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About the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit

The EQUUS Film & Arts Fest is the first event of its kind to offer a home to the storytellers of the horse world, with films, documentaries, videos, commercials, and shorts from around the world and cultural elements of fine equestrian art and literature. In 2025 EQUUS will host 20+ events from the Yukon to the UK!

The Mustang Summit has been added to the program as an educational platform to raise awareness and understanding about the American Mustangs in holding pens and available for adoption. A horse who has a safe and quiet start can be trainable and become a good partner. It is our mission to bring awareness to American Mustangs who need homes. Focusing on and highlighting the work taking place in the healing and equine assisted learning fields with Mustangs. Providing resources for all who want to learn about the Off-Range Mustang horse.

Founded in 2013 by Lisa Diersen, Director/Organizer, an equestrian, who has spent her life in the company of horses. Lisa's mission is to show the world how horses can bring everyone together regardless of race, age, gender, abilities or disabilities. She resides in Saint Charles, Illinois, with her Jack Russell, Amore and her Lusitano, Urano.

Julianne Neal, with JA Media Productions, joined the team in 2016. As the EQUUS Film and Arts Fest Director of Production and Education.

Every horse has a story, it's our mission at the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest to share those stories, through film, art and literature.

The EQUUS Film Fest [Channel You-Tube](#), streaming to all your devices.
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2025 EQUUS Event List



Month	Event	Date	City	State / Country
				
January	SGPL Film Fest	January 08	Sugar Grove	Illinois
April	Equine Affaire Ohio	April 10 - 13	Columbus	Ohio
April	Farmington Mustang Matinee	April 19	Farmington	New Mexico
May	SGPL Film Fest	May 14	Sugar Grove	Illinois
June	Western States Horse Expo	June 6 - 8	Sacramento	California
June	Colorado Mustang West	June 25 - 28	Grand Junction	Colorado
July	BreyerFest Film Fest	July 10 - 12	Lexington	Kentucky
July	Mustang Challenge 2025	July 10 - 12	Las Vegas	Nevada
July	Barrington Film Fest	July 26	Barrington	Illinois
August	Albuquerque Mustang Summit	Aug 7 - 10	Albuquerque	New Mexico
August	Roaring Fork Valley HC - Films	Aug 2	Aspen	Colorado
August	Author Book Signing	Aug 14 - 16	Saint Charles	Illinois
August	ERAHC Virginia Classic	Aug 20 - 24	Lexington	Virginia
August	Maryland Mustang Mission	Aug 28 - 31	Bel Air	Maryland
September	Mustang Classic KHP	Sep 4 - 6	Lexington	Kentucky
September	SGPL Film Fest	Sep 10	Sugar Grove	Illinois
September	GHS Devils Garden Mustang Challenge	Sep 26 - 28	Huntingdon	Pennsylvania
October	Yukon	TBD	Yukon	Canada
October	Liberty Fest	Oct 9 - 12	Lexington	Kentucky
October	IBERICON	Oct 17 - 19	Ocala	Florida
October	EQUUS BC	TBD	New West Minister	BC Canada
November	EQUUS Mustang Summit - Films	Nov 6 - 9	Aiken	South Carolina
November	EQUUS Film & Arts Fest Maryland	Nov 14 - 16	Reisterstown	Maryland
November	EQUUS UK	Nov 15	Helmsley	York UK



CLINICS, SEMINARS & DEMONSTRATIONS

Thursday, April 10, 2025

	US Equestrian Arena (Coliseum)	Voinovich Arena (Voinovich Center)	Rod's Arena (Covered Paddock)	Cooper Arena (Cooper)	Seminar Stage (Voinovich Center)	Demo Ring (Bricker Annex)	
09:30							09:30
09:45	Traci Brooks <i>Form Is Function: Basic Position for the Hunter or Jumper Rider on the Flat and Over Fences</i>	Julie Goodnight <i>Riding to the Next Level: How Your Reins & Legs Affect Your Horse's Stride</i>					09:45
10:00			Kellie & Sam Rettinger <i>Harnessing Horsepower: Helpful Tips for Hitching & Driving Draft Horses</i>		Denise Alvarez <i>How to Market Your Horse Business: 5 Things Groundwork Can Teach You About Marketing Your Business</i>	Myriam Resnick <i>Don't Bubble Wrap Your Horse: Do's and Don'ts of Injury Prevention</i>	10:00
10:15							10:15
10:30						Gypsy Vanner	10:30
10:45							10:45
11:00							11:00
11:15	<i>Fell Ponies</i>				Mustang Experts Panel <i>Mustangs: How Can I Learn More about Organizations, Promoting and Supporting Mustangs?</i>	Wendy Winn <i>Interpreting Hair Patterns, Sweat Marks, and Saddle Fit</i>	11:15
11:30	Ryan Rose <i>Solving Your Horse's Challenging Issues</i>	Jennifer Truett <i>Whoa, Go, Turn: The Basics of Advanced Dressage & All Other Horse Training</i>	<i>Suffolk Punches</i>				11:30
11:45			Ivy Starnes <i>Easy Gaited: Easily Making Your Trotty Gaited Horse Smooth!</i>				11:45
12:00					Kimberly Cole, PhD <i>How to Be Prepared for the New Arrival: Foaling Fundamentals & Neonatal Foal Care</i>	Taryn Stillwell <i>Head First Approach: Addressing Pressure in the Horse's Head through Bodywork</i>	12:00
12:15							12:15
12:30							12:30
12:45	<i>Hanoverians</i>	Mustangs - Mustang Summit					12:45
01:00	<i>Haffingers</i>		<i>Friesians</i>				01:00
01:15	Julie Goodnight <i>Riding into Your Nineties: For Riders 50+ Who Are Returning to Horse Sports after Decades Away or Are Just Getting Started with Horses</i>	Luke Gingerich <i>Performance Liberty Horsemanship: What Is It and How Can It Help Your Horse, Regardless of Your Discipline?</i>	Canadian Cowgirls <i>Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: Step by Step Drill Team Maneuvers</i>		Fran Severn <i>Barn Fires: Steps for Preventing a Disaster</i>	Ifa Simmonds <i>Stability in the Saddle: How the Pelvis Affects Rider Position and Movement</i>	01:15
01:30							01:30
01:45						<i>Fell Pony</i>	01:45
02:00							02:00
02:15					Kimberly Cole, PhD <i>Equine Breeding 101: Strategies for Success</i>	Ryan Rose <i>Rope Handling Skills: How You Can Get Handy with a Rope</i>	02:15
02:30		<i>Gypsy Vanners</i>	<i>Percherons</i>				02:30
02:45		<i>Andalusians</i>					02:45
03:00	Sale and Adoption Horse Showcase	Jennifer Truett <i>Bend (True or False) and Straightness (Crooked or Straight): Do You REALLY Know If Your Horse Is Straight or Crooked and Why It Matters?</i>	Ivy Starnes <i>Secret Exercises to Get Smooth Gait for Horses Who Have Their Head Down but Are Not Gaiting Yet</i>		Scott Beckstead <i>The Wild Horse Refuge: A New Standard for Wild Equine Sanctuaries</i>	Stick Horse Rodeo	03:00
03:15							03:15
03:30							03:30
03:45	<i>Saddlebreds</i>						03:45
04:00							04:00
04:15	Traci Brooks <i>Jumping for Hunters & Jumpers: From Single Fences to Connecting Lines and Full Courses</i>				Wendy Murdoch <i>Training Issue or Rider Issue? How the Rider Influences the Horse's Performance</i>	Myriam Resnick <i>The Equine Field Medic: Creative First Aid Solutions</i>	04:15
04:30						Mustang - Mustang Summit	04:30
04:45		Ryan Rose <i>Developing the Ultimate Ranch Trail Horse: How Riders Can Give Their Horses More Responsibility and Understanding</i>	Luke Reinbold <i>The Focus Circle: How to Ride Where We Are Looking and Go the Speed We Want to Go without Micro-managing Every Move and Constantly Pulling</i>				04:45
05:00							05:00
05:15					Ivy Starnes <i>Learning All the Different Gaits of Easy Gaited Horses</i>	Taryn Stillwell <i>Movement Observation and How We Can Manipulate It</i>	05:15
05:30							05:30
05:45	<i>Clear coliseum for Fantasia. Doors re-open at 6:45pm.</i>						05:45
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CLINICS, SEMINARS & DEMONSTRATIONS

Friday, April 11, 2025

	US Equestrian Arena (Coliseum)	Voinovich Arena (Voinovich Center)	Rod's Arena (Covered Paddock)	Cowtown in Cooper (Presented by Western Life Today (Cooper Arena))	Seminar Stage (Voinovich Center)	Demo Ring (Bricker Annex)	
09:30	Ryan Rose <i>Developing Power Steering: Helping Riders Improve their Communication with Their Horse's Understanding of Yields</i>	Barbra Schulte <i>Developing Connection for Any Discipline: How You Can Develop Clear Communication and Ease with Your Horse through Sequential Exercises</i>					09:30
09:45			Mary Miller Jordan <i>Liberty with Mustangs: How to Connect while Honoring the Horse's Personal Freedom</i>	Luke Reinbold <i>Intro to Working Cattle: Successful Introduction to Cows that Builds Confidence and Desire in Both Horse and Rider</i>			09:45
10:00		<i>Hanoverians</i>			Jennifer Truett & Bryan McNabb, DVM <i>Sport Horse Wellness: Solving Puzzles One Horse At a Time</i>	Cole Cameron <i>How Do You Resolve Your Horse's Issues: Q&A Discussion</i>	10:00
10:15							10:15
10:30						<i>Standardbred - OSAF</i>	10:30
10:45							10:45
11:00	<i>Mustangs - BLM</i>		Drive a Draft <i>Interactive experience where you can learn how to drive a draft horse! Sign up at the Whispery Pines Percherons stalls in the Horse & Farm exhibits in the Gilligan.</i>		Barbra Schulte <i>The Soul of Riding: The Intersection of a Love for Horses, Skill Development, Personal Growth, and Relationships</i>	Wendy Winn <i>How to Make Sure Your New or Current Saddle Fits Correctly</i>	11:00
11:15	Julie Goodnight <i>Mastering the Canter: Steps for Cueing & Getting the Correct Lead</i>	Luke Gingerich <i>Reining from Basics to Bridleless: How the Foundational Elements Can Help Any Horse</i>		Steve Lantvit <i>Boxing a Cow: Teaching Your Horse to Drive a Cow and Stop a Cow in Correct Position and in Control</i>			11:15
11:30							11:30
11:45							11:45
12:00		<i>Friesians</i>			Janessa Hill <i>Coat Colors & Genetics: Understanding What Determines Different Coat Colors</i>	Taryn Stillwell <i>Equine Stretching Techniques for the Average Horse</i>	12:00
12:15							12:15
12:30		<i>Fell Ponies</i>				<i>Tennessee Walker</i>	12:30
12:45					Cole Cameron <i>Roping Techniques: Improving Your Form from the Ground and Then Applying the Techniques on Horseback</i>		12:45
01:00							01:00
01:15		Jennifer Truett <i>Developing Collection: What Does that Mean and How Do You Do It?</i>	<i>Gypsy Vanners</i>		Denise Alvarez <i>Social Media Marketing for Equestrians: 5 Ways to Grow Your Horse Business</i>	Christine Gelley <i>Forages: How to Hay Is Analyzed and What May Be Best for Your Horse?</i>	01:15
01:30	Versatile Horse & Rider Competition		Connie Combs <i>Foundation of the Square on the Barrel Pattern: Barrel Horse Footwork and Placement on the Square Pattern</i>			Mustang - BLM	01:30
01:45							01:45
02:00	<i>Judge: Barbra Schulte Emcee: Noah Rattner</i>		<i>Standardbreds - New Vocations</i>		Fran Severn <i>Best Barn Hacks: Making Life Easier around the Stable</i>	Kirsten Bonanza <i>Horse: Your Manual for Success from Day One</i>	02:00
02:15							02:15
02:30			<i>Percherons</i>	Steve Lantvit <i>Herd Work Essentials: Teaching Your Horse to Calmly Walk into a Herd, Cutting a Cow and Keeping It from Returning to the Herd through Proper Position, Timing & Maneuvers</i>			02:30
02:45		<i>Tennessee Walkers</i>					02:45
03:00			Wendy Murdoch <i>Improving Your Horse's Performance with SURE FOOT</i>		Myriam Resnick <i>Preparing for Natural Disasters & Emergencies</i>	Stick Horse Rodeo	03:00
03:15							03:15
03:30		Ryan Rose <i>Improving Ground Manners: Learning to Communicate with Your Horse Better on the Ground</i>					03:30
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04:30			<i>Mustangs - BLM</i>		Tim Shuttleworth <i>The Silver Lining of Composting Stall Waste and Manure</i>	Julie Goodnight <i>All in the Approach: Catching & Leading with Manners</i>	04:30
04:45		<i>Standardbreds - USTA</i>	<i>Tennessee Walkers</i>	Cole Cameron <i>Ranch Riding: Developing Smooth Movements in Various Gaits which Will Be Put Together in Sequence from Proper Turns and Stops to the Backup</i>		<i>Andalusian</i>	04:45
05:00							05:00
05:15		Wendy Murdoch <i>Simple Saddle Solutions for A Secure and Stable Seat</i>	Connie Combs <i>Obstacles & Drills for the Everyday Barrel Racer: Fine Tuning Your Barrel Pattern, Placement and Horsemanship</i>		Scott Beckstead <i>The Wild Horse Refuge: Rewilding the Range for Colorado's Wild Horses and Wildlife</i>	Lana Kontos, ND <i>Glutathione: What Is It and How Do You Use It? Protocols for All Horse Owners</i>	05:15
05:30							05:30
05:45							05:45
06:00			<i>Standardbreds - USTA</i>				06:00
06:15	<i>Clear Coliseum for Fantasia. Doors re-open at 6:45pm.</i>						06:15



