

Wild and Free

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Long hours, low pay, high reward
- New position
- Conserve the land
- Wild horse in training

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What Does the Herd Manager Do?

When we arrived as the first full-time staff in 2006, records on the wild horse herd were few and far between. Other than pet names given to a few, often seen horses, by tour guides and residents, there were no up-to-date or in-depth records on individual horses, harems, health issues, habitats, or herd numbers. We basically started from zero. Actual day-to-day management of the Corolla herd did not begin until late 2006 with the hiring of a full-time herd manager and an executive director who both had extensive horse backgrounds.

- The first order of business was establishing a baseline study of the herd's genetic health. This involved the collection of DNA samples via remotely delivered dart. (Both CWHF Herd Managers have undergone the required intensive training to qualify them to safely use the necessary equipment. Accurate records must be kept on all horses that are darted. Training was done on-site in Corolla and at Zoo Montana – all under the auspices of the Humane Society of the United States and Dr. Philip Sponenberg).
- Field work and herd monitoring occur almost daily, covering thousands of acres. A detailed record keeping system has been developed. Records are kept on individual

horses as well as individual harems.

- Habitats have been defined, mapped, and correlated with harems and individuals.
- Vegetation within each habitat is being identified and studied.
- Water, soil and plant samples are collected and tested.
- Critical habitat is being defined for future conservation and pasture management.
- The annual aerial herd count can now be correlated with field data.
- Horses with life threatening injuries or illnesses are captured and treated using passive capture methods. Because they cannot be returned to the wild, they must be gentled and trained for life as a domestic horse. This requires several months of effort per horse.
- Thirty six wild horses have been domesticated and placed in loving adoptive homes since 2006.
- Injured horses are treated in their habitat whenever possible and appropriate.
- Rescuing very young foals requires bottle feeding every two hours. The herd manager sometimes sleeps in his truck between feedings in order to accomplish this.
- Staff are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to respond to emergencies.
- Deceased horses are taken to Raleigh, NC (four and a half hour drive) for necropsy to determine

the cause of death and for data collection.

- Barrier fences and gates must be constantly checked for breeches and repaired (including ocean cabling) and replaced. Thousands of visitors are educated about the wild horses by the herd manager either on the beach and behind the dunes, in the Wild Horse Museum, on a Trip of a Lifetime, or at an off-site event.

This is the “condensed” version. Being the herd manager for CWHF also means long hours for low pay. It means being **completely and totally committed** to the well-being and long-term survival of the herd. It means your cell phone ringing at all hours of the day, night, and weekends. It means explaining to your spouse why you will be: late for dinner (again); have to change your vacation day; can't go away for the weekend; etc. It means wearing snake boots and hoping that they are high enough and thick enough. It means caring so much that it makes your heart hurt. It is all of the above – and then some.



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Welcome Amber

On June 29, CWHF welcomed Amber George as our first Program Coordinator. Amber is originally from Texas but moved to OBX from Athens, GA.

Amber's background includes vet technician, legal assistant and horse farm manager. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communications.

With Amber's help we look forward to new programs that will help CWHF to continue to grow and fulfill our mission to protect the wild horses.



The Freedom Fund

The North Beach is the last stand for the wild horses. They are as far north as they can go. 70% of the land they roam is privately owned and subject to development. If we are to preserve the land, we must own it and place it in permanent conservation easements.



The Corolla Wild Horse Fund is pleased to announce the creation of the **Freedom Fund**. This fund will be used to leverage grant dollars for land acquisition.

In addition, land owners can donate land and deduct the fair market value from their taxes.

If you would like more information on how you can contribute to the **Freedom Fund** or on land donation, please contact CWHF Executive Director, Karen McCalpin, at 252-453-8002.

NEEDS LIST

DONATED
LAND IN THE
NORTH
BEACH

HAY

LUMBER

LOUNGE WHIP

LOUNGE LINE

LONG LINES

SURCINGLE

HARNESS

SNAFFLE BITS

HEAD STALLS

TOW STRAP

WESTERN
SADDLE PAD

VISA CARDS
FOR GAS

WESTERN
SADDLE FOR A
SMALL HORSE

BOSAL

Kindness . . .

