

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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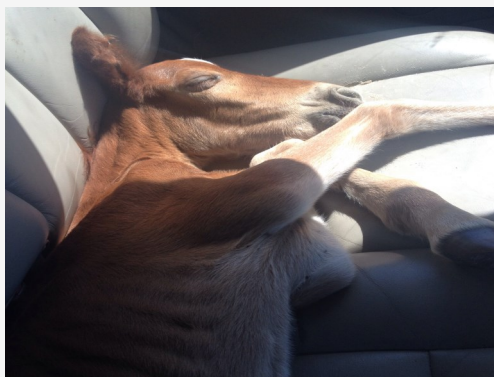
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The 2015 Mustang Music Festival is coming up soon! This 2-day music festival was created and conceived by CWHF board member, Mike Dianna, and is now in its 5th year. Proceeds benefit the CWHF and the Mustang Music Outreach Program in local schools. This year is the biggest yet — three stages with 18 bands, as well as food, drinks, a craft vendor village and ski kids fun run. Definitely an event you don't want to miss! Come out October 9th and 10th.



SWEET WILLIAM

In May, CWHF staff rescued 5-day old Guillermo (aka "William") from the beach during a week of triple digit heat indices. William had been monitored by the CWHF and veterinarians since his birth — his small size and lack of vigor were reasons for concern. A foal will typically do best when with their mother and left undisturbed, but it was clear to CWHF Director Karen McCalpin that something would have to be done on the morning of day 5. William was taken to our veterinarian in Virginia, where they tried to stabilize him and ascertain what was wrong. After a few hours, the decision was made to take him to the vet school at NC State University for further evaluation and treatment. William arrived at NCSU that evening weighing just 32 lbs, with a failing heart and respiratory system. The dedicated team of vets were able to stabilize him by the early hours of the next morning and start to make a plan for him going forward. William was in the ICU for about three weeks. Almost exactly a month after he arrived, he was cleared to go "home" to the CWHF rehab facility.

It was truly amazing to see the support pour in for William — prayers, well-wishes and financial help came from all over the world. William's story was seen by over 1.5 million people. William is now living comfortably at the CWHF rehab facility with his surrogate mother, Pebbles. For full coverage of William's ordeal, please see more photos and video throughout his progress on our Facebook page.

CWHF's First Annual Open House

On October 30th and 31st, the Corolla Wild Horse Fund is having a big open house, fall festival and mustang celebration all rolled into one!

There will be a fun show, trail challenge, vendors, food, live music, educational demos, antique tractor show, pig roast, hay rides and kids' activities. Mark your calendar and plan to visit beautiful Currituck County this fall! For more information, please go to www.facebook.com/events/1075642449129820.

This will also be William's debut at an event. Come see the foal that has stolen our hearts!

CALL TO ACTION Will this be the year for the Corolla Wild Horses in Washington, DC? The CWHF has been working on having a bill passed that will provide these horses with the same protections that the herd on Shackleford Banks has had since 1997. The bill asks for no funding, just that we can maintain the herd at a genetically sustainable size. It is important to have federal protection because some of the land that the horses inhabit is managed by federal agencies. Without it, their thoughts and actions on management can change as different people assume these positions of authority. Please ask your federal legislators to support **The Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act S1204**.

BRIEFS

A WAY TO HELP

Did you know that your horse feed purchases can help support the CWHF? Any purchase of *Southern States*, *Legends* or *Triple Crown* feed can help us keep the horses *Wild and Free*! Just save the proofs of purchase from each bag and mail them to the Herd Manager c/o CWHF, PO Box 361, Corolla, NC 27927. If you would like help in choosing the right feed for your horse, please contact a feed specialist at (888)221-8987.

Dates to Know

September 19th

Heritage Festival
Powell's Point, NC

October 9th and 10th

Mustang Music Festival
Whalehead
Corolla, NC

October 15th thru 25th

NC State Fair
Raleigh, NC

October 30th and 31st

First Annual Corolla Mustang
Reunion and Celebration
Grandy, NC

October 30th thru November 1st

Horse of the Americas
Annual Meeting

November 21st and 22nd

Southern Horse Festival
Raleigh, NC

If you cannot visit us in person, please see us on line at

www.corollawildhorses.org

Visit our online store for gifts and clothing that will please friends and family.

All proceeds benefit the CWHF.

Fast Facts: Summer/Late Fall 2015

83	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 26, 2015. The count will then be adjusted when foals are born, when horses are removed for veterinary care, and when deaths occur.
7	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).
1	This is the first year that the Equus Survival Trust lists the Banker strain of Colonial Spanish Mustangs as critical/nearly extinct.
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. This act was again brought before Congress with the help of Congressman Walter Jones at the start of 2015. Please urge your U.S. Congress Representatives and Senators to support the Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act.
52,402	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!
2557	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!