CLINICS, SEMINARS & DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturday, April 12, 2025

	US Equestrian Arena (Coliseum)	Voinovich Arena (Voinovich Center)	Rod's Arena (Covered Paddock)	Cowtown in Cooper (Presented by Western Life Today (Cooper Arena))	Seminar Stage (Voinovich Center)	Demo Ring (Bricker Annex)	
09:30	Tik Maynard Cavalletti Exercises:	Luke Gingerich Redefining How to Have a Conversation about Both Emotional and Physical Contact, Connection, and Self-Carriage with or without a Bridle	Mary Miller Jordan Positive Reinforcement (R+): Developing the "Feel" Inside of the Bridge Signal	Julie Goodnight Introduction to Working Cattle			09:30
09:45	Teaching Eventing, Jumping, and Dressage						09:45
10:00	Riders New Cavalletti and Pole Exercises				Barbra Schulte Ageless Moxie: How to Go for Your Dreams with Vitality at Any Age	Marci Quist Improving Your Driving Turn-out: Choosing Your Driving Attire	10:00
10:15							10:15
10:30		Hackney Ponies					10:30
10:45			Sandi Simons I'm Just a Mom that Rides: Returning to Riding after Having Children and Regaining Your Confidence as a Rider			Standardbred - New Vocations	10:45
11:00	Standardbreds - USTA	Mustangs - BLM			Kirsten Bonanza Equine Awareness: Exploring the Mind of the Horse to Gain a Better Understanding for Working with Them	Lauren Reischer Crutches to Champions: The Pipeline from Therapy Program to Show Ring	11:00
11:15	Friesians			Steve Lantvit Cow Work to Teach the Horse: How the Cow Becomes the Release to Improve Steering, Stopping, and Backing			11:15
11:30	Cole Cameron Horsemanship for the Novice Rider: Implementing the Proper Pressure and Release to Achieve the Desired Response Such as Collection, Extension, and Lead Changes	Wendy Murdoch Mastering The Biomechanics of the Half-Halt --The Key to Rebalancing the Horse: Getting the Horse to Respond with Simple, Clear Elements Everyone Can Understand				Mustang - Mustang Summit	11:30
11:45					Colby Gines You Horse's Overall Health: Discussing Your Horse's Health, Digestion and Utilization of Nutrients	Luke Reinbold Leadership & Respect: Showing Our Horses Where Peace & Calm Can Be Found	11:45
12:00		Gypsy Vanners	Drive a Draft Interactive experience where you can learn how to drive a draft horse. Sign up at the Whispey Pines Percherons stalls in the Horse & Farm Exhibits in the Gilligan.				12:00
12:15							12:15
12:30					Barbra Schulte Ten Flag Work Exercises that Promote Flexibility, Rhythm, and Ease of Moving	Madison Seamans, DVM Cuts, Colics and Calamities: Tips for First Aid and What to Do until the Vet Gets There	12:30
12:45						Hanoverian	12:45
01:00	Suffolk Punches	Luke Gingerich Mirroring, Collection, and Posture Training at Liberty: How Body Language Awareness Can Help You Communicate with and Influence Your Horse's Emotions and Movements					01:00
01:15							01:15
01:30	Sale and Adoption Horse Showcase	Standardbreds- New Vocations	Sandi Simons Western/Cowgirl Dressage: Understanding Body Control to Help with Your Maneuvers in the Ring		Susan Friedland The Riding and Writing Life of Marguerite Henry and Her Relationship with Misty of Chincoteague	Bryan Owen Targeting Ting Points: Modifying Your Horse's Health Using These Powerful Points	01:30
01:45		Hafflingers				Percheron	01:45
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03:00	Cole Cameron Colt Starting: Building a Foundation to Prepare an Un-started Colt for the Most Important Day of Their Life, the First Ride	Mustang Experts Panel Working with Mustangs: Different Approaches to Set the Mustang Up for Success in a Variety of Disciplines	Great Equestrian Fitness Challenge Show off your hard-earned barn rat muscles in the Barnyard Marathon or Bouncy Pony Race! Sign up at the Info Booth in the Bricker Bldg.		Madison Seamans, DVM Horse Skin: Lumpy Lumps, Itchy Bumps and Laminitis	Stick Horse Rodeo	03:00
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04:00	Tennessee Walkers	Andalusians					04:00
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04:30	Tik Maynard Jumping in Straight Lines & Bending Lines		Fell Ponies			Canadian Cowgirls What Does It Take to Be A Member of a Traveling Drill Team?	04:30
04:45		Luke Reinbold The Spook: Establishing Leadership and How to Bring the Scared Horse Back to Peace	Marcie Quist Improving Your Carriage Driving Ring Craft: Discussion and Training for Improving Your Scores in the Dressage Ring				04:45
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06:00	Clear Coliseum for Fantasia. Doors re-open at 6:45pm.						06:00
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Equestrians in Motion "Supple in the Saddle: Unlocking Total Body Rider Mobility" workshop will take place in the Conference Room in the Voinovich Center from 9:30am-10:15am. Sign up at Equestrian Fitness Assn.'s booth (Shared Presenters Booth in Voinovich).

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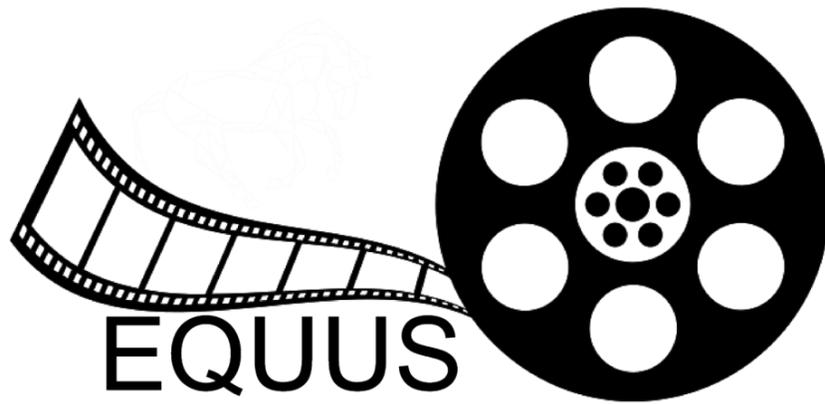
CLINICS, SEMINARS & DEMONSTRATIONS

Sunday, April 13, 2025

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09:30	Tik Maynard Getting to Know a Horse: What the First Day of Training Looks Like with a Horse I Don't Know	Sandi Simons Are You a Nervous Rider? Exercises on the Ground and in the Saddle for Creating Confidence & Emphasizing Safety					09:30
09:45							09:45
10:00			Ty Evans Groundwork for Mules: The Groundwork Checklist & Fundamentals for Mules		Madison Seamans, DVM Pre-Purchase Exams: Not Free, but Much Cheaper than "Post" Purchase Exams	Lauren Reischer What Makes a Great Therapy Horse?	10:00
10:15							10:15
10:30		Mustangs - Mustang Summit					10:30
10:45						Friesian	10:45
11:00	Standardbreds - New Vocations						11:00
11:15		Luke Reinbold Neck Reining: What Is It, How Do You Begin and How to Perfect It			Bryan Owen Laminitis: A Comprehensive Guide to the Three Stages and Accelerated Recovery for Your Horse	Kellie & Sam Rettinger Draft Horses Up Close & Personal	11:15
11:30	New! Breed Bonanza sponsored by Sentinel by Kent and Blue Seal		Mary Miller-Jordan Liberty with Mustangs: Learning to Listen to the Spaces in Between the Tools of Communication				11:30
11:45						Suffolk Punch	11:45
12:00	A unique under saddle class highlighting a wide variety of breeds and disciplines, judged by a panel of three judges. Class will be split into youth and adult divisions.	Standardbreds - OSAF			Susan Friedland Chincoteague Pony Swim: How to Enjoy Pony Penning Week whether In-Person or from Afar	Ifa Simmonds Posture in Motion: Tiny Tweaks for Total Control	12:00
12:15							12:15
12:30							12:30
12:45							12:45
01:00		Marcie Quist Training Your Horse to Drive: Step by Step System for Starting Your Horse in Driving	Hanoverians		Diana Bezdedeau The ABC's of EAS: Navigating Different Career Paths in the Equine Assisted Services Industry	Myriam Resnick Back Country Rider Preparedness	01:00
01:15							01:15
01:30	Tik Maynard Working with a Scared, Anxious, Nervous or Spooky Horse: How to Help the Horse Become More Relaxed	Suffolk Punches	Ty Evans Mulemanship in the Saddle: The Basics of Working with a Mule under Saddle				01:30
01:45							01:45
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02:30							02:30
02:45	Gypsy Vanners		Standardbreds - OSAF				02:45
03:00	Standardbreds - OSAF	Sandi Simons Western/Cowgirl Dressage: Understanding Maneuvers, the Difference between English and Western and How to Overcome Your Fear for Competitions	Marcie Quist Improving Your Driving Cones Score: How to Increase Your Speed and Reduce the Number of Accumulated Points				03:00
03:15							03:15
03:30	Luke Reinbold Maneuvering The Body: How to Place Any Foot Anywhere, Gain Body Maneuverability of the Whole Horse, and the Advantages This Will Give Us						03:30
03:45							03:45
04:00							04:00
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04:30							04:30

Equestrians in Motion "Equestrian Strength: Building Functional Strength for Every Rider" workshop will take place in the Conference Room in the Voinovich Center from 9:30am-10:15am. Sign up at Equestrian Fitness Assn.'s booth (Shared Presenters Booth in Voinovich).

