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# Washoe County 4-H Youth Development Programs

## Halter-started Wild Horse & Burro Event and Adoption



**Saturday, August 1, 2020**

**All five 4-H trainers will showcase their yearlings  
(4-Horses / 1 burro)**

**Two halter-started yearlings available for Adoption!**

**9:00-11:00am: Conditioning, Trail Trials and Free-style Classes**

**11:00am: Competitive-Bid Adoption begins**



**Event Location: University of Nevada, Reno Equestrian Center  
1000 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512 (Enter through gate on Sadlier Way)**

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# Two yearlings available for Adoption!



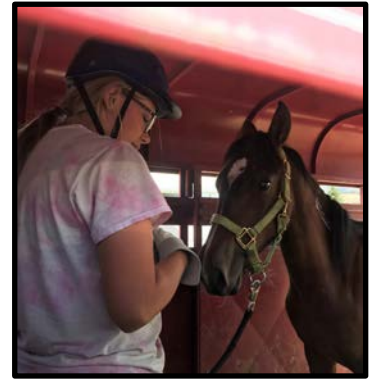
“Finn”

**Bids will start at \$150**

**Adopters must meet BLM adoption requirements to bid.**

**Go to**

**<https://go.usa.gov/xmcwS> for BLM requirements and Adoption Application**



“Loki”



***Event and Adoption sponsored by:***

**4-H Youth Development – UNR Extension – University of Nevada, Reno  
Bureau of Land Management - Nevada, Wild Horse and Burro Program**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the University of Nevada, Reno 4-H youth development partnered together to offer an educational opportunity and fundraiser for the Washoe County 4-H clubs. The 4-H club gains horsemanship experience and will add value to these young once wild horses and burro by gentling them and getting them used to being handled, which benefits future adoptions of all “America’s Wild Horses and Burros”.





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## 4-H IS A COMMUNITY FOR ALL KIDS

In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

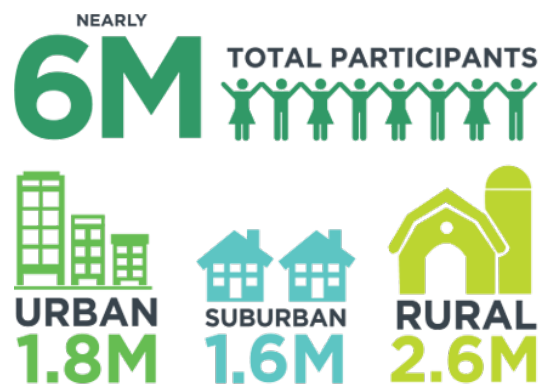
4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension—a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing. For more than 100 years, 4-H has welcomed young people of all beliefs and backgrounds, giving kids a voice to express who they are and how they make their lives and communities better.

Through life-changing 4-H programs, nearly six million kids and teens have taken on critical societal issues, such as addressing community health inequities, engaging in civil discourse, and advocating for equity and inclusion for all.

## NATIONAL REACH, LOCAL PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

In 4-H programs, kids, and teens complete hands-on projects in areas like health, science, agriculture and civic engagement in a positive environment where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. Kids experience 4-H in every county and parish in the country through in-school and after-school programs, school, and community clubs and 4-H camps.

4-H's reach and depth are unmatched, reaching kids in every corner of America – from urban neighborhoods to suburban schoolyards to rural farming communities. Our network of 500,000 volunteers and 3,500 4-H professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 6 million 4-H'ers, helping them grow into true leaders today and in life.



## THE 4-H WAY

4-H empowers young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. It is a research-based experience that includes a mentor, a hands-on project, and a meaningful leadership opportunity.



