

## The Corolla Wild Horse Fund

A Registered 501 (c) (3) Not-for-Profit Charity



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P.O. Box 361  
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# WILD AND FREE

**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.



### Staff

**Linda Adkins**  
*Executive Director*

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*Director of Operations*

**Meg Puckett**  
*Herd Manager*

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*Operations Coordinator*

**Stacey Dailey**  
*Farm Caretaker*

**Nora Tarpley**  
*Trainer*

## PERFECT PAIRINGS

At the end of September, Sanctuary Vineyards invited us to attend their Crabdaddy Festival where we would be accepting a very generous donation.

One of Sanctuary's signature wines is Wild Pony White, and every year they donate a portion of the proceeds from this best selling wine to CWHF. Sanctuary Vineyards and the Wright Family have always been huge supporters of the Fund—since the very early days! The Wright's have a long shared history with the Banker horses and are dedicated to being a part of their preservation. We are proud to call them our neighbors and friends, and very honored to have their support.

The Crabdaddy Festival was also special because it was the first time the stallions, Amadeo and Roamer, traveled to an event together. They've been bonding all summer and we thought maybe they'd enjoy doing events together, and we weren't wrong! These guys are simply amazing, and they are perfect ambassadors for their breed. Amadeo was rescued in 2013, and is in his 20s now while Roamer came to us last September and is in his early 'teens. Proof you can teach an old stallion new tricks!



Be sure to pick up a bottle (or an entire case!) of Wild Pony White the next time you're shopping for wine. It makes a great gift, too. You can visit [www.sanctuaryvineyards.com](http://www.sanctuaryvineyards.com) for more information, or stop by the vineyard the next time you're going to or from the beach. They offer tastings and tours in addition to special events throughout the year. We're looking forward to The Big Curri-Shuck oyster roast Thanksgiving weekend.



## Meet CWHF's New Director

Originally from Pennsylvania, Linda Adkin's early youth was spent on a working farm with multiple species. By the time she was in her teen years, she pursued an intense involvement in equestrian sports. Career highlights include Prix de Ville competition in Show Jumping. She additionally expanded into show hunters, eventing, dressage, drag hunting, and racing. For respite she enjoys pack tripping in the wilderness.

After decades of working in the horse industry as a rider, instructor, and trainer, Linda began to visualize the idea of "giving back" to the horse community. She assisted in the development of Animal Welfare Project, dedicated to professionally re-training homeless horses and dogs, so they could be more readily adopted into quality homes.

Educationally, she achieved a Bachelors' Degree in Independent Studies (Animal Science, with an Equine specialization) from Murray State University in Kentucky. She has also pursued coursework in business, including non-profit. Other interests include farm and property management as well as real estate and land conservation.

Linda's interests blend perfectly with the efforts of Corolla Wild Horse Fund, and she especially appreciates the ongoing efforts being made by the community for the protection of this special mustang herd.

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



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

## Fast Facts: Fall 2017

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| <b>50</b>              | The number of beautiful bales of hay donated to the CWHF farm in September by Mary Dahling of J&M Arabians and Old Dominion Hay from Smithfield, Virginia. This generous gift will last our rescued mustangs through the fall!  |
| <b>73</b>              | We did an aerial survey of the horses' habitat in August and counted 73 horses. Tree cover was thick so it was difficult to see every single horse. Based on field observations and this number we are confident there are close to around 100 horses in the herd. We have started doing these aerial surveys six times per year. |
| <b>219</b>             | We have an Instagram account now, and 219 followers! Check us out—@corollawildhorsefundinc, and be sure to follow us on Facebook too.   |
| <b>3</b>               | The number of foals born to the herd this past year. Mateo came along in April, Eclipse was born in July, and we spotted another foal (sex undetermined) from the helicopter in August.   |
| <b>\$900</b>           | Money raised by H2OBX staff by collecting spare change all summer. They split the proceeds between CWHF and our friends at N.E.S.T. We have the best neighbors!   |
| <b>\$154.2 million</b> | That's the amount of money tourism brought into Currituck County in 2016. Wow! According to Currituck's tourism director, the mustangs are the biggest attraction (along with the beach, of course!).   |



**Eclipse, a filly,  
was born in July.**