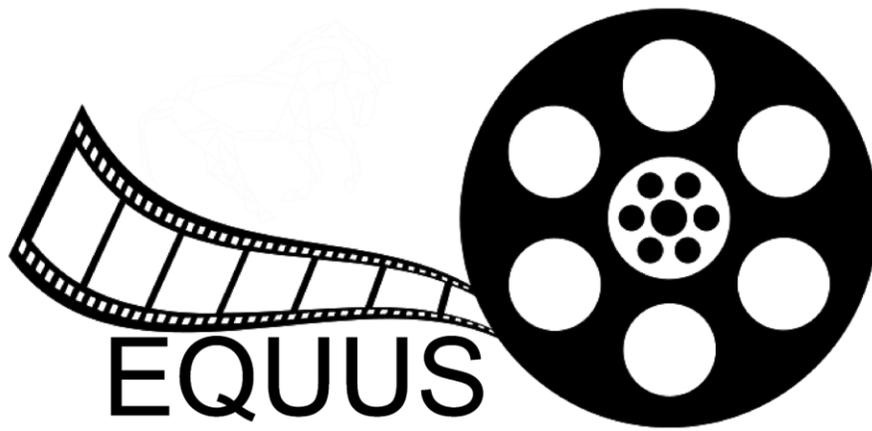
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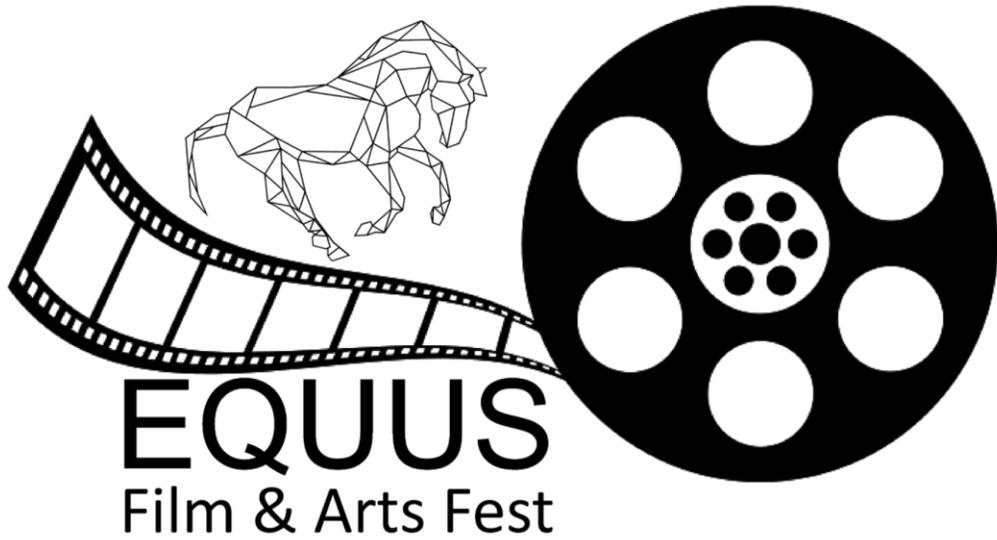
38 Mustangs in 2024

Based on information from the BLM Website:

It costs BLM about \$27,500, on average, to provide lifetime care for a wild horse not placed into private care.

- **March – Rocky Mountain Horse Expo – Denver Colorado - March 15 – 17, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – **6 Mustangs – Adoption Event**
- **June – Gateway Mustang Summit - Potomac, Illinois – June 7 – 9, 2024**
 - Small Event - 4 Mustangs & Films – **4 Mustangs - Adoption Event**
- **July – BreyerFest – Lexington, Kentucky – July 12 – 14, 2024**
 - Small Event – Films – Rescued Hearts – (No Yearlings)
- **July – The Leanor - Aztec, New Mexico – July 26 – 28, 2024**
 - Small Event – Films & Art & Panels – Mustangs & Rescues – (No Yearlings)
- **July – August – Adams County Fair – Brighton, Colorado – July 31 – August 4, 2024**
 - The Mustang Summit - Mustangers Event – **6 Mustangs – Adoption Event**
- **August 25 – Mustang Symposium – Soulful Prairies – Woodstock, Illinois**
 - 1 Day Mustang Symposium – (No Yearlings)
- **September – Mustang Classic – KHP – Lexington, Kentucky – September 13-15, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest – (No Yearlings)
- **September – EQUUS Aiken – Aiken Equine Rescue - Aiken, South Carolina – September 19-22, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – **6 Mustangs – Adoption Event**
- **October – Liberty Festival – Kentucky Horse Park – October 11-12, 2024**
 - EQUUS Film & Arts Fest – Rescued Hearts | Freedom Reigns – Film Screening – (No Yearlings)
- **October – Ibericon – World Equestrian Center – Ocala, Florida – October 17-20, 2024**
 - Small Event – Films - - (No Yearlings)
- **October – EQUUS BC – Anvil Center – New West Minister, BB Canada – October 26, 2024**
 - Small Event – Films - - (No Yearlings)
- **November – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit Main Event – Albuquerque, New Mexico – November 14 – 17, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – **6 Mustangs – Adoption Event**





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Lisa Diersen

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit Founder / Director

Lisa Diersen is an equestrian; riding since she could sit in a saddle, Diersen has a great appreciation for all types of equestrian disciplines. She is the Founder and Director of the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest, now in its 12th season and The Mustang Summit. The EFF empowers storytellers to show horses' rich history and diverse tapestry in human culture through equestrian content, film, art, and literature. The EQUUS Film Festival is the first film festival oriented around equestrian-themed content from all over the world that also travels the world. Screening feature films, documentaries, shorts, music videos, commercials, training educational materials, art, and literature, covering all equestrian disciplines, creating a home for the storytellers of the horse world.

Her mission is to show the world how horses can bring everyone together regardless of race, age, gender, abilities, or disabilities. Lisa is passionate about the education and enlightenment of others to the wonderful world of horses and everything they can do to enrich our lives. Created for Horse Lovers... by Horse Lovers!

Producer and writer credits on the DOWN Syndrome equine documentary "A Pony And His Boy: The Story Of Berry & Josh" for the EQUUS Film Festival in New York City and the National DOWN Syndrome Congress 2019 with SPOTLIGHT Rescue Series partner and film director Julianne Neal. Working on additional SRS documentaries to add to the series she and Neal started in 2017. The Mustang Discovery Ride Project is now in production. Adding "The Mustang Summit" to the EQUUS programming in 2022. With a focus on educating the public about the American Mustang Horse and its importance in the world today.

She is a published equine author with many articles to her credit. Diersen spent the early part of her career with General Motors in engineering, then moving into the subdivision development and home/barn building market, winning an Illinois Home Builder Award, before returning to her first love..... working with horses! She spends her time, when not promoting equestrian film, having fun promoting Classical Dressage, Lusitanos, and Mustangs, and spending time with her faithful Jack Russell Terrier, Amore, and her Lusitano, Urano.

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Julianne is the owner of JA Media Connections, LLC and the Producer/Director of A Mustang Story, the documentary/docuseries covering The Mustang Discovery Ride and other Mustang-related stories. She works in partnership with Bruce Anderson to provide Equine Assisted Services through Nature's View, Inc. and The Marley Project, Inc, a non-profit 501(c)(3) providing equine education and public service. The Marley Project is a member of the EQUUS Foundation Equine Welfare Network and has been a charity partner with Horses for Mental Health since 2023. The organization works to connect horses with individuals, educational groups, law enforcement officers and management training professionals. The recent work involving Mustangs led to a K-12 curriculum and arts integration component in the non-profit's Wellness Through Mustangs® program. Julianne is a designated professional with Arenas for Change, holding a dual certification in Education and Horses.

Julianne retired in 2022 after a 35-year career in Arts Education and K-12 Administration. A life-long horse lover, she owns and operates Thornfield LLC, a boarding and training facility in South Carolina. She combines her love of all things equine, educational experience and arts focus to bring clients and projects together through the boutique creative production company, JA Media Connections. Julianne completed the Director's Program through the Manhattan Film Institute in 2016 and began working with film production through a partnership with The Art of Storytelling (AOS), an international agency specializing in transformational stories. Their first collaborative project, "THE EDGE: Bruce Anderson - Natural Humanity™" is an award-winning documentary providing insight into Anderson's work

JA Media Connections LLC produces a catalogue of podcasts. The initial podcast, "Whinny Tales: Horse Stories, Pony Legends and Unicorn Yarns" has featured such organizations as the EQUUS Film and Arts Fest, Equitana USA, Horses and Humans Research Foundation and Creative Spirits UnLeashed. As a member of the EQUUS Film and Arts Fest Team, she serves as Director of Production and Education, producing and directing the Spotlight Rescue Series and the documentary film, A Pony and His Boy, as well as hosting the festival podcast. Other shows in the JA Media catalogue include a bi-weekly podcast for Brooke USA: On The Road, Tiny Horse Talk and the Mustang Discovery Ride. JA Media produces LIVESTREAM content during festival events, with programming for the panel discussions, training demos and on the scene interviews. The podcast catalogue and links to other content may be found on the JA Media website.

In her spare time, Julianne loves to ride her Warmblood/Shire cross, Winston, as well as her "wildies," Willie and Mustang Congaree.



Julie Martin

EQUUS Team

Executive Assistant to the Director



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Julie Powers-Martin: Is a horse lover and mother to Joshua, the rumbustious star of the Down Syndrome documentary “[A Pony And His Boy: The Story Of Berry & Josh](#)”. Taking care of an 11-year-old with Down Syndrome takes up much of her day but, she still has time to play an important role in the day to day running of the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest as Lisa Diersen’s Executive Assistant.

She has an extensive background in accounting and bookkeeping, spending 15 years in the plumbing industry before leaving to bring up Josh. Julie’s family includes her wonderful and supportive husband, Jason, her two adult sons, Jason and Justin, and two furry family additions, Jewel (jack Russell) and Josie (corgi cuteness).

Try keeping all of those “J’s” straight!

Julie loves riding her Lusitano mare, Havana and helping with the rest of the herd of Lusitanos that are part of the family!

The EQUUS Film & Arts Fest could not get everything done, all of the books checked in, movies reviewed, podcast listened to, art admired, and ready to go on time without Julie’s help as an important member of the team!

Follow Julie and Josh on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/julie.powersmartin>

A Pony & His Boy Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/A-Pony-And-His-Boy-The-Story-Of-Berry-Josh-359375751489470>





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The “Mustangers”



Sky Epperson

Indiana

MUSTANG Adoption Academy – Founder/Director

Mustang Heritage Foundation TIP Trainer

Haubstadt, IN

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Sky is a father, mustang gentler and horse trainer from Southwest Indiana based at the Triple E Ranch. Interestingly, Sky grew up without horses. He didn't even have a pet until he was married and in his late 20's. Around 2003, Sky got his first horse at the encouragement of his father who wanted another riding buddy. Sky took his father's advice on that first horse, then learned quickly to not take his dad's horse advice again! The horse had some issues caused by previous owners/trainers that put Sky on the fast track to learning much more about how the horse brain works. This learning process led to a passion and love for horses, horse education and the horses communication with both humans and the herd. Sky is the father of triplets born in 2001 and the love of horses has grown the herd to 10 horses and 2 onery but adorable burros. The herd, Sky, and usually one or two of the family squeezes in a horse pack trip each year.

In recent years, Sky has fallen for the Mustang - bright, smart and tough. He has become a Mustang and mustang gentler and is available to do training demonstrations and clinics as well.

West Taylor and Dr. Steven Peters really showed Sky what's important in helping mustangs as well as other horses.

Sky continues his quest to learn by continually studying and experiencing the horse most waking hours.

Sky's horse sense grew immensely when working for Hall-of-Famer, Terry Palmer and the Palmer family at their ranch in Durango, Colorado. Having the chance to be in front of so many different horses, from yearlings to older horses, was a true blessing.

Through extensive study and practice, we at the Mustang Adoption Academy Foundation have found the path to Mustang adoption success: Evidence-Based Horsemanship. We have a solution for our Veterans that are struggling and are working hard to stop the 20 plus suicides that are happening daily in Veteran communities. MusOur nonprofit foundation helps adopters, and their Mustang friends successfully navigate lifetime partnership. The journey doesn't end with adoption papers and delivery, but continues with online and in-person demos, clinics, online courses, and one-on-one support. Please help us by supporting our organization through a donation or subscribing to one of our services to help all Mustang Adopters learn the best way to help them help their Mustangs.

Follow the Mustang Adoption Academy's progress on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sky.epperson> or <https://www.facebook.com/Mustangadoptionacademy> or on Instagram @Mustangadoptionacademywithsky Mustangadoptionacademy.com

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Adoption Academy



Annamaria Sims

Partnering with Sky Epperson - Illinois

Strengthen the Saddle - Founder

Equine Bodywork, Massage & Awareness



Annamaria Sims, certified Equine Massage Therapist, started her journey with horses later in life. An animal lover at heart, she enrolled her son who was diagnosed with autism (who also showed a fondness for animals) into a therapeutic riding program in 2005 and has never looked back.

Annamaria took an immediate interest into the compassion, natural healing power, and therapeutic aptitude that the horses demonstrated. She volunteered for over 15 years working with occupational, physical, and speech therapists as they worked with both kids and adults with physical and mental disabilities all while expanding her own horizons and watching her two children thrive in the program.

After spending 25 years in database management and retail, she decided to take the knowledge that she had gained and her love for horses and bet on herself. Believing that horses are at their best when they are sound physically, Annamaria received her certification for equine massage and began building a business that now sees her working on over 125+ horses per month in two different states (Illinois and Wisconsin) and growing.