♥ Rich Brown for making the initial contribution to the Freedom Fund ♥ Nicole Castro for choosing the wild horses as her high school graduation project and raising two hundred dollars at horse shows in the Greensboro, NC area. She and her family drove all the way to Corolla to present it. (And she got a 99% on her project) ♥ Kimberlee Hoey for single-handedly saving a drowning mare ♥ Todd Zeisloft for helping with a recent major fence repair ♥ Seven year old Tressa Wyatt for sending a portion of her allowance to help the horses ♥ John Wilson for his hospitality at Island Farm and his interest in placing a horse awaiting adoption on the farm in Manteo ♥ Wrangler Farms for adopting Esperanza ♥ Sally Baron for writing the music for our new song about the horses ♥ Member Mary Harper for

sending us two equine first aid kits ♥ Twiddy and Company for an interpretive sign for the Schoolhouse ♥ Corolla Barbeque for free end of the season ice cream ♥ Todd Zeisloft and Patricia Hinkle for assisting with the rescue of Rainbow. ♥ Mary Riley for faithfully collecting our donation jar money ♥ Amber George for bringing candy to the office regularly! ♥ Mike McCalpin for living in college apartments for 4 years while his wife works for CWHF ♥ Steve Edwards for setting up an on-line training course and donating proceeds to CWHF ♥ Barbara Neighbors for fundraising ♥ Mary DiDario for selling our books at the Eden Day Spa ♥ Barbara Burke for volunteering in the store ♥ All our dedicated Sanctuary Patrol Officers.

Members Joining or Renewing January through March

Charter Members - \$500

or more

David Hafner, Front Royal, PA

Dean & Wendy Richard, Smithfield, VA

Mustang Protector - \$250 - \$500

Joyce Breiner Moyock, NC
Mike & Robin Carter, Cleveland SC

Aaron Dodez, Marina Del Rey, CA

Doug & Karen Duffy, Fargo, ND

John & Judy Dzimiera, Salisbury, MD

Frank Gower, Deland, FL

Joy Hoffman, Eastlake, OH

Kimberly Kelly, Harleysville, PA

Patricia McGlone, Newton, PA

Mike & Linda Moad, San Antonio, TX

William Vadnais, Fairfax, VA

Jean Weaver, Herndon, VA

Keith & Kelli Wehmann, Forked River, NJ

Connie Wensell, Lebanon, PA

Jerry & Kathy Yoder, Fort Wayne, IN

Mustang Defender - \$100 - \$250

Herbert & Annette Aaron, Deville, LA

Edward & Gale Browning, Menton, OH

Michael & Nancy Culham, Potomac, MD

Lugene Gibeault, Murrells Inlet, SC

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Porter Jones, Atlanta, GA

Karen Kranda, Southern Shores, NC

Deborah Loggins, Kernersville, NC

Eileen Penny Mason, Portage, IN

James McClella, Moyock, NC

Paula Rieck, Petaluma, CA

Stephanie Ross, Warminster, PA

Scott Swick, Columbus, OH

Nancy Walker, Southern Shores, NC

Mustang Rescuer - \$75.00

Mark & Jennifer Stuhlreyer, Cincinnati, OH

Mustang Guardian - \$50.00

Marie Brooker, Tryon, NC

Mary Harper, Leesburg, VA

Kandy Kling, Kitty Hawk, NC

Amy Mannino, Danville, PA

John & Linda Melski, Marshfield, WI

Juile Papay, New Hill, NC

Peggy Saporito, Nags Head, NC

Joanne Schoenfeld, Nags Head, NC

James & Patricia Singer, Greensboro, NC

Ada Thomas, Felton, PA

Anita Ulishney, Greensburg, PA

Sofia Weir, Towson, MD

Mustang Advocate - \$25.00

Lanette Anderson, Dunbar, WV

Andrea Barber, Williamsburg, VA

Michael & Cindi Caravati, Doswell, VA

Kathleen Claire, Washington, DC

Michael Culham, Potomac, MD

Sheila Dallas, Canton, MI

Judy Dix, Robinson, IL

Kristopher & Lindsay Key, Greensboro, NC

Bob & Cordy Lavery, Elizabeth City, NC

Caitlin Mader, Oakland, NJ

Liz Marthler, Valley City, ND

Gordon McDonald, Pinellas Park, FL

Paulena Meyer, Poolesville, MD

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Gary & Patricia Miller, Landisville, PA

