

# 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.

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## SOME OF OUR HORSES WENT TO COLLEGE THIS SPRING!



The above photo is of Summer, who worked with our horses at MCC this spring.

The Corolla Wild Horse Fund partners each spring with Martin Community College and sends any Corolla Wild Horses that have been rehabbed and are over 3 years old to be a part of their spring colt starting class.

Martin Community College is located in Williamston, NC and is known in the region for their Associate's Degree in Equine Technology. The program is designed to prepare students for positions within the equine industry.

The Corolla Wild Horses who have attended this program have gone on to be adopted throughout North Carolina and

Virginia. Their Program Director appreciated them so much that she adopted one for herself! This year Mimosa and Hope return "from college" in May. Mimosa will then go to her adoptive home in Virginia, and Hope will join our educational herd for the summer.

## THE LATEST ON GUS



In November of 2014, the Corolla Wild Horse Fund was able to introduce a Colonial Spanish Mustang from Cedar Island. Nicknamed "Gus" in honor of Dr. Gus Cothran, who has helped the CWHF with genetic research, this stallion is offspring of the horses on Shackleford Banks. In Mid-April, the CWHF Herd Manager saw Gus with a harem of three mares that he had taken from an older stallion in the area. Photos of all of them were a huge hit on our Facebook page reaching over 56,000 people!

## MORE HAPPY NEWS

The CWHF has had a great year for adoptions! Six of our rehabbed Mustangs went to amazing homes since the end of last summer. Vivo, Freedom and Rico are enjoying their new home with the Winstead family of Kenly, NC. Creed is now in Asheville, NC training for endurance rides with Jim Kelton. Mimosa also moved to the mountains and is enjoying her new home with the Wells family. She is in training and will be a trail and pleasure horse.

Firecracker is moving south to live in South Carolina, where the Nixon family will continue his training and he will get to spend time with the young horses they raise. We are so very excited for all of them!

Visit our online store for clothing and gifts that will please family and friends of any age!

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

COMING MAY 17  
**MUSTANG**  
Spring Jam

SAVE THE DATES  
**2015**

COMING OCT 9+10  
**MUSTANG**  
Autumn Festival

MUSTANGMUSICFESTIVAL.COM FOR INFO AND UPDATES

**BRIEFS**

If you are planning a trip to the Outer Banks, please visit us at one of our two locations and join in on the fun. We regularly schedule Summer Activities such as Meet a Mustang and Paint a Mustang each week during the summer months.

**OLD COROLLA VILLAGE**  
Wild Horse Museum Store  
1129 Corolla Village Road  
Corolla, NC

**PAINT A MUSTANG!**  
Paint a wooden cutout.  
Tuesday and Thursdays  
10:00 am to 2:00pm

**MEET A MUSTANG!**  
Pet a gentled horse rescued from the wild.  
Fridays 10:00am to 1:00pm

**SCARBOROUGH FAIRE**  
1177 Duck Road, Duck, NC

**PAINT A MUSTANG!**  
Paint a wooden cutout.  
Wednesdays 1:00 to 5:00pm

**MEET A MUSTANG!**  
Pet a gentled horse rescued from the wild.  
Wednesdays 2:00 to 5:00pm

All proceeds benefit the Corolla Wild Horse Fund.



**Fast Facts: Spring 2015**

84	OFFICIAL HERD COUNT: Once every year, the CWHF Executive Director and the CWHF Herd Manager fly by helicopter over the 7,544 acres of wild horse territory to establish the official herd count. This year that count was taken on September 30, 2014. The count is then adjusted when foals are born, when horses are removed for veterinary care, and when deaths occur. Although the count is lower than the official count of last year (101), we do not believe that there has been much of a change in their numbers. The particular day of the count was very warm and sunny causing some of the herd to take cover under trees.
5	Number of horses at our rehabilitation facility. These horses are in training and are either in our adoption program or will join the adoption program in the near future. You can learn more about our very successful nation-wide program, as well as those horses that are currently available for adoption, at <a href="http://www.corollawildhorses.org">www.corollawildhorses.org</a> .
110-130	The Corolla Wild Horse Fund supports a target population range of 110-130 horses. Population is managed by darting mares with an effective and reversible annual contraceptive called PZP (Porcine Zona Pelucida).
107	Number of wild Colonial Spanish Mustangs that live on Cape Lookout National Seashore (Shackleford Banks, near Beaufort, NC), the only other herd of Colonial Spanish Mustangs in the wild. They are managed by the National Park Service. Shackleford Banks is an island in the chain of the Outer Banks, 230 miles south of Corolla.
2000	Critical – The Livestock Conservancy has defined the Colonial Spanish Mustang as a critically endangered priority equine breed. The Conservancy considers a breed “critical” if there are fewer than 200 annual registrations in the United States and an estimated global population of less than 2000.
500 Years	The Colonial Spanish Mustangs of Corolla have lived here for nearly 500 years! In the 1520’s, the Spaniard Lucas Vasques de Ayllon, sent three expeditions to the coast of what is now the Carolinas. The expeditions brought with them men, women, slaves, Franciscan friars, and horses. Genetic testing of Corolla’s horses confirms their Spanish lineage.
3	The number of times that the <i>Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act</i> will come before Congress for passage. The Act has passed the U.S. House of Representatives twice (in 2012 and 2013). To become law, however, it also needs to pass the U.S. Senate. The Act requests no federal funding. This act was again brought before Congress with the help of Congressman Walter Jones at the start of 2015. Please urge your U.S. Congress Representatives and Senators to support the Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act.
33,425	Number of followers on Facebook! CWHF posts updates regularly to keep everyone informed. Like us on Facebook – it’s a great way to stay in touch!
2609	Number of current CWHF members! If you are a member, <u>thank you for your support!</u> Our membership programs provide vital support to the CWHF mission. It has never been easier to join online, and the CWHF now offers <i>sustainer memberships</i> , which divide membership donations into automated monthly gifts. Membership levels start at \$10 per year. Please visit our website for more information. Join today!