

# WILD AND FREE

## BIRDS, BEES, AND BABY HORSES

You may be seeing a few more foals this year than in years past—and that's a great thing! The herd is in excellent shape because of the administration of PZP, a non-hormonal contraception, over the past ten years. Mares are in optimal body condition, and the instances of birth defects due to inbreeding have gone to zero over the last couple years. It's for these reasons, as well as an ageing population, that we hope to see a bit of a baby boom in 2019.

At the time of publication, there have been five new foals born in 2019 so far—three colts and two fillies. All are in excellent health! We decided that each foal will be given a name that starts with the letter R, to make it easier to keep track of the year they were born and also in honor of our ambassador horse Roamer who died in December. Renzi was the first colt born on March 31, and named after a supporter of CWHF who is living with several terminal illnesses. Renzi was born on her birthday! Rosie, a filly, came next. She's a beautiful chestnut foal with a big star. Rabbit was born on, you guessed it, Easter. She is a stunning little filly and we can't wait to see what color she is once she sheds all her baby hair. It seems as if she may turn out to be a red dun, which is very unique and indicative of healthy genetics. Next is Danny, a bay colt born on April 26. We made an exception to the R names for a very special reason. Danny is named after long-time Currituck County Manager Dan Scanlon, who is retiring this summer. And last but not least is Riptide, a chestnut with a star colt.

Foals stay with their parents for several years. Colts will eventually strike out on their own, usually joining up with a bachelor band before they are mature enough to maintain a harem of mares. Fillies often stay with their family harems for longer, but will eventually be "stolen" by another stallion once they are reproductively mature. All of the mares who have foals this year will be darted with PZP to ensure they do not become pregnant again with a 2020 foal. This not only helps maintain a viable population, but it also gives the mares plenty of time to recover from pregnancy, birth, and the physical stress of nursing a foal.



**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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## Member Mornings on the Farm

Join us Wednesdays this summer for Member Mornings at the Farm.

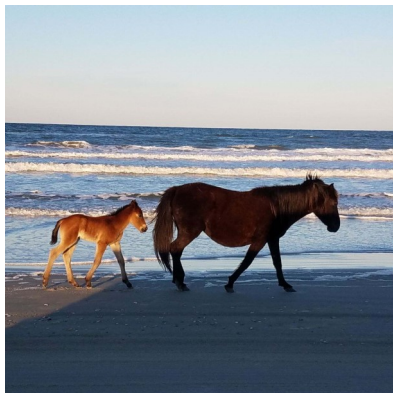
Beginning May 29, the Betsy Dowdy Equine Center will be open to the public from 10am – 2pm. Visit the farm, located on the mainland in Grandy, and meet the rescued Corolla horses currently in our care. We hope to meet many of our members, and we invite all prospective members to visit too! There is a suggested donation of \$5 per car at the gate.

CWHF shirts, hats, and other gifts will be available for purchase. You can also sponsor any of the rescue horses. Sponsorship includes a photo and certificate, as well as quarterly updates on your sponsored horse.

Stay tuned for information about demonstrations and other special presentations each week. We look forward to hosting local artists, historical reenactments, musicians, and more! H2OBX will also be there with a special discount on water park tickets for farm visitors. It's the perfect pit stop on your way back to the beach!



## By the Numbers: Spring 2019



**\$25,703:** The final amount raised during our March Membership drive! Wow! We set an ambitious goal of \$25,000 and YOU helped us get there. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.



**97k:** Can you believe we have 97,000 fans on Facebook?? We'd love to make it to 100k by the end of the summer. Come join us if you haven't already!



**68:** The number of new and renewing members who signed up during the month of March. Your membership helps CWHF responsibly manage the wild horses, and care for the 15 rescued mustangs at the rehab farm.

The official CWHF 2020 calendars will be in stock if you visit us this summer! And also available online if you're unable to come in person. They are \$15 each, and proceeds benefit the Fund. Be sure to save your mustang photos from this summer to submit for the 2021 calendar.



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