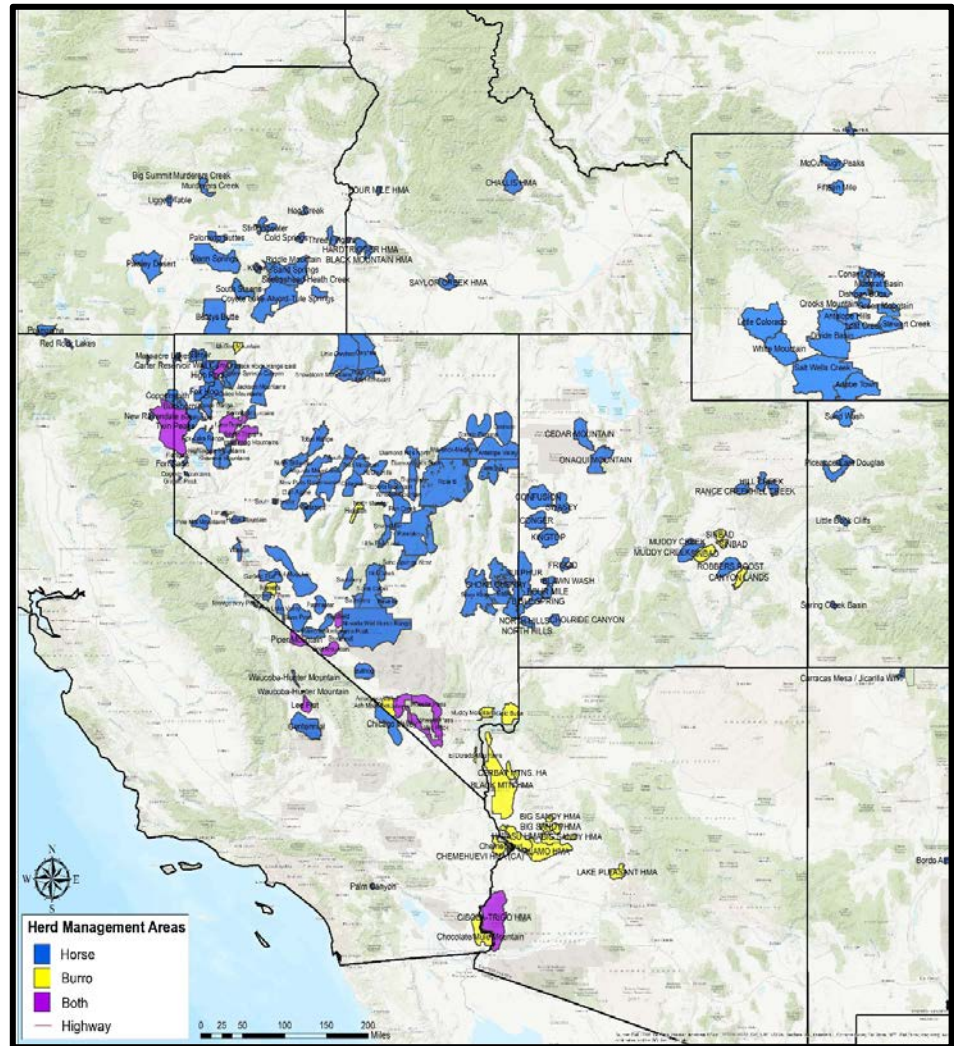
# Bureau of Land Management Herd Management Areas

The BLM manages wild horses and burros in 177 herd management areas (HMA) on nearly 26.9 million acres of public land across 10 western states. Each HMA is unique in its terrain features, local climate and natural resources, just as each herd is unique in its history, genetic heritage, coloring and size distribution.

Wild horses and burros are managed as *part* of the BLM's multiple-use mission, with the goal of supporting healthy wild horses and burros on healthy public rangelands. To protect the health of the land and to support healthy horses and burros, the BLM works to achieve in HMAs what is known as the Appropriate Management Level (AML).

AML is the point at which wild horse and burro populations are consistent with the land's capacity to support them and other mandated uses of those lands, including protecting ecological processes and habitat for wildlife and livestock. The AML for each HMA ranges from a minimum population level to a maximum population level to allow for population growth over a four- to five-year period. The BLM establishes AML through the evaluation and analysis of rangeland resource and population data spanning several years, including data relating to vegetation and soil types, weather, and water. The AML for each HMA is set in an open, public process through field office planning efforts.

How wild horses and burros are managed differs from how most other species are managed on public lands. Wildlife species, such as deer, are usually controlled through a combination of hunting and natural predators. Livestock use on public lands is intricately managed and controlled through grazing permits. Because wild horses and burros are protected from hunting, and because of a lack of natural predators, if left unmanaged herds can double in size in just four to five years and quickly outgrow the ability of the land to support them. Maintaining herd size at the appropriate management level is the best way to ensure healthy horses and burros on healthy rangelands. The current nationwide, maximum population level is 26,690 animals. For more information about all the BLM's HMAs, visit the BLM website's herd management areas section at <https://go.usa.gov/xm3p9>.



