

# WILD AND FREE

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**The Mission** of the Corolla Wild Horse Fund is to protect, conserve, and responsibly manage the herd of wild Colonial Spanish Mustangs roaming freely on the northernmost Currituck Outer Banks, and to promote the continued preservation of this land as a permanent sanctuary for horses designated as the State Horse and defined as a cultural treasure by the state of North Carolina.



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## A SIGN OF GOODWILL



**In a world where** it seems as if we are bombarded daily by bad news, here is an example of some of the best of the best.

Pennsylvania resident, Trevor Zuech and his family own a second home in Corolla. Most kids come to the beach in summer and spend all their days, well, at the beach! Starting before he was even a teenager, Trevor has spent countless hours helping the Corolla Wild Horse Fund. Every Tuesday and Thursday, no matter how hot it was outside, Trevor managed our children's painting activity and helped with our weekly Meet a Mustang event.

Several years later, Trevor came up with an amazing idea that has long term benefits for the wild horses. Trevor's Eagle Scout Project was to construct and place an educational sign every mile along the 11 mile stretch of dunes on the north beach where the wild horses reside. Trevor has seen first hand the escalating issue of horse/human interaction even though it is illegal and has, in some cases, become fatal for the wild horse. He has seen our frustration and has taken action to help educate the public about the laws that exist to protect the horses from the public and the public from the horses.

Half of the signs reference the *50 foot law* and the other half reference *no feeding*. Local contractor Tab Winborne volunteered his time to cut out the signs that Trevor then painted. Thank you also to the owners who gave permission for the signs to be installed on their property.

On behalf of the wild horses, we are beyond grateful.

**CALL TO ACTION!** Will this be the year for the Corolla Wild Horses in Washington, DC? The CWHF has been working on having a bill passed that will provide these horses with the same protections that the herd on Shackleford Banks has had since 1998. The bill asks for no funding, just that we can maintain the herd at a genetically sustainable size. It is important to have federal protection because some of the land that the horses inhabit is managed by federal agencies. Without it, their thoughts and actions on management can change as different people assume these positions of authority. Please ask your federal legislators to support the Tillis Burr Amendment #3227 to S2012.

***Please help us have The Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act passed.***

## Did You Hear About the Midnight Rambler?

Of course you did! Roamer's saga has been the talk of the town since the middle of last summer. If you climbed the ropes at the adventure park, rented a house in the Villages of Ocean Hill, or just happened to be on Highway 12 at dusk or dawn, you probably saw Roamer with your own two eyes. Roamer swam around the southern sound side barrier fence and after many, many failed attempts to move him back to the sanctuary, we finally captured and relocated him to our rehab facility on September 12. Roamer has settled into domestic life like a champ. You'd hardly know now that he was wild for more than a decade, or even that he's a stallion. He's got one of the most laid back, gentle, good-natured personalities that we've ever seen in a horse. He is now wearing a halter and standing in cross ties to be groomed, he's had his front feet trimmed, and he's learning how to lunge. Soon we'll start training him to walk on and off the horse trailer and eventually he will be trained to carry a rider. We're looking forward to taking Roamer to local schools and events as an ambassador for his breed and his relatives in the wild.



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[www.corollawildhorses.org](http://www.corollawildhorses.org)

All proceeds benefit the Corolla Wild Horse Fund

## Fast Facts: Fall 2016

<b>5</b>	Number of foals born to the wild herd in 2016. North Star, Liberty, Orlanda, Phoenix, and Gregorio. Phoenix was orphaned when his mother had to be humanely euthanized due to illness/injury and has been adopted by his forever home. Gregorio was a late baby—born in October! (See his picture below.)
<b>2</b>	Number of stallions at our rehabilitation facility. The Fund generally does not keep stallions (they are either sent to one of our off-site breeding programs or gelded) but we're lucky to have two resident stallions right now who are respectful and easy to work with—both are great ambassadors for their breed and fit nicely into our education mission. You may see Roamer and Amadeo out and about in 2017!
<b>1</b>	The Corolla Wild Horse Fund is the only non-profit in the country that manages a herd of wild horses. All other herds are managed by government agencies, or not at all.
<b>7544</b>	The wild horses that once called the entire 175 miles of this barrier island their home, are now confined to an 11 mile stretch that amounts to about 7,544 acres of the north beach. Almost 70% of the land they roam is privately owned and therefore subject to development.
<b>1251</b>	Governor Purdue signed HB 1251 into law in 2010, designating the Colonial Spanish mustang as the state horse of North Carolina. This win for the horses was the direct result of a letter writing campaign taken on by students in three local counties.
<b>3147</b>	The Corolla Wild Horse Fund is a non-profit, registered 501(c)3 organization with over 3000 supporting members. Be a part of saving this historic herd, the land, and the state horse of North Carolina by becoming a member today! Forms can be found on our website: <a href="http://corollawildhorses.org">corollawildhorses.org</a> .