In addition to her massage work, Annamaria has recently worked with wild mustangs at multiple events nationally in an effort to have them adopted to forever homes. Her work has assisted in having multiple mustangs adopted to work in therapeutic program that work with military veterans.

Her ultimate goal is to be able to help as many horses as she can so that partnerships can be made to the benefit of both the horse and the human being.

“Horses are truly an amazing force of nature. The world would not be the same without their powerful healing presence.” – Annamaria Sims



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Bruce Anderson

South Carolina

TIP Trainer –South Carolina

Natural Humanship™



Bruce Anderson is a passionate and enthusiastic trainer and clinician who firmly believes not only in the power of the horse, but also in our responsibility to help horses acclimate into our modern world. Bruce grew up on the West Indian islands of Trinidad and Tobago and it was there on the family cocoa and coffee estate that he began his relationship with horses. He learned to ride on the estate and then represented his country on the National Show Jumping Team. From there he moved on to breeding farms at home, in the U.K. and in the U.S. While in England, he earned an agricultural degree at Merristwood College and in the U.S. where he worked in the Thoroughbred racing industry. He eventually moved into the hunter/jumper “A” show circuit, working in Camden, SC where he is now established as a trainer.

Bruce is certified through the Mustang Heritage Foundation's Trainer Incentive Program and enjoys working with Mustangs, but also appreciates working with owners and their horses to assist them in building better relationships. Bruce's gift is centered in his unique system of Natural Humanship™ developed over a lifetime of work with all types of horses. His recent experience working with feral horses has taken the system to another level. One of Bruce's most powerful and influential work settings took place in 2015 when he was called to the Bahamas to work with Nunki, the last feral mare in the line of Abaco Island Wild Horses, now extinct. That experience was the catalyst for a documentary featuring Bruce's life and work, “The Edge: Bruce Anderson's Natural Humanship™.” A selected presenter for the 2018 World Equestrian Games and 2020 EQUITANA USA, Bruce works with counselors and mental health professionals, law enforcement agencies, school and church groups across the southeastern US to provide Equine Assisted Services with partner Julianne Neal through Nature's View, Inc. and The Marley Project 501(c)(3).

Julianne is an educator with 35 years of experience in Arts Administration and is currently holds a Professional Designation in Education through Arenas for Change. The Marley Project is one of the 65 nonprofit organizations selected for support in the SEEN Through Horses 2023 National Campaign.

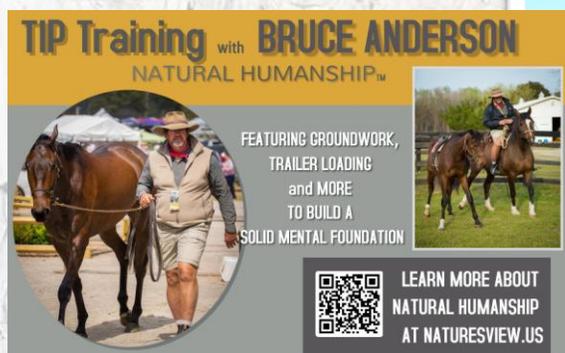
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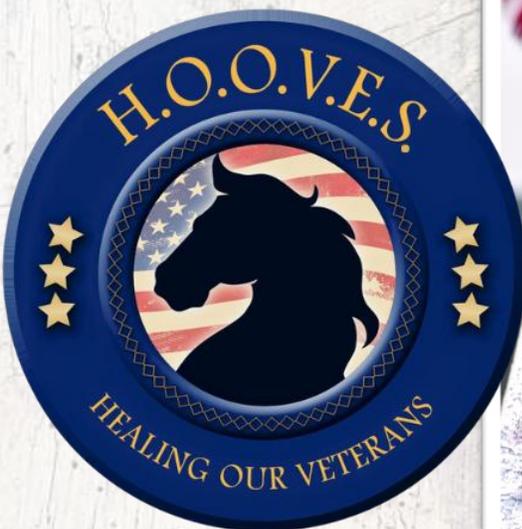
Amanda Held

Ohio



Amanda Held is a highly accomplished leader, blending military service, equine wisdom, and humanitarian work to create impactful change. As the Founder of HOOVES and CEO of the Equine Wisdom Institute, Amanda has developed groundbreaking programs that offer healing and empowerment to veterans, first responders, and at-risk individuals through equine-assisted services. With over a decade of experience, she is a Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt) in the Michigan Air National Guard, serving as a Human Resources Advisor, guiding teams with her expertise in leadership and personal development.

www.hooves.us



Mary Miller Jordan

North Carolina

I Am Herd

- * Mary Miller-Jordan has been featured on National Geographic, RFD-TV & HR-TV.
- * Published in Horse Illustrated, Western Horseman, Cowgirl Magazine, Hobby Farms and Horse & Rider
- * Featured as the Poster Image of the Extreme Mustang Makeover for 2017 and 2018 with their bareback and bridleless American Flag Freestyle.
- * MMJ's first Wild Mustang Guide is immortalized as a BREYER Model 'Mustang', they won the National title of 'America's Favorite Trail Horse (much like 'American Idol' but for Horses)
- * MMJ is an Extreme Mustang Makeover Judge.
- * MMJ and oldest daughter are authors of multiple children's books.
- * MMJ & the Wild Mustang Guides, along with Co-host Sabinananda offer Retreats at The Great Escape Mustang Sanctuary in Deer Trail, CO.
- * MMJ is the producer of the documentary Wild Horse Road Trip and The Journey Gentling the Soul Sister Mustangs.
- * Founder of I AM HERD Mustang Sanctuary

Mary has kept every Wild Mustang she has adopted and gentled, and the unified herd offers the support and guidance for the work she offers horses & humans.

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Mustang Sanctuary
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“Pappa” Mike Cassedy – Kentucky Mustang Heritage Foundation TIP Trainer Burlington, Kentucky



The very foundation of my horsemanship came from Uncle Albert White Horse up on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.

“See what they see, think what they are thinking, and you will have the horse!”

Uncle Albert White Horse

<https://www.amazon.com/WAY-We-Work-Mustangs-Horses/dp/B0CY9MXMC9>

Spending summer after summer, watching, learning and riding up on the Rez, gave me that solid foundation of learning the horse.

Years of the love of the horse, brought me to my first mustang in 2017.

Attending a Pow Wow in Ohio, approached by a young lady who had a “free mustang” from a rescue organization for her green rider daughter’s 4-H introduction, was the start of my passion for the mustang. Accepted three times for the KY EMM was an opportunity of a lifetime, though my first EMM was at the age of 65.

The passion carried over to my daughter, April Michelle Cassedy, and 14-year-old AD Adren Gross that became known as Team Pappa Mike.

Over the last 5 years, Team Pappa Mike has worked with over 30 mustangs of various degrees in their training.

What we found after our very first mustang, One Horse’s Journey, barn name “Journey”, was the large number of mustangs that horse people were either incapable or lack the training ability to move forward with their adopted mustangs.

We decided we would no longer adopt untouched mustangs (with exceptions of the EMM Competition) but would focus on helping others with their mustangs and/or taking on abandoned mustangs.

Journey is still with April Michelle along with 3 other mustangs and I have Wakiyan, my 2019 KY EMM Mustang and Akicita my other Pinto Mustang.

We continue to move forward and work with all levels of mustangs as it has become a “Whatever It Takes” mindset with these National Treasures through what we established as “The Way” we work with mustangs. Pappa Mike Cassedy.



Rob West

South Carolina
Wild West Farms



Rob West, trains wild mustangs – to compete in the Mustang Makeover Challenge –14 so far–and he’ll show you how he truly speaks ‘horse’.

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**The Clinicians
&
Guest Speakers,
Filmmakers, Artists,
& Authors**



Scott Beckstead

Wild Horse Refuge Colorado



Scott Beckstead, the Chief Equine Programs Director at the Wild Horse Refuge in Colorado. Developing a new standard for wild equine sanctuaries, the Wild Horse Refuge is a world-class sanctuary that is home to hundreds of wild horses and spans more than 23,000 acres and provides a safe, natural environment where horses can roam freely away from the threat of urban encroachment and human interference. The horses share this vast swath of rangeland with multiple native wildlife species, providing a balanced and diverse ecosystem for all. Attendees will learn about the sanctuary's comprehensive approach to wild equine care, land and wildlife stewardship, and the crucial role of community involvement and support. The Wild Horse Refuge not only aims to provide sanctuary for Colorado wild horses, but also to educate the public and promote sustainable coexistence with wild horses and the other wild denizens of the range.

<https://www.wildhorserefuge.org/>



Matt Cohn

Washington, DC
Freedom Reigns
Filmmaker

Matt Cohn is an award-winning producer and director. His most recent film as a director is "Freedom Reigns" which has won "The Impactful Doc Award" in 2023. As a producer, he's known for never taking no as an answer and confronting any obstacles head on.

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Matt Cohn

Founder/Director/Producer



Cheryl Eriksen

South Carolina

"Hope, Horses, and Healing"



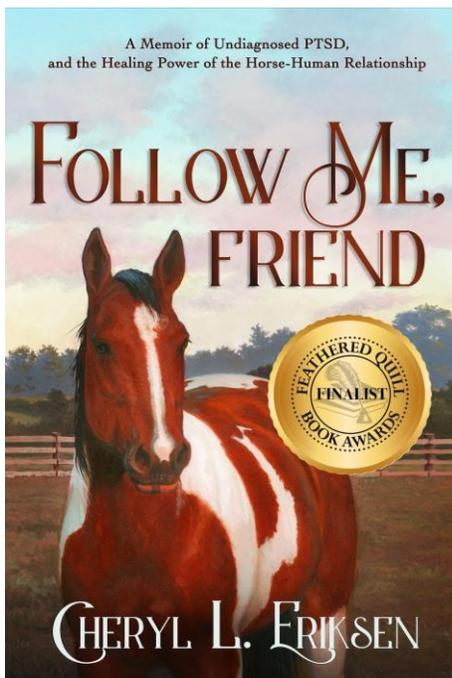
Meet Cheryl L Eriksen, author, blogger, horse midwife, and eternal student of the horse-human connection.

While earning her MSW from Western Michigan University, Cheryl took a special interest in the effects of trauma on the developing brain, and she applied that learning, along with her personal experiences as a survivor of childhood sexual abuse, in her memoir, Follow Me, Friend.

Additionally, Cheryl has spent decades as an equine professional and extensively studied equine behavior and how it is influenced by what the human brings to the relationship. Through her work in the field of equine assisted psychotherapy and learning, Cheryl has seen and experienced firsthand the healing power of the horse-human relationship. Her books (current and upcoming) and her blog, Peace Horse Journey, explore this powerful relationship.

Cheryl has developed and taught continuing education courses on Equine Assisted Psychotherapy as a viable adjunct therapy, and on Trauma, Resiliency, and Horse Sense for social workers. She currently resides in the historic Bluegrass region of Kentucky, working as a horse midwife for various thoroughbred farms January-May, and focusing on her writing, teaching, and speaking engagements the rest of the year.

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Stacy Garner

Pennsylvania Gentled Hearts Stable Pennsylvania Director Forest Service



Stacy offers horse training using natural horsemanship and specializes in gentling wild mustangs. She also offers adoptions of mustangs, is an approved Mustang Heritage Foundation trainer and the Pennsylvania Director at the US Wild Horse and Burro Association.

Additionally, Gentled Hearts Stable has partnered with the Forest Service-Double Devil Corrals serving multiple times as a remote pickup location for Devil's Garden adopters and is currently organizing the second annual Devil's Garden Mustang Challenge in PA. The show will be held the weekend of September 26 – 28, 2025 at the Huntingdon County, PA fairgrounds. Stacy facilitates the placement of DG wild horses out of holding from the Double Devil Corrals with eastern adopters in conjunction with the Challenge.

Gentled Hearts Stable has also worked with the famous tourist attraction, Penn's Cave in Central PA, to house 7 mustangs from various BLM HMA's and the Forest Service-Devil's Garden WHT. People from all over the world visit the cave and can now learn about the beauty of the American Mustang.



