

The Corolla Wild Horse Fund

A Registered 501 (c) (3) Not-for-Profit Charity

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WILD AND FREE

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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CWHF WELCOMES NEW HERD MANAGER CHRISTINA BOUCHER-REYNOLDS

In May of 2014, the Corolla Wild Horse Fund welcomed Christina Boucher-Reynolds to its dedicated full-time staff. She is the new herd manager and will oversee the CWHF herd management plan, horse rescue and rehabilitation, and the adoption program.

Raised in central North Carolina, where she first became active in the horse world as a young girl, Christina brings with her a lifetime of horse experience.

She and her family successfully competed at the local, state and national level for many years on horses that were trained by Christina, her mother and her younger brother.

At the age of sixteen, Christina was the youngest recipient of the *Order of the Equinus Lifetime Achievement Program*, and she received the *Superior*



Versatility Award the same year. Christina continued her involvement in the equine industry throughout college, representing NC State on the western riding team and the dressage team, and managing a local feed and supply store.

She completed her bachelor's degree in Animal Science with concentrations in nutrition and agricultural business management. She graduated a semester early and began to

work as a feed specialist with a large agricultural cooperative. Christina didn't stop studying after college. She completed the continuing education requirements to become a registered Professional Animal Scientist through the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists, and she is certified in three separate areas: equine, beef cattle, and nutrient management.

In her first weeks with CWHF, Christina didn't spare a minute. She assisted with the rescue of a wild foal, and she rolled up her sleeves to help with repairs to the barn and fencing at the CWHF rehabilitation facility.

Christina and her husband live with their two dogs, cat, mule, and assorted horses. She is excited to bring her knowledge in nutrition, genetics, and horse training to the CWHF to help support their mission.

SUMMER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES IN FULL SWING!



Visit our website to confirm times and details.

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

Meet a Mustang in Old Corolla Village! Come and pet a real Colonial Spanish Mustang on Fridays in Corolla. 10:30am-1:00pm, every Friday Through Thanksgiving weekend, weather permitting. Donations accepted.

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. 2:00pm-5:00pm. (\$6). Through September 10, weather permitting.

BRIEFS



MUSTANG MUSIC FESTIVAL SUPPORTS THE COROLLA WILD HORSE FUND – Every year, the Mustang Music Festival brings great music, savory food, and hundreds of people to Corolla to benefit one of the region’s most sacred resources, the wild Colonial Spanish Mustangs. A percentage of all event proceeds are donated to the Corolla Wild Horse Fund.

This vision still holds true as the mission of the Mustang Music Festival, founded in 2010, enters its fourth year this October 10&11. The Fest, having outgrown its former home at Mike Dianna’s Grill Room, will be making the move to The Whalehead in Historic Corolla, North Carolina. The one-of-a-kind venue will offer more space for additional patrons, added event elements and much more!

To learn about this year’s great line-up of performers and get your tickets, please visit MMF’s website:

mustangmusicfestival.com

2015 CWHF CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

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 the CWHF. Calendars are available online and in our stores in Duck and Corolla. Order yours, today!

Fast Facts: Summer 2014

by Mark Olson, Director of Education

101

OFFICIAL HERD COUNT: Once every year, the CWHF herd manager flies by helicopter over 7,544 acres of wild horse territory to establish the official herd count. The count is then adjusted when foals are born, when horses are rescued for veterinary care, and when deaths are observed. On July 1, 2014, the Official Herd Count was 101.

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In May of 2014, one foal was born with contracted tendons that impeded his ability to walk and develop normally. The Corolla Wild Horse Fund rescued him to provide veterinary care. The foal, aptly named Vivo because of his spirit and energy, recovered fully within two weeks. His sweet and gentle mother, Mimosa, was removed with him. Both horses will be available for adoption through the Corolla Wild Horse Fund.

110-130

The Corolla Wild Horse Fund’s *Herd Management Plan* supports a target population range of 110-130 horses. Population is managed by darting mares with a temporary and reversible contraceptive called PZP.

107

107 wild Colonial Spanish Mustangs also live on Shackleford Banks. That herd is managed by the National Park Service. Shackleford Banks is an island in the chain of Outer Banks, 230 miles south of Corolla.

2000

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.

500

Years

The Colonial Spanish Mustangs of Corolla have lived here for nearly 500 years! In the 1520’s, the Spaniard Lucas Vasques de Ayllon, sent three expeditions to the coast of what is now the Carolinas. The expeditions brought with them men, women, slaves, Franciscan friars, and horses. Genetic testing of Corolla’s horses confirms their Spanish lineage.

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Number of days so far in 2014 that CWHF Executive Director Karen McCalpin was in Washington DC to support the *Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act*. The Act has passed the U.S. House of Representatives twice (in 2012 and 2013). To become law, however, it also needs to pass the U.S. Senate. The act requests no federal funding. Please urge your U.S. senators to support HR126. Learn more on our website!

2010

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 which describes the breed as an historic and cultural treasure.

22,804

Followers on Facebook! CWHF posts weekly updates on Facebook—it’s a great way to stay in touch with us. Join the club!

2,116

Number of current CWHF members! If you are a member, Thank you for your support! Our membership programs provide vital support to the CWHF mission and our programs. It has never been easier to join online, and the CWHF now offers *sustainer memberships*, which divide 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!