

# Corolla Wild Horse Fund

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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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## ADJUSTING TO OUR NEW NORMAL

Each spring we gear up for an exciting summer season. We stock our gift shop, create an extensive live event schedule, and prepare the rescue farm to welcome visitors. But this year everything changed. Like everyone who has been impacted by COVID-19, we've had to become creative, and innovate new ways to keep in touch with our supporters.

We've been engaging even more through social media, and started Facebook live streams from the 4x4 to bring the wild horses to you and from the farm with updates on our rescues. We've expanded our online gift shop to ensure access to the CWHF merchandise. Though we are still closed to the public, we are offering "Porch Pick Up" for visitors' and local customers' convenience. We continue to monitor the spread of the virus and are heeding the advice of the CDC, WHO, and our local, state and federal government. Stay safe and stay healthy. Like most non-profits, this has been a challenging time for us. Right now, ***your continued support is vital to our mission and to the daily operations at CWHF.***



## CWHF ENHANCED MUSEUM SNEAK PREVIEW

We are putting the finishing touches on our expanded museum. Our goal is to be a leading destination for learning about Banker mustangs. Find out how they arrived on the Outer Banks nearly 500 years ago, their survival and adaptive skills, harem dynamics and much more. The CWHF museum is free, but donations are appreciated. Below are samples of the 22 exhibits that will be on display.



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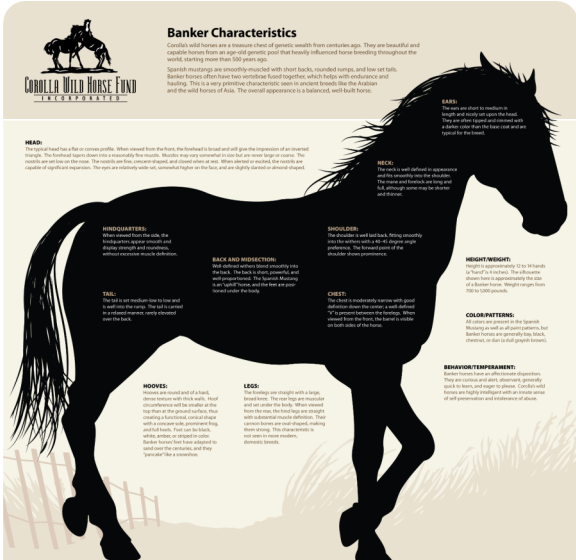
### Arrival to the Outer Banks

The Outer Banks of North Carolina is known as the graveyard of the Atlantic. Legend has it that the horses were survivors of shipwrecks out on the shoals. Another theory is that ships were grounded in the shallow waters offshore, and the horses were cast off the vessels to lighten the load and then swam to shore. But the most likely scenario is that the vast majority of them were intentionally brought here by Spanish explorers in the 1500s.

Lucas Vázquez de Ayllón (1475–1526), a lawyer, nobleman, Spanish conquistador, and explorer, tried to start a colony in North America in 1526. He also discovered the Chesapeake Bay and established San Miguel de Guadalupe, a settlement near what would become Jamestown. He landed at River John the Baptist (thought to have been Cape Fear), but his attempt to settle the coast of the Carolina was ultimately unsuccessful. The two ships he brought most likely left eighty to one hundred original Colonial Spanish mustangs behind.

The next direct line of history comes from vessel logs detailing the importation of livestock to the Outer Banks by Richard Grenville's expeditions from 1584 to 1590.

Of note is Grenville's 1585–1586 voyage. The fleet was damaged enroute to Roanoke Island and forced to stop in Puerto Rico, where ship logs indicate various livestock were purchased from the Spanish, including stallions and mares along with saddles and bridles. The fleet's largest ship, the Tiger, was too big to enter the shallow waters of the Roanoke Sound, and was heavily damaged while anchored in the Atlantic. It is entirely possible that much of the livestock on board swam ashore or drowned.



### Banker Characteristics

Corolla wild horses are a treasure chest of genetic wealth from centuries ago. They are beautiful and capable horses from an ancient genetic pool that has been preserved through the world, dating from the 1500 years ago.