**Stacy Garner
Pennsylvania Director**



Patrick & Carey Govert

Indiana



Patrick and Carey began their horse journey later in life. They adopted their first mustang in 2015 as a 100-day makeover mustang . Gus, began the forever journey, teaching the Govert's just how wonderful and versatile mustangs really are. Three years later, pat and Carey decided to adopt their first untouched mustang. They loaded up and headed to the Ewing Illinois facility. The decision took the entire day, but they came. Home with a 9-month-old filly, Jewel. In 2023, the Govert's added their third mustang to the herd, a three-year-old untouched gelding from antelope valley Nevada. Each mustang holds a special place in pat and Carey's lives. They have taught the Govert's how to be better horsemen. Patrick and Carey have a passion for liberty training, trail riding, obstacles, and camping. They are here to express that even the "retired folks" can gentle and train their own mustang. Located in Winamac, Indiana.



Amanda Held

Ohio

H.O.O.V.E.S. | Mustang Heritage Foundation TIP Trainer

In this interactive session, we'll explore a series of connection-based exercises and breathing techniques designed to alleviate stress for both horse and human. By embracing these practices, we aim to foster a profound bond between you and your equine companion, ultimately building confidence and trust. Don't miss this opportunity to embark on a journey of harmony and mutual understanding with your four-legged partner.

Having grown up and trained with horses all her life, in 2003 Amanda began working with them in a different fashion - to begin her healing process from depression, anxiety and PTSD. Encouraged by personal results, Amanda enhanced her proficiency with formal training and certification in EAGALA, Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and several other stress and trauma coaching modalities. From her training and personal experience, she has developed her own method called Equine Integrated Wellness™. Today she practices and teaches this coaching method, helping over 300 veterans and family members combined to develop the current H.O.O.V.E.S. curriculum

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“Driving through the gate at H.O.O.V.E.S. feels like coming back inside the wire.”
- Cory Spychalski, Army Combat Veteran



H.O.O.V.E.S. is a private, donor-supported charity that provides fully funded, 4-day non-clinical retreats for veterans, first responders, and their family members nationwide, who are seeking recovery from service-connected stress.

Retreats are led primarily by veterans and family members who have themselves gone through trauma and achieved growth. During retreats, participants are facilitated through a process that integrates past traumas and reveals underlying strengths, as they forge connections with others and ultimately create a mission, vision, and purpose in service to both themselves and to humanity.

Mary Miller Jordan

I Am Herd Mustang Horsemanship North Carolina



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Mary Miller-Jordan was rocked to sleep on the back of a horse before she could walk. The horse has always been her safe space, her saving grace and even her career.

In 2010 Mary was selected as one of 100 trainers to compete in the ‘Richest Wild Horse Competition’ in history, the inaugural Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover. 100 wild horses, partnered with 100 trainers, given 100 days to compete for \$100,000. This competition marked not only the beginning of a growing platform from her ‘wins,’ but also changed her life from a place so deep within, that her entire view of ‘winning’ has been changed ever since.

Mary and her first wild horse made the top 20 in that first wild horse show and then went on to win a National TV Show called America’s Favorite Trail Horse. A show much like American Idol, but for horses that aired on HR-TV. This Mustang was then immortalized as a Breyer Model Horse, “Lindsay’s Faith” Model #1704.

Mary went on to compete in the Extreme Mustang Makeover again, but this time she and her Mustang partner performed with no saddle and no bridle. That freestyle brought Mary’s wild Mustang winnings to over \$50,000 and an invitation to share her wild Mustang gentling techniques with the entire world. Mary and her wild Mustang ‘Colors’ were featured on the National Geographic’s Nat Geo Wild series ‘Mustang Millionaire’.



MARY MILLER-JORDAN

Mystic, Mother, Mustang Lover



Jenna Nelson

Heart Horsemanship at Southington Mustang Academy Ohio

Heart Horsemanship was founded in 1997 by Jenna Nelson as a horse trainer. It has evolved into a family farm known as the Southington Mustang Academy. We are focused on BLM mustang adoption and training.

<https://www.facebook.com/hearthorsemanshipmustangs>

<https://www.tribtoday.com/news/local-news/2023/11/southington-mustang-academy-helps-find-homes-for-wild-horses/>



Heather Tiel-Nelson

Bureau of Land Management

Heather Tiel-Nelson has served as a public affairs specialist for the Bureau of Land Management Twin Falls District in Idaho since 2006. Her involvement in the Wild Horse and Burro Program began in 2009 where she provided and continues to provide public affairs support for adoptions and gathers in Idaho, Nevada, California, Colorado and Wyoming. She has since worked two different details as a public affairs specialist and off-range outreach specialist for headquarters Wild Horse and Burro Program. During that time, she engineered direct outreach to a national group of mounted unit commanders to promote the use of trained wild horses by law enforcement and the military. She stepped in to guide the complex work of two national marketing contractors that support private placement efforts nationwide. Through her innovation and resourcefulness, she invigorated the Wild Horse and Burro Program's "Tales from the Trail" blog to educate the public about key people and mission areas of the Program. She is a passionate horsewoman who has a deep appreciation for all facets of the equine industry and its ability to connect people. An avid National Reined Cow Horse competitor, she was the 2024 NRCHA Northwest Region Champion in the Non-Pro Bridle Class, Intermountain Reined Cow Horse Non-Pro and Intermediate Non-Pro Bridle Champion, Gem State Stock Horse Non-Pro Bridle Champion and Intermountain Reined Cow Horse Circuit Non-Pro of the Year.



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Matt Manroe

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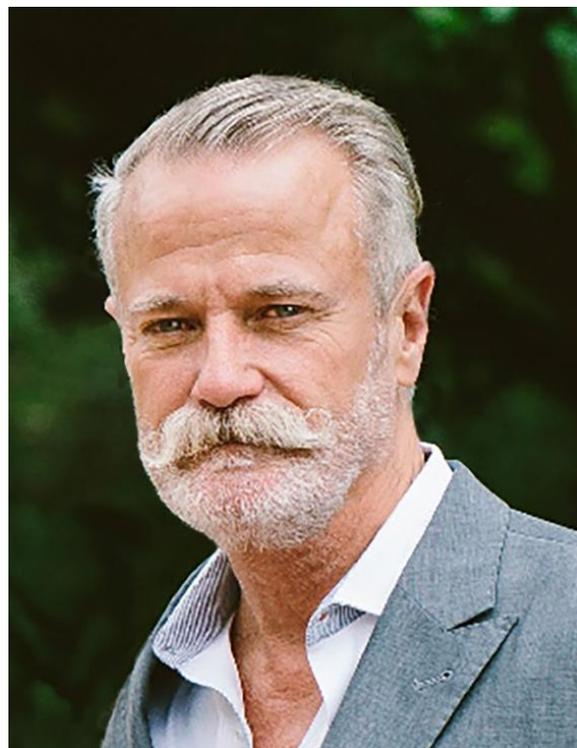


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As Executive Director of Mustang Champions, Matt is responsible for all aspects of program and event development and production as well as overseeing all marketing and advertising efforts. He was formerly the Director of Marketing for the Mustang Heritage Foundation and was responsible for the creation and successful execution of the Mustang Heritage brand, events, and programs.

Prior to that, Matt was an award-winning advertising agency art director in Dallas and Chicago. He worked at national advertising agencies on clients such as American Airlines, Frito-Lay, Pepsi, Coors Beer, Verizon, JCPenney, and Long John Silver's. He has been a Clio award winner, listed in "Who's Who in American Advertising", nominated to Adweek Magazine's Creative All-Star Team as National Television Art Director of the Year and is the recipient of numerous national ADDYs and best of show awards.

Matt lives in Austin, Texas and is the proud owner of two American Mustangs.



Charlie Sims

Illinois

Growing Up With Autism & Horses

Charlie Sims is an animal lover by nature. Growing up, he was always looking at animal books and had a fondness for their development and way of life. After being diagnosed with autism at the age of 3, he was enrolled in a goal based therapeutic riding program that helped him develop his muscle tone, balance, riding ability, and his bond with horses.

Charlie has competed in horse shows across the United States and is a two-time Congress EWD (Equestrians With Disabilities) Champion and a NSBA EWD World Champion. Though no longer competing, Charlie has continued his bond with horses. He cares for his own horse Emma and is taking classical dressage lessons.



Ann Souders

Texas

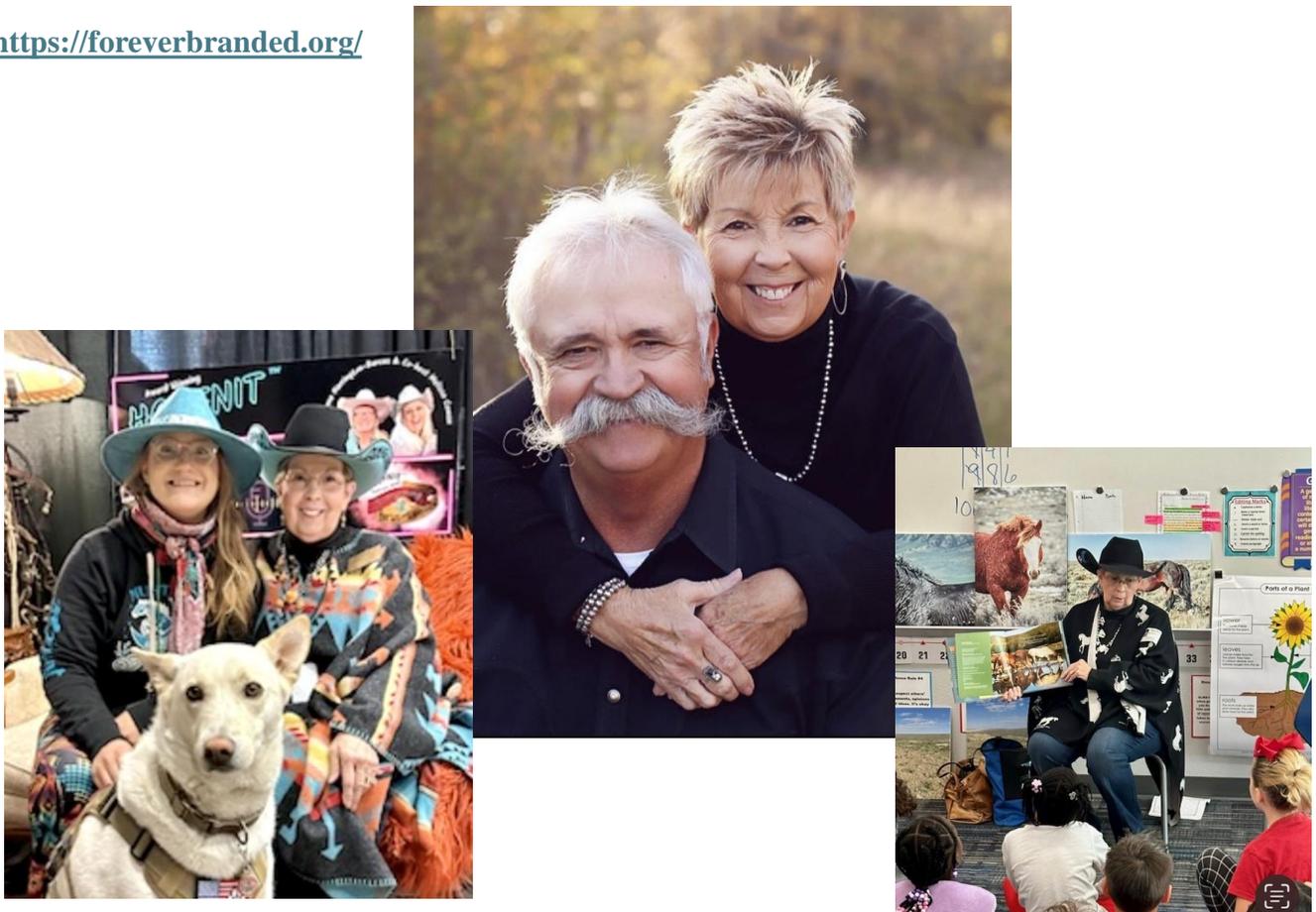
Forever Branded



After many years in corporate America, Ann attended her first Extreme Mustang Makeover in 2007 which inspired both she and her husband to compete the following year. A member of several prominent activist groups, Ann began talking to the BLM and Mustang Heritage Foundation personnel at the EMM events and spending time with many knowledgeable horsemen and women throughout her time training for the EMM. These conversations opened her eyes to another view of the plight of America's wild horses and burros and led her to cut ties with the activist organizations and look for ways to educate others. The art of conversation comes easily to Ann so, in 2009, when Mustang Heritage Foundation invited her to join them, she jumped at the chance.

