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# Wild and Free

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## “And A Little Child Shall Lead Them”

The Corolla Wild Horse Fund and Mill Swamp Indian Horses held their third wild horse training clinic on April 12th. The Smithfield, Virginia farm is now home to eight Corolla Colonial Spanish Mustangs. Mill Swamp is also home to the largest herd of registered American Indian Horses on the east coast.

Over 70 people braved the threat of rain to watch owner/natural horsemanship trainer Steve Edwards and his students work with Corolla Colonial Spanish Mustangs that were once wild.

Edwards is passionate about getting the word out to the horse community

regarding the ease of domestication and the incredible athleticism, intelligence, and mild temperament of the Corolla



Six year old, Sara Linn leads two year old Takota.

horses. He is sure that if Columbus was alive today, he would say “That’s the horse that I want.”

Edwards is also spearheading a nationwide effort

(in conjunction with the Horse of the Americas registry) to keep the Banker strain of Colonial Spanish Mustang from becoming extinct. The Corolla herd is now on the critical breed list of the American Livestock Breed Conservancy. He is the first person to be entrusted with Corolla stallions for an offsite breeding program. Three stallions now stand at his

farm and Edwards has offered to breed any HOA registered Corolla mare for free. The first pure Corolla domestic foal is due to be born any day.

For more information visit [www.msindianhorses.com](http://www.msindianhorses.com)

## New Volunteer Program

Over 20 volunteers recently completed training as Sanctuary Officers. The new program will provide trained volunteers who will patrol the North Beaches and Estuarine Research Reserve to help educate visitors regarding the Currituck County Wild Horse Ordinance.

Sanctuary Officers will be identified by a Photo ID and Sanctuary Patrol signs on their vehicles.

Herd Manager, Steve Rogers distributed information regarding the Currituck County Wild Horse Ordinance and instructed volunteers on how to handle a variety of situations. Lt. Jason Banks and Chief Deputy Sandy Casey of the Currituck County Sheriff’s Department also participated in the training.

Rogers says that the volunteers will provide an “invaluable service” as

there are thousands of visitors on the north beaches each summer and it is impossible for one or two people to respond to every situation that arises. Last year, 46 volunteers provided 1,828 hours of service in a variety of capacities.

Thank you to everyone for helping CWHF care for the horses by giving so much of yourself!

# 5TH ANNUAL WILD HORSE DAYS



Tour Guide Charlie and his band, Baby Fat, entertain the crowd.

Mark your calendars for the 5th annual Wild Horse Days in Corolla. Activities will take place at the Wild Horse Museum on July 8th and 10th from 10 - 7, and the Corolla Light Town Center from 1 - 8 on the 9th.

There will be lots of activities, food, and fun for families and kids of all

ages. Horse painting, horse related craft activities, music, treasure hunts, a silent auction, a gentled wild Mustang, Animal Friends, and balloon sculptures are just a few of the fun things to enjoy.

Wild Horse Days is sponsored by the Corolla Wild Horse Fund and area businesses who care deeply

about protecting and preserving the historic herd. Area merchants donate valuable merchandise for a huge silent auction. Look for the white tent and bid on your favorites. Sit and listen or get up and dance to live music by talented local artists.

All proceeds benefit the Corolla Wild Horse Fund.

“The extent of competition for food sources and interaction between wild horses and feral hogs is unknown”

## Impact and Carrying Capacity Study Planned

The Corolla Wild Horse Fund and North Carolina State University will be collaborating on an impact study and carrying capacity study on the north beach area defined as the horse sanctuary. Little scientific data currently exists regarding the actual impact the horses have on the land as well the impact of the feral hogs. The carrying capacity study will determine the number of horses that the land is capable of supporting.

CWHF Executive Director, Karen McCalpin, met with 12 NCSU faculty representing a variety of specialty areas including:

marsh grasses; plant systems; feral hogs; wildlife; environmental assessment; equine genetics; theriogenology; animal science; environmental ecology and restoration; vegetation management and restoration; and equine medicine and epidemiology.

Representatives from US Fish & Wildlife and the NC Estuarine Research Reserve, owners of 20% of the land, welcome the study and would like it to be as broad as possible.

The study will address three main areas:

Horse Sustainability

(Population Variability Analysis); Ecosystem Sustainability; and Cultural & Economic Sustainability.

These areas of study will answer questions like how much acceptable forage exists; how many feral hogs inhabit the area and their impact on the vegetation; locating and identifying rare plant communities; the role the horses play in local culture and tourism; behavioral patterns in the horses.

The Corolla Wild Horse Fund will act as the principal investigator and will be researching potential sources of private and public funding.

# NEEDED: 1,000 VOICES

We're over half way there. Our goal is 1,000 members by December 31, 2008. If you would like to help give the horses a voice, join us in our mission to save the Colonial Spanish Mustangs of the Currituck Outer Banks.

Your membership dollars help to provide rescue and veterinary care for injured horses, care for horses removed for adoption, and educational materials for the

northern beaches.

Membership also supports our efforts to effect change on a legislative level. Members are voters and voters give the horses a much needed voice.

The American wild horse is disappearing. Their range is shrinking daily. In the west, thousands of wild horses spend their days in holding pens and die from disease or injury.

We must never let that happen to the wild horses of the Outer Banks. Be a Member. Be a Voice.



Your membership gives the horses a much needed voice. Watch our new video, "A Voice for the Horses" on our website.

