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WILD AND FREE

The Corolla Wild Horse Fund

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The Mission of the Corolla Wild Horse Fund is to protect, conserve, and responsibly manage the herd of Corolla wild horses (Bankers) 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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Your Support in Action



Junior recovering in the improved medical paddock



Paddock neighbors Buttercup (left) and Junior (right)

At the beginning of the year we identified areas around our rescue farm that would benefit from new and/or updated fencing. Based on current priorities and needs, we decided to start with building additional paddocks off the back of the barn. This provided us with more space for horse intake, quarantine, and medical care. We now have seven paddocks that are all interconnected but can also be closed off, along with an alley down the middle that will allow us to unload and shift horses without having to handle them. We can now move wild horses much easier and more safely, and have far more flexibility when we must house horses that need specialized care due to medical or behavioral issues (or often both). The fencing consists of wooden posts with wire mesh so that even the wildest horse cannot get through it. This prevents horses from having nose-to-nose contact in quarantine situations, and the fence is tall enough to prevent any of the horses from thinking they could jump over it. While we don't ever want to have to use these areas, because that means we have sick horses and/or horses that have been taken out of the wild, we need to have the infrastructure in place because when we need it, we *really* need it. Our next significant project will be replacing fencing around the large pastures that house the mares!



Brio, spring 2022, being treated for pneumonia in the former medical paddock



Brio, spring 2023, fully recovered in the pasture with Squirt



Junior, April 2023, recovering from colic and life-saving surgery in January, in the former medical paddock



Junior in June 2023, fully recovered from surgery but receiving special care in the improved medical paddock

Mustang Mornings at the Farm



We welcome you to visit our farm on the mainland this summer for *Mustang Mornings!*
Every Wednesday through August 30th
10:00am - 2:00pm

Meet the 24 rescued Bankers who now call the farm home. Learn from staff responsible for their care and the preservation of the wild herd. The award-winning documentary, "The Secret of Corolla" will play at 11:00am followed by a Q&A session with the herd's manager.

Run for the Wild Horses

Create your own fundraiser online with, or donate directly to, our *Run for the Wild Horses* campaign. Recruit sponsors for your event or your own endeavor. Running, cycling, swimming -- you can do whatever you love all while supporting the Bankers of Corolla.
justgiving.com/campaign/runforthewildhorses

The Fund is also a charity beneficiary of the OBX Running Company's *Lighthouse 5k Series* presented by Brindley Beach Vacations most Wednesdays through mid-September in the Historic Corolla Village.

theobxrunningcompany.com

Charitable Online Gift Shop

We are continually enhancing our online gift shop with new and unique inventory, including products from local artists and CWHF exclusive merchandise. All proceeds from purchases online and at our Museum and Gift Shop benefit the horses.

corollawildhorses.org/shop



By the Numbers:

- 180** Our first *Mustang Mornings* event of the summer kicked off with **180** attendees. We had so many visitors that we screened "The Secret of Corolla" documentary twice!
- 25-150** Equus Survival Trust considers breeds with fewer than **25-150** foals born annually as critically endangered. They recognize the Bankers as such, but properly managed. Every foal is invaluable to the health of Corolla's herd.
- 93** Of the Fund's active donors, over 200 are monthly sustainers. This equates to **9.3%** of our donors giving to the Fund every month!
- 101** In the wild, we estimate there are **101** horses roaming free on the northern Currituck Banks.
- 24** On our farm on the mainland, we care for **24** rescued horses that can no longer live in the wild, including one good-looking mule!

Summer has arrived and so have the foals of 2023...

As of July, the herd of Corolla wild horses has welcomed five foals that we know of, which includes three colts and two fillies. Foaling season is not yet over, so while we hope for more births to increase our herd count, we thought we would explain our alphabetical naming system started in 2020.

Corolla's herd is not branded or tagged. Every horse has a unique identification number in the Fund's records, and almost all are given names. Starting with the letter 'A,' in 2020, each subsequent year we have chosen names for foals born annually following the order of the alphabet.

Of course, many of the Bankers have been around for nearly a decade or two and were named long ago. So, though name alone may not immediately indicate a horse's age, as we move forward it will become easier for us and future Fund staff to identify the horses and their corresponding birth year as time goes on. After all, more than two decades will pass before we circle back to the beginning and start over again.

Other indicators that set the horses apart include color (chestnut, bay, or black), white stars or blazes on their heads, white "socks" on their legs, and even knowing the area they usually inhabit!



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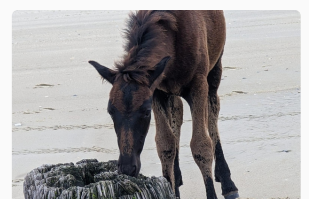
Donner



Dove



Drake



Drum