She began traveling the US with America's Mustang, MHF's educational initiative visiting schools, equestrian events and spreading the truth surrounding wild horse and burro management practices. Ann has attended BLM gathers, holding facilities and met with hundreds of trainers to gain firsthand knowledge to share with the public. Her name has become synonymous with America's Mustang, Mustang Heritage Foundation and now the Director of Outreach and Education for Forever Branded. She is frequently sought after as an expert on wild horses and has appeared as the subject of numerous podcasts, articles, and videos. Because of her unwavering desire to discuss mustangs and share her passion, 'Forever Branded' has a bright future concerning the education and outreach for the American mustang.

<https://foreverbranded.org/>



Lynn Thomas

Horses For Mental Health

Co-Founder/President

Utah



HORSES FOR
MENTAL HEALTH

Lynn Thomas is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, receiving her Master's of Social Work from the University of Utah in 1995. She first developed a program integrating horses as a primary treatment component while serving as Executive Director of Aspen Ranch, a residential boarding school for troubled adolescents.

In 1999, Lynn co-founded Eagala, the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association, providing training and certification in the Eagala Model of incorporating horses in psychotherapy. In the 21 years she served as its CEO, Lynn built Eagala into a leading organization in the area of horses for mental health.

Lynn co-founded and presently serves as CEO of Arenas for Change (ARCH), an organization focused on a values-based community learning and supporting one another in facilitation concepts that increase emotional safety and deepen client stories bringing healing and change in mental health and overall well-being. Thanks to the work over the years of Lynn and her team, involving horses in psychotherapy sessions has gone from a little-known approach to a widely accepted and credible mental health option, backed by research.

With Lynn's experience, vision, and passion for the impact horses have on well-being, she co-founded Horses for Mental Health (HMH) in 2021 to build momentum, expand the movement, and uplift programs worldwide to impact and strengthen global mental health through horses.

<https://horsesformentalhealth.org/>



Stacie Zimmerman

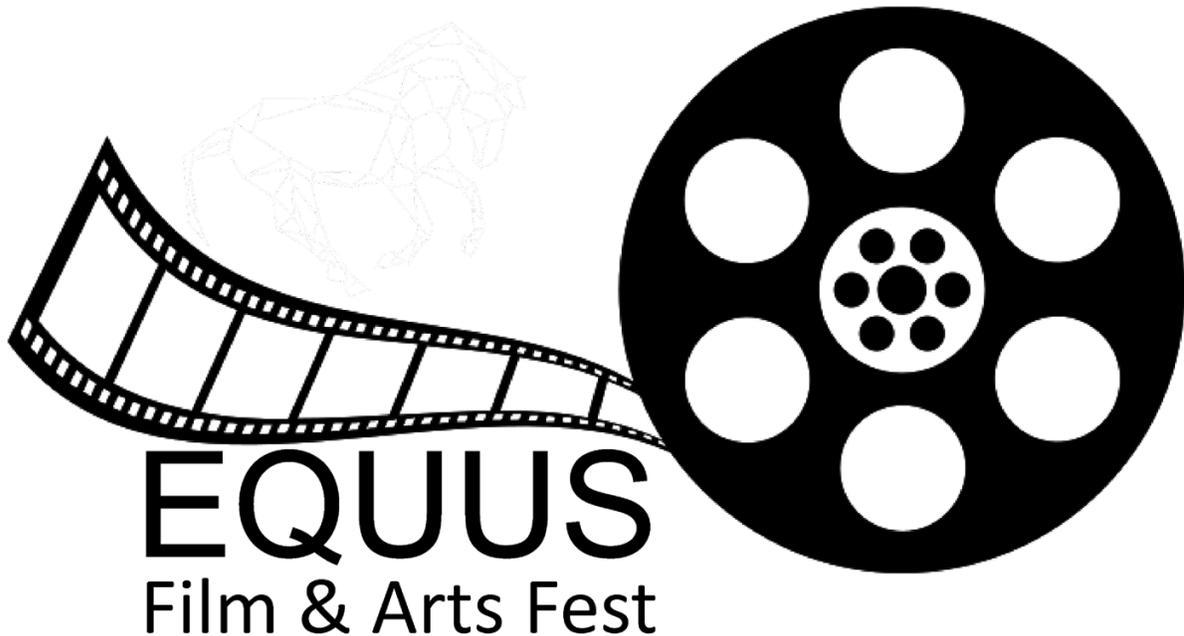
Forever Branded

Idaho



Matt and Stacie have managed a mustang event for the past 8 years and they have successfully found homes for over 1,500 mustangs. They have placed mustangs all over the country and have had a few placed overseas.



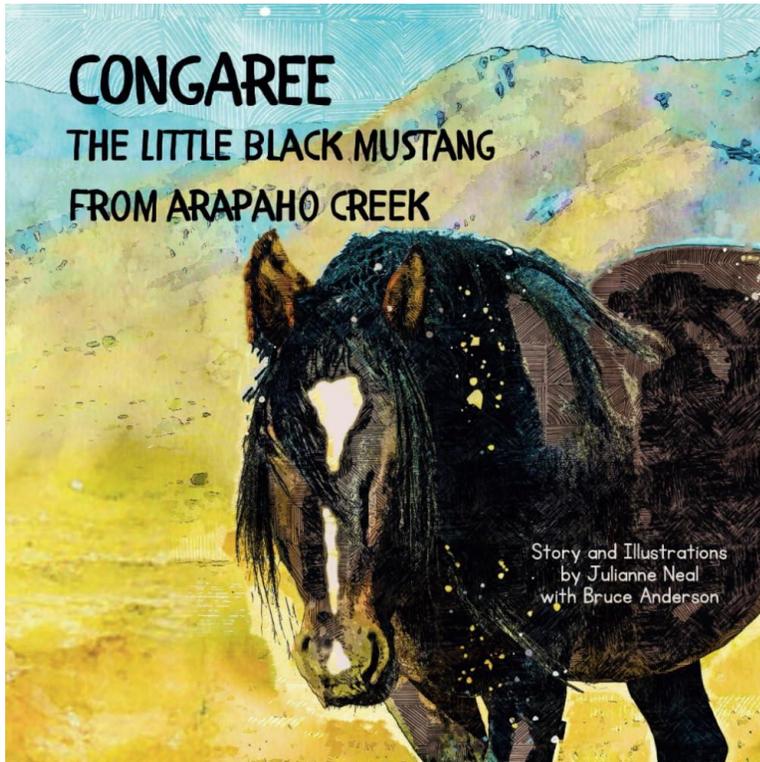


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The Authors & Books

Congaree: The Little Black Mustang from Arapaho Creek

Author: Julianne Neal



The herd of horses lived happily in the valley in between the mountains in an area called the Red Desert Complex. The rippling water of Arapaho Creek flowed nearby, making a beautiful home for the little black horse with the long white stripe on his face. When his herd was gathered and moved to a holding facility behind a prison in Colorado, what would happen to the little Mustang? As he made new friends along his journey and learned new routines, the little horse wondered where his forever home might be.

From the Red Desert Complex in Wyoming to a holding facility, the Mustangs from the Arapaho Creek herd were learning a new way of life, but the little black horse would travel even further before he found his forever home.

Author: Julianne Neal

Julianne is the owner of JA Media Connections, LLC and the Producer/Director of A Mustang Story, the documentary/docuseries covering The Mustang Discovery Ride and other Mustang related stories. She works in partnership with Bruce Anderson to provide Equine Assisted Services through Nature's View, Inc. and The Marley Project, Inc, a non-profit 501(c)(3) with a mission of providing equine education and public service. The organization connects horses with individuals, educational groups, law enforcement officers and management training professionals through Anderson's Natural Humanship™ work.

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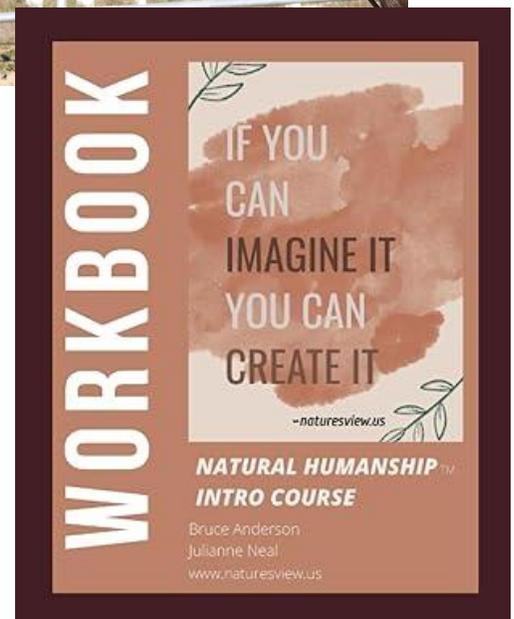
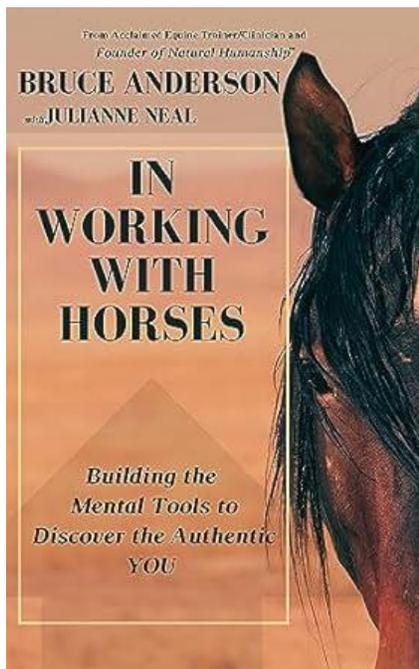
Bruce Anderson & Julianne Neal

In Working With Horses

Natural Humanship Intro Course Workbook

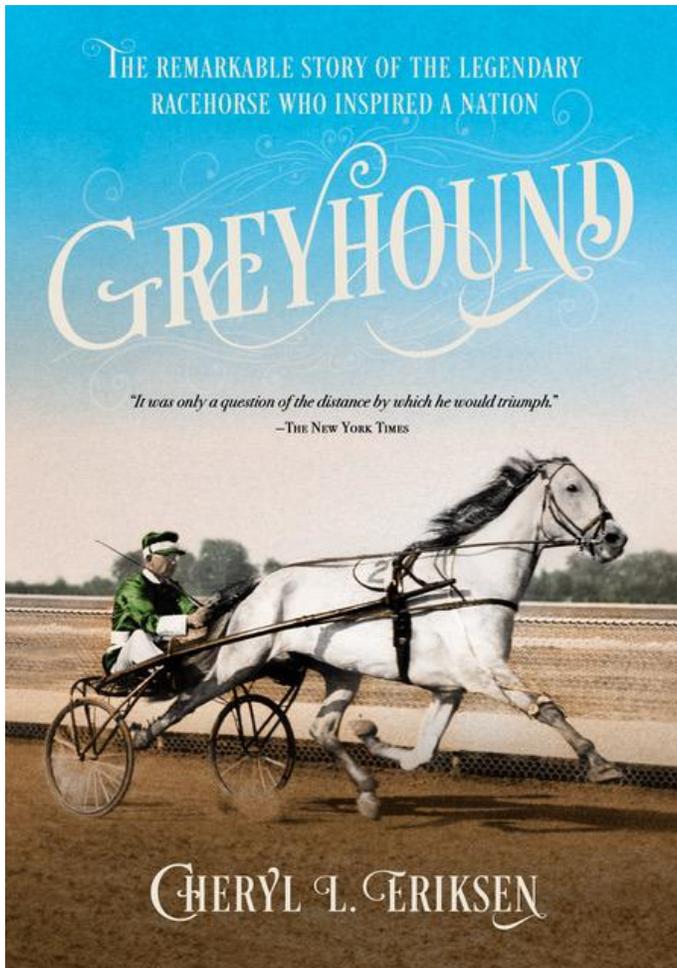
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<http://www.naturesview.us/>



Greyhound

Author: Cheryl Erickson



greyhoundthehorse.wordpress.com

In 1971, Hoof Beats magazine proclaimed Greyhound to be the trotter of the century. So confident were they that no other horse would have a more significant impact on the sport or the American public, the selection was made more than twenty-five years before the century ended.