Spanish mustangs are closely related with short backs, rounded rumps, and low set tails. Banker horses often have very powerful hindquarters, which helps with endurance and hauling. This is a very primitive characteristic, seen in ancient breeds like the Andalusian and the wild horses of Asia. The central appearance is a balanced, well built horse.

**HEAD:** The head is broad but a flat on convex profile. When viewed from the front, the forehead is broad and will give the impression of an inverted triangle. The eyes are dark and deep set. The ears are large and upright. The neck is long and muscular. The throatlatch is well developed. The muzzle is straight and of medium length. The lips are thick and the nostrils are wide. The tail is set on a high point and is carried in a slightly curved position.

**HINDQUARTERS:** The hindquarters are powerful and muscular. The hind legs are well developed and the hocks are well set. The tail is set on a high point and is carried in a slightly curved position.

**TAIL:** The tail is set on a high point and is carried in a slightly curved position. The tail is long and muscular. The tailhead is well developed and the tail is set on a high point.

**HOOFES:** The hooves are well developed and are of a good shape. The hooves are dark and the sole is well developed. The hooves are well developed and are of a good shape.

**LEGS:** The legs are well developed and are of a good shape. The legs are dark and the joints are well developed. The legs are well developed and are of a good shape.

**SHOULDER:** The shoulder is well developed and is of a good shape. The shoulder is dark and the joints are well developed. The shoulder is well developed and is of a good shape.

**BACK AND MIDSECTION:** The back and midsection are well developed and are of a good shape. The back and midsection are dark and the joints are well developed. The back and midsection are well developed and are of a good shape.

**CHEST:** The chest is well developed and is of a good shape. The chest is dark and the joints are well developed. The chest is well developed and is of a good shape.

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** The height and weight are well developed and are of a good shape. The height and weight are dark and the joints are well developed. The height and weight are well developed and are of a good shape.

**COLOR/PATTERN:** The color and pattern are well developed and are of a good shape. The color and pattern are dark and the joints are well developed. The color and pattern are well developed and are of a good shape.

**BEHAVIOR/TEMPERAMENT:** The behavior and temperament are well developed and are of a good shape. The behavior and temperament are dark and the joints are well developed. The behavior and temperament are well developed and are of a good shape.

DNA PROJECT



We recently announced one of the new projects that we have been developing and working on this year. As part of our long-term strategic planning, we recognized that charting all of the relationships among the wild horses, and creating a family tree that can be used to help us responsibly manage breeding and track family lines through many different generations is vital to our mission.

The first step was to submit DNA samples (hair follicles) from all of the previously-wild mustangs at the rescue farm. After studying those results, we determined which wild horses to collect tissue samples from first.

One of the wild stallions we chose to collect tissue from was Rambler, the father of Alma and Renzi. And some of the reasons were that we are pretty sure that Rambler, Roamer, and Two Sox are all related, but we're just not sure how.

Our goal is to collect tissue samples from every wild horse in the herd.

We will be developing a program in which you can support and help us with this research by becoming a sponsor for one of the first ten wild horses to be analyzed. A sponsor will receive picture and background of the horse as well as quarterly updates about their wild mustang.

In the meantime, if you would care to support these efforts in general before we announce our wild horse sponsor program, please visit our SUPPORT pages on our website.

Thank you for helping us save these historic bloodlines for many, many generations to come!

By the Numbers: Summer 2020

Table with 2 columns: Number and Description. Rows include: 18 (Current number of horses at rehabilitation facility), 1500 (Approximate number of active members of the Fund), 5 (Number of foals born this season), 122,600 (Number of followers on Facebook), 2010 (Year the Colonial Spanish Mustang became the State Horse of North Carolina), 110-130 (Target population range of horses).

Wild Horse Public Service Announcement WATCH - RECORD - REPORT

Watch

- For anyone closer than 50 feet to the horses
• For anyone feeding (by hand or tossing) of edibles of any kind
• For anyone chasing, throwing objects at, or harassing the horses

Record

- Photograph or film infractions
• Photograph or record license plate numbers of offenders
• Retain descriptions of individuals (clothes, caps, tattoos, etc.)

Report

- Please contact the Currituck Sheriff's Department at 252-232-2216
• Or contact us, the Corolla Wild Horse Fund at 252-453-8002
• The police may want to see your photographs, and may request a statement if you volunteer it

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