Donna Ross, Claremont, NC

Steven & Karen Saunders, Norfolk, VA

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Charles, VA

Rebecca Haley, Susquehanna, PA
Deborah McIntyre, Parma Heights, OH

Linda Milka, Gibsonia, PA

Kim Moody, Seagrave, NC

Carol Schnitter, Hopewell Jct, NY

Crissie Toll, Chesapeake, VA

Renewing Members!

Mustang Protector - \$250 - \$500

James & Terry Hayes, Athens, OH

Ann Page, North Hero, VT

Mustang Defender - \$100 - \$250

Greer Gould, Mechanicsville, VA

Anne Kellam, Virginia Beach, VA

Beverly Marshman, Inverness, FL

Carol Sykes, Nags Head, NC

Sheila Tyler, Moyock, NC

Mustang Guardian - \$50.00

Audra Deitz, Mt. Lookout, WV

Melrose Stocks, Winston Salem, NC

Mustang Advocate - \$25.00

Nancy Rhinesmith, Brick, NJ

Ray & Denise Wells, Kitty Hawk, NC

Mustang Supporter - \$15.00

Michelle Smith, Holland, MI

Mustang Friend - \$10.00

Bruce & Barb Hornbrook, Kitty Hawk, NC

In Memory Of:

Penelope Mitchell by Toni Minis
Barbara Dolan Speight by Kristopher & Lindsay Key

In Honor Of:

Nancy Wendt by The Miles, Jacobs & Everingham Families

Gift Members:

Mustang Protector - \$250.00—\$500.00

Dale & Diane Foster, Suffolk, VA,

by Jean Paul Peron

Kim Prunesti, Chesapeake, VA by

Jean Paul Peron

Mustang Guardian - \$50.00

Rene Cooper, Falls Church, VA by

Terry Cooper

Erin Fragetta, Miami Lakes, FL by

James Fragetta

Colton Smyth, Edgewood, NM by

Cheryl Detamore

Mustang Advocate - \$25.00

Alexandria Gray, Boca Raton, FL

by Rita Broadway

Ansley Zeitler, Atlanta, GA by

David Bennett

Mustang Supporter - \$15.00

Owen Gay, Media, PA by Patricia

Marquis

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PA by Colleen O'Toole

Rebecca O'Toole, Ft. Washington,

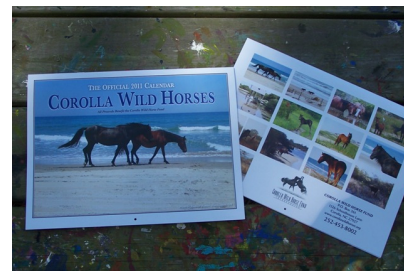
PA by Colleen O'Toole

Mustang Friend - \$10.00

Reilly Rigsby, Ponchatoula, PA

Veronica Rigsby, Ponchatoula, PA

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AMAROSA IN TRAINING

BE A VOICE FOR THE HORSES!

You may remember the rescue of Suerte in August of 2009. He was a two-month old colt then who had ingested something toxic and was literally at death's door. When we rescued him, we had to take his mother as well. He needed her milk just as much as he needed our science.

We named the colt Suerte (Lucky) and the mother Amarosa (Love).

Suerte has grown into a stunning yearling and Amarosa's job of raising him is finished. She is ready to find a forever home. In order to increase her chances of finding one, she needed training. Although Wesley is definitely qualified, his other herd manager duties do not afford him the time needed to invest in training all the horses we have available for adoption. Thanks to Todd Brittain of Morganton, NC, that's exactly what she is getting. Todd has volunteered to train Amarosa and the photos below chronicle her progress. **Thank you Todd!**

Name: _____

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- \$75 Mustang Rescuer**
- \$50 Mustang Guardian**
- \$25 Mustang Advocate**
- \$15 Mustang Supporter**
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