An awkward, ugly, and largely unwanted yearling, Greyhound would become the greatest trotter of all time. In six seasons of racing (1934-40), he set over twenty world records and beat every horse with an owner that dared compete against him. His crowning achievement—trotting the world's fastest mile (1:55 ¼) in 1938. The record stood for an incomparable thirty-one years. In a time when trotting a two-minute mile was a goal few horses would achieve, Greyhound made them seem normal, turning in an incredible twenty-five sub two-minute miles during his career. At the time, fewer than one-hundred two-minute miles had been recorded (attributed to just 32 horses), and Greyhound was responsible for more than one quarter of them.

Author: Cheryl Erickson

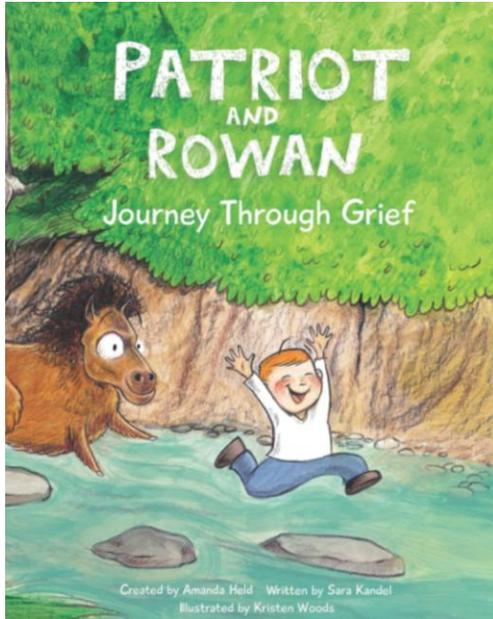
Author, blogger, horse midwife and eternal student of equine behavior and communication, Cheryl L. Eriksen writes with a feeling and connection to her subject that truly resonates with her readers. Cheryl's upcoming book is the definitive biography of the great Depression-era trotter, Greyhound—a horse that not only touched the lives of everyone who knew him, but connected with his public through his heart, determination, and almost human-like personality.

Cheryl's education in research, master's degree in social work, and decades of experience as an equine professional enables her to write with depth and meaning about the horse-human relationship. This is evidenced in her award-winning memoirs, *Follow Me, Friend* and *I've Never Been to Me*. Both books explore the author's experiences living with PTSD and how her horse, Farletta, helped her to heal. When not writing, Cheryl enjoys traveling, hiking, and volunteering at the Kentucky Horse Park. She resides in Versailles, Kentucky.



Patriot & Rowan

Author: Amanda Held



Patriot and Rowan: Journey Through Grief

Written by: Sara Kandel (Author), Amanda Held (Author), Kristen Woods (Illustrator)

“Patriot and Rowan: Journey Through Grief” is a book about the relationship between Patriot, a miniature horse with dwarfism, and a little boy named Rowan, who’s recently experienced the loss of someone close to him. When the two of them set out on an adventure to bring him back, they discover that although he’s no longer with them, the things that made him special, will never go away. As the story unfolds, Patriot and Rowan get advice from the various farm animals and woodland creatures they meet along the way.

The animals in the story are real and the story captures their unique traits and personalities. Rowan is a fictional character, but his personality is representative of the curiosity and wonder of all children.

Patriot and Rowan’s journey is a vividly illustrated adventure with laughs, heart warming moments and universal lessons about life and loss. It’s a story that will capture the attention of readers young and old, but what makes this book so important is that it’s more than just a story. As Patriot and Rowan’s adventure unfolds, it provides readers with tools to navigate grief and come to a place of peace, warmth and serenity.

<https://amzn.to/3hidwjJ>

<https://www.hooves.us/>

Having grown up and trained with horses all her life, in 2003 Amanda began working with them in a different fashion - to begin her healing process from depression, anxiety and PTSD.

Encouraged by personal results, Amanda enhanced her proficiency with formal training and certification in EAGALA, Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and several other stress and trauma coaching modalities.

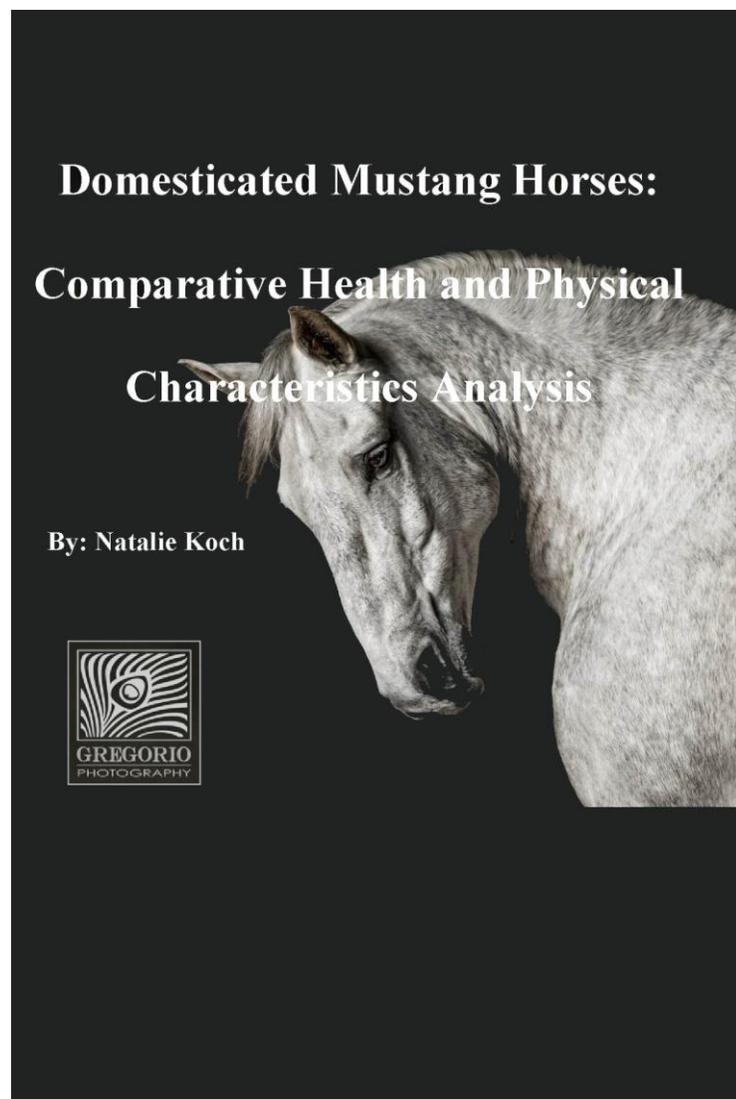
From her training and personal experience, she has developed her own method called Equine Integrated Wellness™. Today she practices and teaches this coaching method, helping over 300 veterans and family members combined to develop the current H.O.O.V.E.S. curriculum



Domesticated Mustang Horses: Comparative Health and Physical Characteristics Analysis

Research Paper

Author: Natalie Koch



The overpopulation of Mustang horses has created tensions between ranchers, Congress, advocates, and the general public. This study analyzed the health and physical characteristics of domesticated Mustang horses in the United States compared to a "Comparison Group" made up of a mixture of different horse breeds to learn more about the Mustang breed. A comparative survey analysis was conducted using horse owners across the United States through Facebook groups to analyze these horses. Regarding health status, the Mustang sample group exhibited lower lameness rates in the front, hind, and foot compared to the Comparison Group and lower overall reported lameness. The Comparison Group had a healthier body condition score. Additionally, the Mustang horses were more often identified as easy keepers. In contrast, the Comparison Group horses were often categorized as hard keepers. Regarding physical characteristics, the Mustangs were shod less, lighter in weight, and shorter in height than the Comparison Group. Both groups showed similarities as they possessed a significant amount of Quarter Horse ancestry. There were also similarities in dental and allergy issues. While much is still unknown about the Mustang breed, these findings can help further knowledge about an under-studied horse breed currently facing many threats.

Author Natalie Koch





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The Wild Horse Refuge is a private sanctuary that was created entirely for rescued Wild Mustangs that were taken from BLM Herd Management Areas (HMA) located within Colorado. The Wild Horses living on this special property are now protected and have regained the freedom and independence they had prior to government interference.

With more than 29 square miles of contiguous land to run free, their wild and free spirit has been restored. With the Refuge being located just 30 miles from the Sand Wash Basin, the horses feel right at home as they roam freely across the vast open spaces of the Refuge!

There are no paddocks, stock pens, fenced pastures, or other smaller and more restrictive spaces in use here. Instead of being relegated to pens or smaller pastures where they might have an occasional opportunity to run one or two hundred yards - or possibly even a few thousand feet... the wild horses living at the Refuge continue to run until they choose to stop.

It is truly a beautiful sight to see when these wild horses are able to regain control of where they go and what they do completely on their own!

The Wild Horse Refuge is a completely new facility that was acquired in order to create a special home for Colorado's native Wild Horses.

Wild horses (Mustangs) are allowed to roam freely within the Refuge - which has more than 22,500 acres of land for the horses to roam freely.

<https://www.wildhorserefuge.org/>



Bureau of Land Management

The BLM works to place excess animals into private care through its Adoption and Sales Programs as well as successful partnerships with organizations across the nation. Many have found it personally challenging and rewarding to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro. It is a chance to care for, and then own, a part of America's heritage.

The BLM has placed more than 300,000 wild horses and burros into private care since 1971. Many of those animals have become excellent pleasure, show, or work horses.

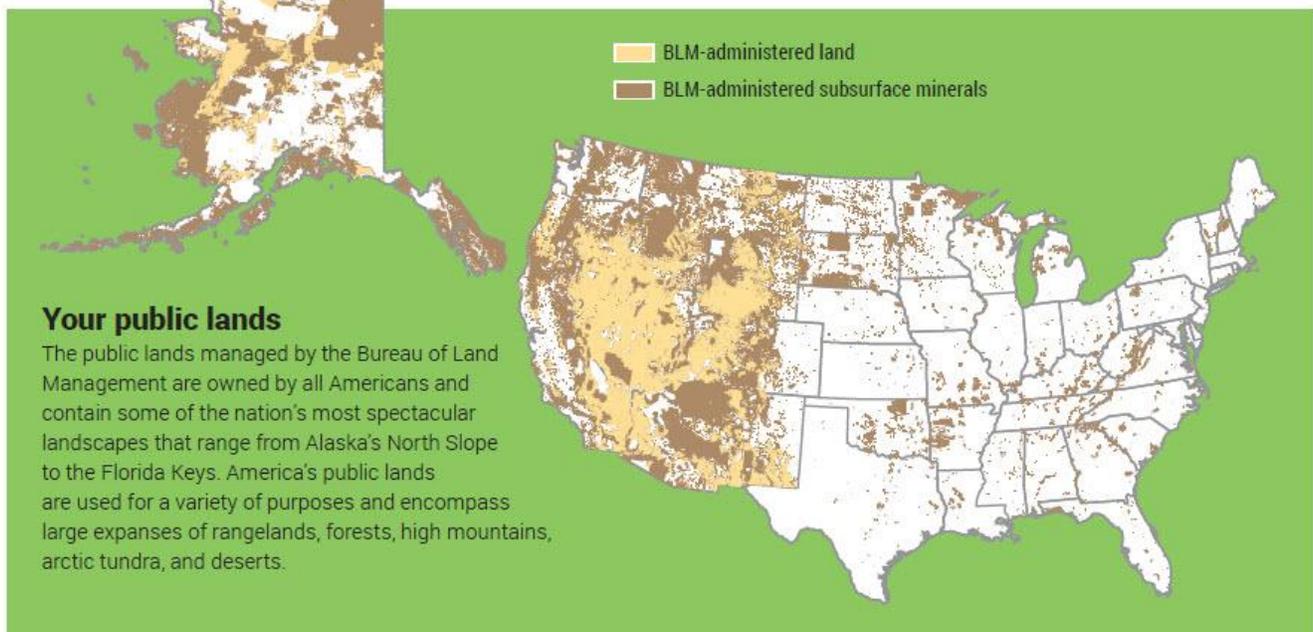
Learn more about:

- [How to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro](#)
- [Off-range corral adoption and purchase locations](#)
- [Wild horse and burro adoption and sale events](#)
- [Visiting and adopting or purchasing from a public off-range pasture](#)
- [Sale Program](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)



The Bureau of Land Management

Manages more than 1/10 of the nation's surface area and 30% of the nation's minerals and soils.



<https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management>

<https://www.facebook.com/BLMNational>



Who We Are

Horses for Mental Health is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to increase awareness, public engagement, funds, and access to programs incorporating horses for mental health and personal growth.