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**? CHARTER MEMBER \$500 or more**

? \$250 - \$500 Mustang Protector

? \$100 - \$250 Mustang Defender

? \$75 Mustang Rescuer

? \$50 Mustang Guardian

? \$25 Mustang Advocate

? \$15 Mustang Supporter

? \$10 Mustang Friend

? I have enclosed my check or money order

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NEW CHARTER MEMBERS RECEIVE THE BEAUTIFULLY FRAMED AND MATTED PHOTO BELOW



RENEWING CHARTER MEMBERS RECEIVE A NEW WILD HORSE FRAMED PHOTO EACH YEAR!

## New Members Joining December through March. . . We're Growing!

### CHARTER - \$500 OR MORE

Eleanor Irvin, VA (\$1,000)

Rande Joiner, MD

Kelley Household, KY

Lumpkin Household, NC

Peddrick Household, DE

Profio Household, PA

Delisha Ross, NC

Thrower & Barrett Household, NY

### Mustang Protector - \$250 - \$500

Fazio Household, VA

Malo Household, VA

Ginny Ryon, NC

### Mustang Defender - \$100 - \$250

Karen Allred, NC

Ruth Babcock, NC

Marie Barte, VA

Breaux Household, NC

Scott Ellentuch, NY

Linda Guild, KY

Hapeman Household, NY

Larry Hull, VA

Anne Ingalls, CA

Paula Jenkins, CT

Lawrence Household, MD

Monica Lynch, VA

Delaney Rego, DC

Owen Rego, DC

Richards Household, PA

Sheehan Household, VA

Lisa Sipka, TX

James Smith, NC

Takas Household, OH

Meredith Westner, RI

### Mustang Rescuer - \$75.00

Lisa Caudill, NC

Chancey Household, DC

Jane Denney, MD

Dana Guild, IL

Elaine Head, VA

Beatrice Johnston, VA

Ronnie Massey, NC

Joanne Phipps, NC

### Mustang Guardian - \$50.00

Lynne Biegel, NJ

Roger Bloom, NY

Kimberly Brack, NC

Robin Dannels, VA

Foreman Household, NC

Mary Beth Friedel, MD

Guild Household, KY

Mari Hafera, MD

Laurie Holden, MD

Kerry Holjes, NC

Kathy Hryckiewicz, VA

Joann Jackson, IL

Abbot Kelly, NC

Betty Lane, NC

Tracey Laslo, OH

Leslie Lavendoski, NC

Amy McGovern, NC

Morrell Household, NY

Rita Pledger, NC

Terry Sautters, NJ

Lyle Schmidt, OH

Schultz Family, NC

Gracie Thies, KY

Tolle Household, FL

Susan Wimmers, FL

### Mustang Advocate - \$25.00

Beth Bigley, VA

Margaret Bowen, MD

Paul Brengle, NC

Burroughs Household, NY

Mark Carlson, CT

Elizabeth Connor, VA

Cribb Household, VA

Michael Denholm, OH

David Ellis, VA

Charles Franklin, VA

Karen Galuchie, NJ

Kathleen Gerbasi, NY

Grattan Household, NC

Marlene Happ, OH

Betty Harvey, MD

A Hutchinson, VA

Stacey Jones, NC

Brandon Kline, TX

Claire Kyler Cordts, NJ

Richard Miller, VA

Maryana Newton, NC

Deborah Overdorff, TX

Charles Plauger, VA

Savona Household, NC

Stephanie Schultz, NC

Karen See, PA

Lola Setzer, VA

Valerie Shelton, NC

Diane Spear, MD

Charlene Stewart, NC

Richard Stone, VA

Maria Strycharski, PA

Emily Elizabeth Welch, VA

Lori Jo Welch, VA

Jennie Wilson, OH

Robert Wilson, FL

Nancy Witschger, OH

Wendy Young, MD

Kendra Zell, NM

### Mustang Supporter - \$15.00

David Ambrose, NC

Victoria Avery, TX

Julia Bancroft, NC

Barbara Beachler, MD

Jon Beckner, NC

Angela Dowdy, NC

Laura Ehrhardt, VA

David Fey, NY

Janice Grove, OH

Marielle Habel, QC

Heather Kearns, MI

Lige Household, NC

Walter Noe, VA

Claudine Rader, IN

McGovern-Johnson Family, ME

Stanfield Family, ME

Yemm Household, CO

Michele Wollenzier, OH

Rumi White, NC

### Mustang Friend - \$10.00

Abert Household, NJ

Amy Adams, TN

David Bathrick, NY

Rachel Beacham, NC

Jessica Nargess Beshai, VA

Wendy Bossen, NC

Annon Blue, NC

Cara Blue, NC

Ray Bowman, VA

Ashley Cooper, GA

Damion Dengler, MD

Tim Ferry, VA

Foster Grubbs, VA

Hobbs Household, PA

Amanda Howard

Miranda Hudson, GA

Paul Kempf, PA

Katia Locke, VA

Linda Meurer, NC

Michalak Household, NJ

Charlotte Rogers, VA

Paul Stuart, NC

Patricia Thompson, VA

Rick Voiles, OH

Betty Wagner, MD

Mary Elizabeth Whitley, GA

Sally Whitley, GA

### Memorials/Honoraria:

In memory of Delouise Kays, By Delisha Ross

In honor of Dirk and Sandra

Tolle, By Jennifer Tolle-

Whiteside

In honor of Paula Jenkins, by

Pamela Fisher and Jennifer Fox

In memory of Donna Goodwin

by Carolyn Foreman

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