

## The Corolla Wild Horse Fund

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# WILD AND FREE

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We are very excited to announce that we are moving our headquarters back to the historic Corolla Village, into the Gray-Lewark house. Built by Curtis and Blanche Gray sometime in the late 19th/early 20th century, it was restored by the Twiddys in 1998.

While we have really enjoyed being in our modern, airy space the last couple of years, we feel like we are moving back home now. Our museum is being updated and revitalized, and we are looking forward to hosting events like Meet a Mustang on-site again. Closer proximity to the wild herd is also a major part of why we are looking forward to this move.

It's only fitting that the horses' home is in the Corolla Village, surrounded by the history that they are a part of. We are so very thankful to the Twiddys for giving us the opportunity to move into this special house, and we look forward to partnering with them on lots of fun and informative projects in the future.

Our plan is to be open by the week of Thanksgiving.

## MEET A MUSTANG: MOXIE

Moxie is one of the oldest horses living at our rehab facility. She is in her late 20s, maybe even close to 30, and is a part of the Dews Island herd that was moved to the farm in October 2017. Moxie lives up to her name. She is smart, strong, scrappy, and independent. In her younger years she was known as Utter Chaos, which seems just as appropriate. Her mom was named Chaos, so Moxie comes from a long line of sassy Banker mares. Moxie is one of the last horses still alive who lived in Corolla before the sound-to-sea fence was installed.

Since Moxie is older and set in her ways, we do our best to let her live life on her own terms. Mutual respect allows us to perform necessary things like hoof trims and vaccinations, but Moxie is very picky about who she lets into her circle. Gaining Moxie's trust and affection is a special thing, and not something that she gives lightly. Over the summer we discovered that Moxie enjoys painting. She chooses her own colors and is very thoughtful about her art. We will have some of Moxie's work available for purchase over the holidays.

If you'd like to contribute towards Moxie's care, you can sponsor her by visiting our website: <https://www.corollawildhorses.com/horse-sponsorships/> Horse sponsorship makes a great gift!

Keep an eye on our events calendar for your next chance to visit the farm during an open house and meet Moxie in person!



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**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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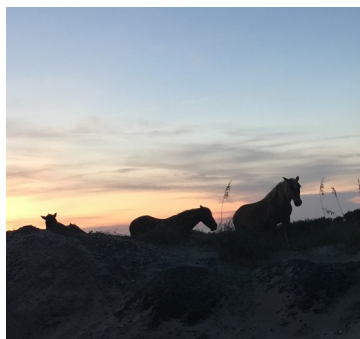


## A Salute to Captain

Early in the spring we began to keep a very close eye on a stallion that came out of the winter in poor body condition. Knowing he was older, our plan was to monitor him and be ready to step in when the time seemed right to euthanize. We always hope that we're able to let a horse live out its life naturally in the wild, but sometimes intervention is necessary. Late in August, he developed an abscess on his face that indicated to us he was battling an infection. We decided to remove him and take him to the rescue farm where he could be treated and made more comfortable, or if necessary, humanely euthanized. Captain was in his mid to late 20s and was suffering from emaciation due to dental problems. We were able to make Captain comfortable by flushing his impacted sinus cavity and floating his teeth, but unfortunately the hole caused by his abscessed tooth was getting bigger and bigger as Captain's ability to eat properly improved. Because of his age and the state of his mouth, our vet recommended that we do the humane thing and end his suffering, and we knew it was the right course of action. He was done fighting, and ready to let go. Captain died safe, loved, and well-fed. He was one of the kindest, most gracious stallions any of us ever worked with. He helped us as much as we helped him; he was a ray of light after a long, difficult summer. We're thankful for the time we had with him and we know that we made his last weeks comfortable. Of course, we hoped we'd have more time with Captain, but we also knew that his days with us were numbered from the start. It's a honor to be able to help an old horse pass with dignity and respect. Run free with your ancestors, Captain. We love you very much.



## By the Numbers: Fall 2019



**1585:** The year Sir Richard Grenville's ship *Tiger* ran aground at Ocracoke. Documents indicate the ship was carrying livestock—including horses from Hispaniola. Grenville later indicated in a letter that many of the animals had survived and swam ashore.

**1:** Horse are odd-toed ungulates, meaning they bear all of their weight on a single toe. Banker horses have adapted to have sturdy, wide hooves capable of traveling through deep sand.



**7544:** The wild horses roam on more than 7000 acres of land. One of the most common trees found there is the live oak. This time of year, the horses can be seen (and heard!) crunching on acorns from these trees.



**The holidays are right around the corner!**



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