We partner with nonprofit organizations, philanthropists, celebrities, influencers, and companies to realize our collective vision of a world where all mental health needs are met – together.

We seek to strengthen engagement to create a community of inclusivity and diversity while increasing access to quality mental health programs incorporating horses that serve all groups of people..

Our Team

Our team consists of world-class thought leaders with expertise in varying disciplines ranging from: mental health, horsemanship, brand development and strategy, fundraising and awareness modeling, talent acquisition, sponsorship consulting, creative scripting and design, program management, impact reporting and analysis, among other engagements in the social impact realm.

Our team involves and engages with experts and leaders in the equine-assisted services industry, and specifically with psychotherapy and counseling incorporating horses, who help advise our work.

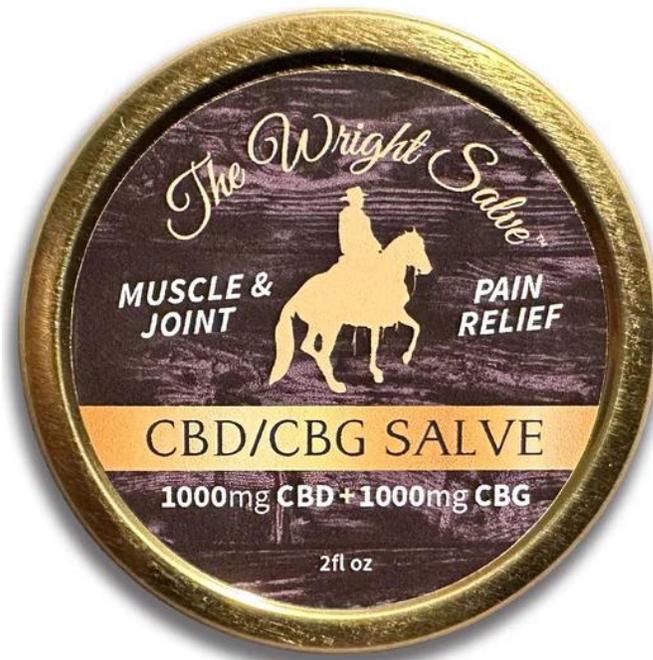
Horses for Mental Health (HMH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to expand the role horses play in mental health and well-being to realize our vision of a world where all mental health needs are met.

At our foundation is our heart for the welfare of both horses and humans, and how they can impact each other to heal and thrive in incredible ways.

<https://horsesformentalhealth.org/>



Lynn Thomas, Co-Founder/President



James and Greta, Owners of The Wright Salve.

A brief story about how we started this journey:
We met and befriended a traveling alchemist who shared a powerful pain relief salve with us.

We soon discovered with amazement how much this salve was helping ourselves and our friends and family in our daily lives.

Together we decided to refine and evolve this incredible pain relief salve by adding even more potent ingredients and bring it to market. Now everyone can have the opportunity to experience the multiple benefits for rejuvenation of skin conditions, muscle and joint inflammation issues, and feel the results and relief like we have!



Freedom Reigns Sanctuary

California

Freedom Reign Foundation is a non-profit 501C (3) that is dedicating to improving the lives of horses by rescuing those that are destined for slaughter and providing them a safe haven; backing legislature that improves the quality of life for horses in many industries; and educating the public on the plight of so many horses in need.

Freedom Reigns Sanctuary is a place to observe these beautiful creatures in their natural social circles and as close to natural habitat as we can create. We provide them with the basic care of semi-annual vaccines and hoof trimmings as well as any emergency care deemed necessary as long as their future quality of life will remain adequate for this setting. The equines are given ample freedom to select the friends and companions they connect and build bonds with which usually creates mini herds with like groups. Most of the horses are naturally grazing and moving about on over 3000 acres. Several smaller groups are temporarily homed in smaller pastures either as families, mares with new babies or horses needing temporary rehabilitation. Incoming horses are always quarantined for 4-6 weeks depending on where they are coming from. Any horses not grazing in our large pastures are fed daily our farmed at the ranch, high quality oak/wheat/barley hay.

Freedom Reigns is not open to the public but visitors are welcome to contact us for a private tour if in the San Juan Bautista area. We are a working ranch in which the horses welfare is our main focus

<https://www.freedomreignsequinesanctuary.org/>

<https://freedomreignsdocumentary.com/>



Espana Silk Products

Trudy Midas, Co-Founder/President

4025 Orleans Ln N Minneapolis, MN 55441

The story of Espana natural grooming products goes back to 1999 and an accident in an indoor arena. Trudy Midas, co-owner of the company with husband, Bob Hansen, was thrown from her horse and broke her back making it impossible to ride again for four years. After three surgeries and years of extensive rehabilitation she was still only able to provide daily grooming and maintain the all-important animal/human bond.

During this time Trudy used virtually every grooming product on the market. The harsh chemicals in some made Bob wonder if these ingredients could be harmful to Trudy and/or her horse. The owners of seven racehorses and two pleasure horses at the time, Trudy and Bob began investigating better options. Their research indicated that a new all-natural equine grooming line would be a welcome addition in the stables.

They then set out to develop the line of all natural products that would be effective and safe for humans and animals. This process included consultations with chemists, and additional research and development which led to the inclusion of silk proteins as a key ingredient and to the pleasant signature cucumber-spa fragrance of all Espana SILK products. Finally, in 2006, the husband-and-wife team found an experienced, quality manufacturer to produce their all-natural line of grooming products.

<https://www.espanaproducts.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/espanasilkgroomingproducts>



Maryland Mustang Mission

Maryland



MARYLAND MUSTANG MISSION

Maryland Mustang Mission is a newly formed nonprofit 501(c)(3) that is devoted to spreading mustang awareness and education on the east coast by showcasing the American Mustang's versatility and ability to go from wild to mild.

Picture

Did you know that there are over 58,000 wild mustangs in holding facilities across the United States?! We need your help to successfully accomplish our mission and help get these amazing horses out of holding facilities and into forever homes! With change comes new beginnings and we are taking a leap of faith with establishing this 501(c)(3) to keep these events going. Let's make the Maryland Mustang Extravaganza and Open Show a huge success in 2024! We cannot do either of these events without you. You can help make them possible by becoming a donor, prize sponsor, competitor, and spectator. Please click the tabs to learn more about the events that will be offered. You can also find lots of great information on our Facebook page, Maryland Mustang Mission, so be sure to pop over there when you get a chance.

<https://mdmustangmission.weebly.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/775340236733053/>

Mustang Leadership Partners

Tennessee
Youth & Mustangs



CHATTANOOGA
GIRLS LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY
UNLOCKING A WORLD OF POSSIBILITY

Mustang Leadership Partners (MLP) was established in February 2009 to provide girls and young women with an opportunity to develop, practice, and improve relationship skills, responsibility, social accountability, self-awareness and self-confidence—all of which are mirrored in the mustang's behavior. Providing hands-on science experiences and equestrian training, the MLP program is grounded in the belief that horses are mirrors to our energy systems and teach us important life lessons. The MLP program requires a year-long commitment and dedication to several academic and citizenship standards.

To participate in the MLP program, CGLA students must complete an application and are selected based upon their commitment to the MLP standards and their current academic standing. The program serves up to sixteen students (eight middle school and eight high school).

1219 CARTER LAKE RD
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37405

<https://www.cglaonline.com/student-center/mustang-leadership-partners>



Mustang Champions

Texas

Mustang Champions is a nonprofit dedicated to the adoption and sale of American mustangs in BLM holding.

We share a deep belief that we can make a difference in the lives of American mustangs. Mustang Champions is a nonprofit dedicated to the adoption and sale of mustangs that have been gathered and are currently in BLM holding.

As a 501(c)(3) working in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro Program we can help to transition mustangs in holding into private care to lessen the burden of an abundance of animals, reduce the cost of care to the American taxpayer and help protect rangeland. Mustang Champions will create and manage programs and events that showcase the ability and diversity of mustangs with the sole purpose of getting mustangs adopted.

We are dedicated to the proper gentling, training, and treatment of mustangs. By enlisting qualified trainers, potential adopters, owners, and all Americans who want to support our efforts, we will prepare mustangs for homes outside of government holding. We provide educational and training resources to help those interested in and working with mustangs improve their skills and knowledge to ensure better handling and care of mustangs.

Mustang Champions will help educate the American public about wild mustangs, raising positive awareness for the BLM and the WH&B Program staff.

Our hope is that with our combined efforts and talents we can give American mustangs in holding an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities as a companion or a champion.

We want to hero the American Mustang.

We are Mustang Champions.

Mustang Champions is proud to be a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit.

www.mustangchampions.org



Mustang Heritage Foundation

Texas

www.mustangheritagefoundation.org

The Mustang Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to facilitating successful placements of America's excess wild horses and burros through innovative programs, events, and education.

**25,000 BURROS & HORSES PLACED IN HOMES AND PRIVATE CARE
SINCE 2007 THROUGH MUSTANG HERITAGE FOUNDATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.**

TRAINER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)

- MORE THAN 16,000 ANIMALS PLACED THROUGH TIP
- TRAINERS IN 40 STATES

The Trainer Incentive Program (TIP) is a training and adoption program that engages talented horse trainers nationwide. Approved TIP trainers gentle and halter train a Bureau of Land Management-branded wild horse or burro, then market and find a new home for the animal. Once a home is approved by BLM the TIP trainer is reimbursed for their training and marketing services.

WHAT WE DO

Nearly 50,000 wild horses and burros have been removed from public lands and are currently in holding pastures and corrals managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). They need our help!

Mustang Heritage Foundation helps find forever homes for thousands of these horses and burros each year. We're dedicated to removing these animals from BLM holding pens and placing them into homes and private care through innovative programs, events, and education.

We have saved taxpayers an average of \$162 million each year. A wild horse or burro costs the federal government \$25,000 during the lifetime of the animal. Mustang Heritage Foundation not only saves the taxpayer money but most importantly helps provide loving homes for our national treasure – the American Mustang!



Mustang Adoption Academy

Our Mission:

Successful Mustang Adoption and helping humans and mustangs have better relationships.

www.MustangAdoptionAcademy.com

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Ohio Equine Liability Act

Under Ohio law (Ohio Revised Code Section 2305.321), horse owners and other parties are protected against liability for injuries that occur as a consequence of an inherent risk of equine activity.

Benefits of a Partnership with the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest and The Mustang Summit

- Partnering with an established Internationally acclaimed Equine Film, Art & Literary Fest
- Celebrating the 12th season in 2025
- Attended by International guests, artists, and filmmakers and those from across the country and around the world.
- Annual visitors in New York City 800 – 1000 film & art fest guests attending over the weekend – hosted in NYC for the artists and authors. In 2019 we moved to the expansive Kentucky Horse Park artist and author attendance doubled.
- Partnering in 20 + Nationwide events annually
- Marketing and exposure on all EQUUS Social Media outlets
- In 2025, Maryland will host our annual Winnie Awards event, inviting filmmakers, artists, authors, and other participants in November. The location is beautiful!
- Partnering with the EQUUS Art & Fest and The Mustang Summit – with invited local equestrian artists as well as selected award-winning EQUUS artists, creating a great holiday shopping opportunity and exposure for marketing of products and services

The New York Times

Laurel Graeber of the NEW YORK TIMES wrote:

"EQUUS, however, has the heft and breadth of a Clydesdale, screening more than 80 films Friday through Sunday in Brooklyn. It also comprises equine art and book showcases, director panels and jury awards (the Winnies)... EQUUS has just instituted an on-demand streaming service for its films, which "aren't made in somebody's little back room on a laptop," said Lisa Diersen, an equestrian and former engineer who founded the festival in 2013, "These are PBS-quality documentaries." (Equus also shows a few fictional films.)"

Hundreds of films have gained recognition, found international distribution and reached global audiences We believe that film holds the power to experience a story in the most compelling way.

We empower storytellers to share their unique equine stories.

By placing the EQUUS Film Fest in the unique locations around the world, people from all walks of life can enjoy these inspiring stories.

We look forward to welcoming you to the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest, and The Mustang Summit where you can enjoy the impressive line-up of films, amazing artists and interesting authors, along with a full line up of Mustang Clinicians.



Founder | Lisa Diersen

THE MUSTANG SUMMIT

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WESTERN STATES HORSE EXPO

RANCHO MURIETA, CALIFORNIA



Next Stop!!!!

- Mustangers – Yearling Mustangs
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- Mustang Clinicians
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