

WILD AND FREE

Please Support the Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act

The Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act is a bill that needs your support to become law. The Act mandates that the Corolla Wild Horse Fund manage the wild herd at the scientifically recommended minimum population of 120 to 130, with periodic introductions of mares from the Shackelford Banks herd to increase diversity.

At issue is the United States Fish & Wildlife Service's continued insistence that the herd size be managed at a maximum of 60. A population this small would accelerate the Corolla herd's spiral into genetic oblivion.

According to one of the nation's leading equine geneticists, a population of 150 is needed to maintain genetic diversity in a wild herd.

Visit our website to learn more, and find out how you can help support the bill by contacting your senators.

Meet Sergio

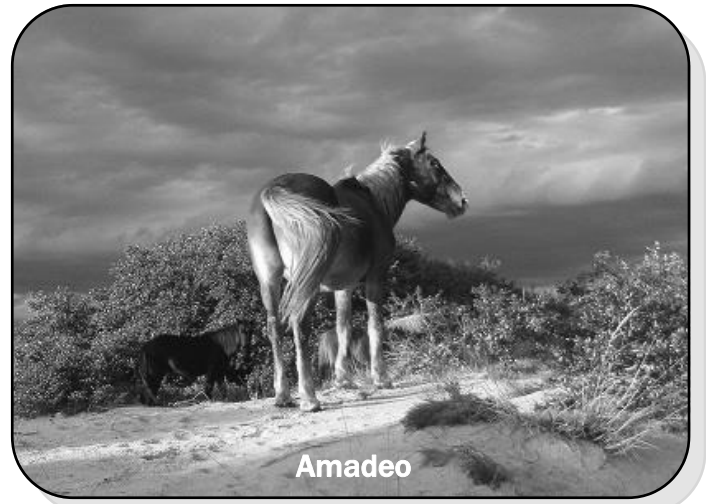


Sergio

Sergio was the second new foal of the spring!

AMADEO RESCUED FROM THE SEA

Amadeo, a Spanish name meaning "blessed by God" is what we named our most recent rescue. This gorgeous chestnut stallion with a flaxen mane and tail was just that, blessed by God on the night of his rescue. Already missing his right eye as a result of a previous battle with a rival stallion, Amadeo sustained a serious injury to his remaining eye during a ferocious battle with a much younger and more aggressive stallion. Now blinded and disoriented, Amadeo ran directly into the ocean seeking escape. Winds were 30 miles an hour that evening and the sea was incredibly rough. Amadeo was swept away in a rip current. A resident who witnessed it all called 911 as she watched Amadeo disappear under the waves and then resurface as he fought for his life. Amadeo was pulled



Amadeo

Photo by Charles G. Hornfeck

about a mile and a half south when hit a sand bar. He was able to regain his footing and, guided by our Herd Manager, Corolla Ocean Rescue moved him to shore and our waiting horse trailer. After three visits from our veterinarian and loving care given by CWHF staff, Amadeo has survived - but his vision has not. Although his eye

now looks normal, his vision is very poor. We will need to keep this horse under our care and observation. Membership dollars and other donations help us rescue horses like Amadeo and fulfill our mission to protect and conserve the wild horses and to provide continued care for horses like Amadeo.

Adopt Me! Did you know that several gentled Colonial Spanish Mustangs are available for adoption through the Corolla Wild Horse Fund? This is Rico. Rico was removed from the wild in 2012 because he had a fractured bone in his lower leg. Through attentive care and monitoring by the Corolla Wild Horse Fund, Rico's injury healed, and as of December 6th, 2012, Rico was declared to be in good health! Rico will make a great companion horse or light riding horse for small adults and children. Membership dollars help us help wild horses like Rico! Please renew today!



Rico

Full Time Staff

Karen McCalpin
Executive Director

Susan Mathews
Director of Operations

Mark Olson
Director of Education

April Hudson
Assistant Herd Manager



Seasonal Staff

Alice Bradley
Retail Manager - Corolla

Don Bradley
Educator

Betsy Henkel
Retail Manager - Duck

Judy Klein
Retail Support - Duck

Bill Henkel
Retail Support - Duck

Kristyn Dudley
Sanctuary Patrol Officer

Lauren Nelson
Sanctuary Patrol Officer

Don Sowder
Sanctuary Patrol Officer

Roy Hamilton
Sanctuary Patrol Officer

Nathan Large
Sanctuary Patrol Officer

Victoria Moore
Program Assistant

Kyla Goodwin
Program Assistant

Fast Facts: 2013 Summer/Fall

102

Corolla Spanish mustangs in the wild herd. Official count of September, 2013.

500

Ideal wild herd population. Minimum 120-130.

7

Foals born this spring—six colts and one filly.

1

Foal euthanized because of severe birth defects.

17

Emergency responses in August made by Corolla Wild Horse Fund.

1000 and Counting

Post cards signed by visitors and sent to Senator Kay Hagan (NC), urging her to support the Corolla Wild Horse Fund Act.

7544

Total acreage accessible to the wild horses. The area is not a dedicated horse sanctuary. Nearly 70% of the land is privately owned.

100 and Counting

Permanent residents in Corova, one of three developments expanding into the wild herd's territory. There are 3,150 platted lots north of Corolla.

3

Adoptions this summer! Flicka, Maria, and Carlos have found forever families!

7

Rescued mustangs available for adoption. Visit our website for more information.

\$26.50

Allowance money saved and donated by six year old, Hayden, our youngest member.

12,865

Likes on Facebook! Join the club!

10

Wild horse tour companies permitted by local ordinance.

1

Non-profit organization offering wild horse tours and returning proceeds to education, herd management, protection, and rescue. (That's us!)