

# 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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## How Our Mission is Made Possible



The 7,544 acres of land where the wild horses roam are not dedicated as habitat for the Bankers alone. This land has a long-standing history of mixed use. Much of it is for private use, but there is also federally held land, state held land, and land owned by the local county.

So, by what means is the Corolla Wild Horse Fund authorized to manage the wild Banker horses in Corolla?

The Wild Horse Management Agreement was first developed in 1994 between Currituck County and the Corolla Wild Horse Fund. The horses were recognized as an integral part of the history and tradition of the Currituck Outer Banks. Through the Agreement, the Fund was to serve as lead advisor in the preservation of the horses, as well as to provide important educational functions to the public regarding the County's Wild Horse Ordinance. The Fund was also charged to report violations to the appropriate law enforcement.

Beyond the Agreement, there was still a need to establish a common vision in managing the wild horse population over the years. Those who held a vested interest in the area and those who held the importance of the horses' preservation needed to come together to identify these goals.

So, the following participating agencies: Corolla Wild Horse Fund, Currituck County, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, NC National Estuarine Research Reserve, NC Division of Coastal Management, and NC Department of Environmental Quality, developed the Wild Horse Management Plan. This document designated the Fund as the caretakers of the herd and was signed by a representative from each entity.

In more recent years, the Plan was renamed the Wild Horse Management Agreement again as it reflected the stronger consensus of goals and the actions to achieve them. Supported through a collaborative process involving all stakeholders, the Agreement outlines policies and protocols for all aspects of management. This includes ancestry and genetic conservation, habitat preservation, intervention and removal, population control, management of captive horses, partnerships, and education.

The Wild Horse Advisory Board, composed of members from each participating agency and members who reside on the 4x4 area of the Currituck Outer Banks, is committed to managing the wild horse population in a manner that maintains a sustainable equilibrium between the wild horse population, development, wildlife, and the environment. Each year, the Board assesses the progress of actions and the need for re-examination of goals and actions for future implementation. Additionally, the Agreement is fully updated every five years, at a minimum, with a substantial review to address anticipated needs, current resources, and implementation problems. The Board meets quarterly, and a detailed report of the status of the herd is submitted by the Fund for public record.

The continued success of The Wild Horse Management Agreement is greatly dependent upon the ongoing cooperation and coordination between the stakeholders and the Corolla Wild Horse Fund's united partnership.

## Thank You for a Successful Fall Open House

In October we opened our 31 acre rescue farm on the mainland for a Fall Open House. We had around 260 visitors and even auctioned off three original paintings done by our very own rescued Bankers, Junior, June, and Raymond.



## Update on June, rescued September 2022

In early September, we removed a mare named June from the wild because she was exhibiting symptoms associated with pythiosis (a waterborne, infectious disease) by a wound on her lower leg, just above her hoof. She was first taken to our farm for further assessment by our vet who examined her, took x-rays, and consulted with specialists at NC State University. The veterinarians at NC State advised us to bring June to their hospital in Raleigh the next day. Once there, she underwent immediate surgery for the disease, and her treatment and analysis continued for almost three full weeks.

Since her return to the farm, June has made improvements each day. After her first week at the farm, she finally felt comfortable enough to enter her stall voluntarily, which was a major sign of her developing trust. She enjoys taking walks around the farm and has become quite affectionate with her caretakers. She also finished her final dose of the pythium vaccine in early October! We are very pleased with her progress.

## Winter Hours for Corolla Wild Horse Fund Museum and Gift Shop

Our Museum and Gift Shop hours for the winter season will be:

**Open Thursdays and Fridays  
11:00 am until 3:00 pm**

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Porch Pick-Up and shipping options are available for online purchases if you will not be in town during our limited hours. You can shop our inventory, new items included, on our website:  
[corollawildhorses.org/cwhf-gift-shop/](http://corollawildhorses.org/cwhf-gift-shop/)

## By the Numbers: Fall 2022

30,000	Our 2022 Fall Fundraiser brought in over \$30,000! Thank you to everyone who donated and shared our mission. Our work is possible because of you!
20	Rescued mare June spent 20 days in the hospital at NC State University following the surgical removal of pythiosis in her leg. She is improving each day now at rescue farm on the mainland.
15	In the 1970s, there were approximately 15 people living in the village of Corolla, which is now where our Museum and Gift Shop is located.
30-60	Persimmons, native to North Carolina, are a sweet treat for the Banker horses in the wild during fall. The trees can grow from 30 to 60 feet tall and were once used by Native Americans to make bread and beer.
25	The number of Corolla Bankers that currently reside at the CWHF rescue farm, including one good-looking mule!
101	The number of wild horses currently living on the northern beaches of Corolla.

## Peer to Peer Fundraising and How it Works:



The Fund has implemented a new and unique way for YOU, your family, and friends to easily fundraise for the Banker horses from home — all through social media!

Maybe you will be participating in a local event and would like others to sponsor you while raising funds for the horses. Maybe you are celebrating a birthday and want your friends and family to contribute on your behalf for your celebration. Or maybe you would like to honor someone and ask for donations as a tribute to this special person.

You can promote your fundraiser by sharing on your social media accounts or by email. Any of these fine ideas will help the Fund to continue the work of their mission and help the Banker horses survive.

To start your fundraiser or to learn more, visit our website.

[corollawildhorses.org/start-your-fundraiser](http://corollawildhorses.org/start-your-fundraiser)