surgery. They really did not want to return the colt to the BLM! We found a vet who has graciously offered to do the surgery for \$1,000.00 and the USWHBA is donating \$500.00 toward the cost. To Read "Aspens Story" please visit our home page on www.uswhba.org.

The USWHBA is asking members and friends for assistance by making donations to the USWHBA, and designating "Aspen Fund" on your check. One of the principles of the USWHBA is providing a "care fund" for fostered, returned, or repossessed horses. Remember, every little bit helps!

NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR BOOTH

Due to the success of the BLM Wild Horse and Burro adoption held at the Sussex County Fair Grounds in Augusta, N.J. in August of 2008, the organizers of the New Jersey State Fair have asked us to put up a display booth at the fair this year. The fair is being held from Friday, July 31st. to Sunday, August 9th. We have not committed to this event yet because the booth has to be manned every day from opening to closing (10:00a.m.-10:00p.m.). We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to man a booth for a day or two. Perhaps half days at the booth, the other half exploring the Fair. Thousands of people pass through the gates – what an opportunity for phenomenal free promotion and exposure! But we need enough people in order to make this a reality! If you can spare some time, please email Robin Rivello at president@uswhba.org , or call her at 732-742-5044.

ONLINE STORE

The USWHBA Online Store is up and running. Check out the great stuff we have for sale. The link can be found at the bottom of the list on the left side of the USWHBA home page. At this time there are T-Shirts, vinyl graphics, and stickers available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the organization.

SHARE YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS

Our web site is now featuring a “Monthly Spotlight” page for past adopters to share what they are doing with their Mustangs and Burros. This is the place to brag about your buddies and their accomplishments! Please send photos of you and your animals with a brief write up to Michael Yodice secretary@uswhba.org

MUSTANGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

We have gentled Mustangs available for adoption and some titled mustangs for sale. See our web site’s “Mustangs Available for Adoption” page.

USWHBA CLASSIFIED ADS PAGE

We are now offering a classified ads page. The cost is \$5.00 a month per ad for members and \$10.00 a month per ad for non-members. All proceeds go to our care fund. Please visit our web site for instructions to post ads.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST!

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER!

The Members and Directors of the US Wild Horse and Burro Association.