

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 Banker horses 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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As a not-for-profit organization, we depend on the strength of our community. Every aspect of our work relies upon the support and commitment of those around us. Our ability to carry out the mission of protecting, conserving, and responsibly managing the Banker horses originates with the power that we receive from the community that supports our work.

The Banker horses are certainly treasured by our local community here on the Outer Banks. Residents of the Outer Banks — those who live here and those who have second homes here — provide us with a solid foundation to not only protect our valued horses, but preserve the land on which they live and roam. Building upon that foundation, we have found robust collaboration with those who visit the Outer Banks and share our home for the wonderful summer weeks that they are here. Lastly, because of the advancements in technology and online communications, our community has grown and far exceeds the borders of the Outer Banks and the state of North Carolina, extending across the country and worldwide. What this means for us, as an organization, is that we have a “community of support” that is vast and holds no boundaries.

While donations enable us to further our mission and vision of protecting and conserving the Banker breed, creating awareness of these horses and their habitat through social media, news outlets, and word-of-mouth is essential in educating those who may not know about our Banker horses and the challenges they face. As our network of community grows, those of you who are part of it can help support us in this crucial work to preserve our treasured horses for generations to come. By sharing educational information about the horses and their habitat, photos of the horses, online posts, and your overall appreciation for them and Corolla, you are helping us reach individuals who may never have heard about our horses become supporters and advocates themselves. You provide the groundwork by making these connections, broadening support of our mission to protect the Bankers and their home.

We are committed to keeping our horses wild and free and preserving the land as a permanent sanctuary for them. We are also committed to the horses who may no longer live on the beach by providing them a safe, secure place to live at our farm. Every Banker is of value to the future of their breed. It is encouraging to know that we have you behind us — individuals that are equally invested in our cherished horses and the work that we do. The impact that the power of our community can have on the Bankers, the Fund, and the beauty of the northern Outer Banks is truly amazing.

Mustang Mornings at the Farm

Join us for Mustang Mornings at our farm on the mainland this summer!

Every Wednesday
5/24/23 through 8/30/23
10:00 am—2:00 pm

Meet the rescued Banker horses up-close and learn from the Fund staff responsible for both their care and the preservation of the wild herd.

Betsy Dowdy Equine Center
102 Young Rider Ln.
Grandy, NC 27939



Update on Junior at the Rescue Farm

On January 19, 2023, our vet advised us to transport Junior from the farm to North Carolina State University in Raleigh after he displayed signs of colic that did not resolve from our vet's treatment. The following day in NC State's hospital, Junior underwent surgery, and veterinarians discovered he had strangulating lipoma. This is when a fatty cyst or fibroid attaches to the intestine and damages it. The surgeons were able to remove several feet of damaged intestine and repair what was left, perform an abdominal lavage, and administer medication.

Junior spent ten days in the hospital recovering from surgery and receiving specialized care. Junior's recovery is still ongoing, and complications could still arise, though the risk will diminish as time goes on. Junior will be a "special needs" horse for the rest of his life, and we are grateful that we can provide for him thanks to our donors' support.

To support our work for horses like Junior, and those still living in the wild, there are a number of ways you can help at corollawildhorses.org/support.

Shop Our Online Gift Shop

Our online gift shop is continually updated with new and unique inventory, including products made by local artists! Visit our store at:

corollawildhorses.org/cwhf-gift-shop/

To visit our Museum and Gift shop, check our open hours at:

corollawildhorses.com/contact/

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By the Numbers: Winter 2023

13	The temperature dropped as low as 13 degrees in Corolla one day in December 2022. The Bankers' coats grow thicker as winter approaches, providing them an insulated layer against cold temperatures.
115	Almost three years ago the Fund collected and analyzed our first 10 DNA samples from the wild Banker horses. Since then, we have collected 115 DNA samples and continue adding new findings to our database.
11	Mares gestate for 11 months, and most foals are around 80 pounds at birth. The first foals of the year are usually born starting around the end of March.
3	Though peak tourist season in the Outer Banks is May through August, there is still a high number of visitors May through October, and another rush around the holidays. Many local businesses and organizations, including CWHF, only limit hours or close down for 3 months or less as a part of the "off-season" — January through March!
24	The number of Corolla Bankers that currently reside at the CWHF rescue farm, including one good-looking mule!
100	The number of wild horses currently living on the northern beaches of Corolla.

Many Ways to Get Involved

There are many opportunities to help support the wild Banker horses.

Owners are Donors:

Owners of property in the Corolla area can join our program by pledging to donate an amount of each week's rental through the season.

Silver members can pledge \$250 (or more), just \$20 per rental week during the prime summer season of 13 weeks.

Gold members can pledge \$500 (or more), just \$40 per rental week.



Both members receive exclusive benefits including an annual gift. Materials to display in owners' rental houses are available to educate visitors on the horses and their habitat.

Please note that Outer Banks homeowners of any kind are welcome to participate in our program, even if they do not rent their house to visitors.

Join our Owners are Donors program or learn more at corollawildhorses.org/owners-are-donors/.

Peer to Peer Fundraising: Through the platform *JustGiving*, you can start your own fundraiser to raise money in support of the horses. Once you create your fundraiser, you can promote it by sharing it through social media, by email, or just by letting your friends, family, and work associates know about it. Fundraisers can be made in honor of an event, like running a marathon, a birthday, or more. Fundraisers can also be made in memory of a loved one. You can also share one of our existing fundraisers on your social accounts. We currently have ongoing fundraisers for Land Acquisition, our Rescue Farm, and our 2023 Annual Campaign for general operating support. Get started or learn more at corollawildhorses.org/start-your-fundraiser/.