

WILD AND FREE

CWHF INVITED TO TUFTS UNIVERSITY CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

By Mark Olson
Director of Education

What happens to the wild horses after you rescue them?

A fourth grader asked this insightful question when I gave a presentation at a local elementary school. I had just described to the class how the Corolla Wild Horse Fund rescues wild horses when they are sick or injured and how we do everything we can to bring them back to good health. After rescue, we gentle and train them, and most rescued horses will be saddle trained.

The young student was thinking ahead, and her question gave me the opportunity to discuss a program about which we are very proud—our adoption program, overseen by Executive Director, Karen McCalpin.

Why are we so proud of this program? Since our inception, the Fund has found adoptive *Forever Families* for over 60 horses. Our success rate is extremely high because



McCalpin's application and interview process is thorough.

"Before a horse leaves our care, we need to be certain that adoptive families are experienced horse people with everything in place—facilities, resources, and access to veterinary care," McCalpin said. "Colonial Spanish Mustangs are a critically endangered

breed, and they are the State Horse of North Carolina. They are a direct link to early American history. Adopting a Colonial Spanish Mustang into your family—this is a significant event."

Adding to our pride, Tufts University invited McCalpin to represent the CWHF at the *2014 Wild Horse Adoption Conference*. The success and reputation of our adoption program had drawn the attention of a Tufts Adjunct Professor who conducted a research study of our program, the title of which is "The Corolla Wild Horse Fund — A Success Story." The conference was held in spring.

The picture shows Mr. Steve Edwards riding Trade Wind, the Colonial Spanish Mustang he adopted in 2008. Mr. Edwards is an author, prosecutor, horse trainer, youth advocate, and a CWHF board member. The strength, athleticism, and calm disposition of Colonial Spanish Mustangs makes them ideal horses for all riders.

The Mission of the Corolla Wild Horse Fund is to protect, preserve, and responsibly manage the herd of wild Colonial Spanish Mustangs roaming freely on the northernmost Currituck Outer Banks, and to promote the continued preservation of this land as a permanent sanctuary for horses designated as the State Horse and defined as a cultural treasure by the state Horse of North Carolina.

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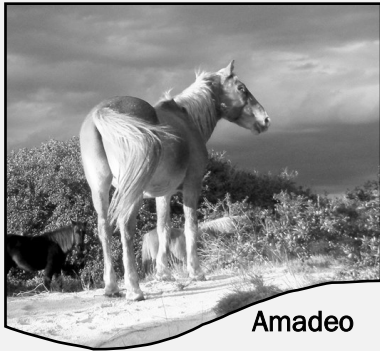
Visit our website for details: corollawildhorses.com

Paint a Mustang in Corolla! Paint a wooden mustang in Old Corolla Village on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** through Labor Day. When you paint a mustang, you help save the wild horses because all proceeds go to support the mission of the Corolla Wild Horse Fund. 9:30am to 12:30pm. (\$5 - \$35)

Meet a Mustang in Old Corolla Village! Come and pet a real, formerly wild, Colonial Spanish Mustang on **Fridays** in Corolla. From 10:30am-1:00pm. Learn about the Corolla Wild Horse Fund. Donations accepted. Check our website to confirm.

Ride a Mustang in Duck! Ride a gentled and trained Colonial Spanish Mustang (North Carolina's State Horse). **Wednesdays** at Scarborough Faire Shopping Center in Duck. 2pm-5pm. (\$6).

HEADLINES



Amadeo

2015 CWHF CALENDAR TO BE RELEASED IN SPRING – The cover of the 2015 calendar is a portrait of Amadeo in the wild, shortly before his rescue in May of 2013. Amadeo is a blind stallion under the care of CWHF. Calendars will be available online and in our stores in Duck and Corolla.

WILD HORSES IN NEW MEXICO NEED OUR HELP, TOO – CWHF Director Karen McCalpin was invited to New Mexico to consult with communities about preservation of and management of their wild horses. She visited New Mexico in April.

BOARD MEMBER, MIKE DIANNA, DONS DRESS TO SUPPORT CWHF – Complete with full beard, CWHF board member Mike Dianna competed in the “Womanless Beauty Pageant” to support his charity of choice, The Corolla Wild Horse Fund. Thank you, Mike! Now *that’s* dedication!

MUSTANG MUSIC FESTIVAL SUPPORTS CWHF – Every year, the Mustang Music Festival brings great music, savory food, and hundreds of people to Corolla. A percentage of all event proceeds are donated to the Corolla Wild Horse Fund and our mission. This year, the Mustang Spring Jam will be Sunday, May 18, and the larger fall festival will be October 10-11. Visit the website for details!

mustangmusicfestival.com

Fast Facts: Spring 2014

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103	The CWHF Herd Management Plan includes an annual aerial count of the wild herd. 102 was the official population in September of 2013. The late birth of Eugenio in November brought the count to 103. The February deaths of Fortunato, who died of a weak heart, and of Ramona, whose cause of death was severe colic, brings the population to 101.
101	107 wild Colonial Spanish Mustangs live on Shackelford Banks. That herd is managed by the National Park Service. Shackelford Banks is an island in the chain of Outer Banks about 230 miles south of Corolla. The Corolla herd lives on a mix of public and private land, and it is managed by the not-for-profit Corolla Wild Horse Fund.
107	Zero is the number of Colonial Spanish Mustangs living in Spain today. The breed is extinct in Spain. As CWHF works to protect the threatened herd of Corolla, it is important to remember their limited numbers.
0	Critical – The Livestock Conservancy has defined the Colonial Spanish Mustang as a critically threatened, priority equine breed. The Conservancy considers a breed “critical” if there are fewer than 200 annual registrations in the United States and an estimated global population of less than 2000.
2000	In May of 1926, National Geographic reported between 5,000 and 6,000 wild Colonial Spanish Mustangs living on the Outer Banks. Today, the combined population of the Shackelford Banks herd and the Corolla herd is barely over 200.
5,000-6,000	Number of days so far in 2014 that Executive Director Karen McCalpin was in Washington DC to support the <i>Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act</i> .
3	Amount of federal funding requested in the <i>Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act</i> .
\$0	Number of times the <i>Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act</i> has passed the U.S. House of Representatives (in 2012 and 2013). To become law, it also needs to pass the U.S. Senate. Please urge your U.S. senators to support HR126. Learn more on our website.
2	Year the Colonial Spanish Mustang became the State Horse of North Carolina. The unified voices of elementary school children were vitally important to this legislation!
2010	Followers on Facebook! CWHF posts weekly updates on Facebook—it’s a great way to stay in touch with us. Join the club!
17,500	Number of current CWHF members! If you are a member, <u>Thank you for your support!</u> Our memberships program provides vital support to the CWHF mission and our programs. It has never been easier to join online, and the CWHF now offers sustaining memberships, which divide annual membership donations into automated monthly gifts. Membership levels start at \$10/year, and Charter Memberships come with a donation of \$500 or more. Please visit our website for more information. Join today!
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