

The Corolla Wild Horse Fund

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

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P.O. Box 361
Corolla, NC 27927

WILD AND FREE

The Mission of the Corolla Wild Horse Fund is to protect, conserve, 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 of North Carolina.

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AN HISTORIC DAY FOR THE WILD HORSES OF COROLLA NOVEMBER 20, 2014



November 20, 2014 was an historic day for the wild horses of Corolla. For the first time in the history of the wild herd, a genetically diverse stallion from 250 miles away was released north of Corolla. Several months ago, the CWHF Director pulled DNA samples by dart gun from two stallions (offspring of Shackelford wild horses) living wild on Cedar Island. The DNA was analyzed by Dr. Gus Cothran of Texas A&M University and the horses were confirmed to be Colonial Spanish Mustangs. CWHF Herd Manager Christina Reynolds and CWHF Director Karen McCalpin drove to Cedar Island where the stallion had been captured a few days earlier and tested negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). They returned the same day and released the stallion on the north beach. He has been renamed "Gus" in honor of our

geneticist, Dr. Cothran, who has been instrumental in providing us with peer reviewed science verifying that the Corolla horses have extremely low genetic diversity. Our deep gratitude also goes to Woody and Nena Hancock who owned and cared for Gus (aka Kenny to them) as well as nearly 40 other wild horses from Shackelford Banks and their offspring. It was a complicated and expensive process to get him off the island, vetted, and into a trailer. We hope to return in the spring to

DNA test some mares. If you would like to help us in our efforts to return the Corolla herd to genetic health, you can donate by going to our website www.corollawildhorses.org or by mail: CWHF P.O. Box 361 Corolla, NC 27927. All contributions are acknowledged and are tax deductible. Here's to a better and more diverse future for North Carolina's State Horse and America's first horse!



COMING MAY 17
MUSTANG
Spring Jam

SAVE THE DATES
2015

COMING OCT 9+10
MUSTANG
Music Festival

MUSTANGMUSICFESTIVAL.COM FOR INFO AND UPDATES

BRIEFS

The CWHF participates in many offsite events in order to create awareness about the need to protect this critically endangered breed, as well as their habitat. Call us at 252-453-8002 if you have an event that might be a good fit. Have horse—will travel!

- *Currituck Heritage Festival*
- *Fun on the Farm (Fraternal Order of Police)*
- *Back to School Bash*
- *Mustang Music Festival*
- *North Carolina State Fair*
- *Wine and Swine*
- *Hoofbeats TV*

Congratulations to the Winstead family of Henly, NC, where Rico and Freedom have found a loving, forever home.



Vivo meets our Herd Manager's new baby for the first time!

Looking for a way to help the horses during the colder months without leaving the comfort of your home?

Please visit our online store for clothing and gifts that will please family and friends of any age!
www.corollawildhorses.org

Fast Facts: Winter 2015

84	OFFICIAL HERD COUNT: Once every year, the CWHF Executive Director and the CWHF Herd Manager fly by helicopter over the 7,544 acres of wild horse territory to establish the official herd count. This year that count was taken on September 30, 2014. The count is then adjusted when foals are born, when horses are removed for veterinary care, and when deaths occur. Although the count is lower than the official count of last year (101), we do not believe that there has been much of a change in their numbers. The particular day of the count was very warm and sunny causing some of the herd to take cover under trees.
5	Number of horses at our rehabilitation facility. These horses are in training and are either in our adoption program or will join the adoption program in the near future. You can learn more about our very successful nation-wide program, as well as those horses that are currently available for adoption, at www.corollawildhorses.org .
110-130	The Corolla Wild Horse Fund supports a target population range of 110-130 horses. Population is managed by darting mares with an effective and reversible annual contraceptive called PZP (Porcine Zona Pelucida).
107	Number of wild Colonial Spanish Mustangs that live on Cape Lookout National Seashore (Shackleford Banks, near Beaufort, NC), the only other herd of Colonial Spanish Mustangs in the wild. They are managed by the National Park Service. Shackleford Banks is an island in the chain of the Outer Banks, 230 miles south of Corolla.
2000	Critical – The Livestock Conservancy has defined the Colonial Spanish Mustang as a critically endangered 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.
3	The number of times that the <i>Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act</i> will come before Congress for passage. 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. We will again bring this much needed legislation with the help of Congressman Walter Jones when Congress reconvenes in January 2015. Please urge your U.S. Congress Representatives and Senators to support the Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act. Learn more on our website!
29, 800	Number of followers on Facebook! CWHF posts updates regularly to keep everyone informed. Like us on Facebook – it's a great way to stay in touch!
2609	Number of current CWHF members! If you are a member, <u>thank you for your support!</u> Our membership programs provide vital support to the CWHF mission. It has never been easier to join online, and the CWHF now offers <i>sustainer memberships</i> , which divide membership donations into automated monthly gifts. Membership levels start at \$10 per year. Please visit our website for more information. Join today!