# **Adoption Application, Requirements and Payment Information**

To download a BLM adoption application for a wild horse or burro (Form 4710-10), please go to <https://go.usa.gov/xEkhV>.

## **Adoption Requirements at a Glance**

- Must be 18 years old. Parents or guardians may adopt and allow a younger family member to care for the animal.
- Have no prior conviction for inhumane treatment of animals or for violating the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act.
- Have adequate feed, water and facilities (at least 400 square feet for each animal) to provide humane care for the number of animals requested.
- Provide a home for the animal in the United States until you receive Certificate of Title from the BLM.

## **How will the fees be dispersed?**

- \$25 will be paid directly to the Bureau of Land Management to cover administrative costs
- Remainder of the adopted fee will go directly to the 4-H to support the program

## **Does BLM and 4-H accept personal checks? What other types of payment are accepted?**

- The BLM accepts personal checks, money orders, American Express, Discover, VISA, MasterCard, travelers' checks, and cash as payment for adoption fees.

## **Can I get a refund or exchange my adopted horse for another in the future?**

- Despite efforts to provide adopters with healthy animals, situations arise where unrecognized lameness or health problems surface following adoption. Upon request, an adopter may be able to return the adopted animal to a nearby Wild Horse and Burro Facility for an exchange of an untrained "replacement" animal if the following conditions apply:
  - a. Within six months of the original adoption, the adopter provides a signed statement from a veterinarian that the animal died, had to be euthanized, or was diagnosed with an incurable illness or lameness attributable to a condition that already existed at the time of adoption.
  - b. The death, development of the illness, or lameness of the animal must not have been preventable by proper care from the adopter.
  - c. The request for replacement, with the substantiating veterinarian's statement, must be received by the BLM no later than 30 days after the animal's death or diagnosis.
  - d. Adopters shall return live animals to the BLM; should the animal have been euthanized or succumbed, the adopter is responsible for the disposal of the carcass.



# Chloe Young and “Finneas”

## [AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION]



Freezemark #19638800

Age 1

Sex: Gelding

Height: 12.0 hands

HMA: Antelope

*Captured on 9/27/2019  
during an emergency gather*

“Finneas” is one of the two yearlings that will be auctioned off in the upcoming event. I picked him up March 21, 2020 at the Palomino Valley BLM Facility along with all the other 4-H’ers. “Finn” is an exceptional yearling, very smart, gentle, and willing.

He has been a very brave horse from day one, if you had asked me a few months ago I wouldn’t have ever guessed he would be as social or gentle as he is now. At first, he came off as more aggressive - we had our downs, such as some bites, kicks, and strikes. However, within a few weeks, as he became more and more comfortable around people, his mentality and disposition drastically changed. Now, if you take him out on a walk or hike, he will whinny to people and try to go up to them and their dogs, he absolutely loves any attention and scratches he can get. After working this long with Finn I have learned what he likes and dislikes and how to get through to him.



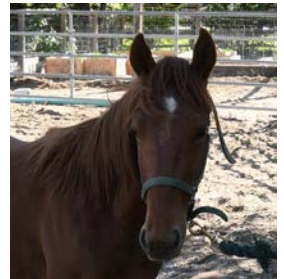
Finn is quite sensitive and requires little aid to get moving, in fact if you apply slightly too much pressure or aid, he becomes a little anxious. I use a dressage whip while training and use light taps on his shoulder, girth and legs to get him to complete a task. Finn leads well, he stays right by your side and will easily match your pace, like any baby however, he does get excited sometimes when the pace quickens but a light back pressure will influence him enough to bring his attention back. His back, halt and pivot are light on the lead line, and he can also side pass on the ground. Like any end result mustang, he can be groomed, loaded into a trailer, and have all four hooves cleaned. Finn has had experience around the vet and farrier, he had



his temperature taken (was easy) and his hooves trimmed. We had to work on rasping his hooves since he was very sensitive to the noise and vibration of it on his sole and hoof wall. Beyond the basics, Finn can be lunged, has been saddled (with cinch), and has had experience with a flag and rope on the ground. His various tricks include bow, lie down, shake, and the Spanish walk. He is okay around dogs, cars, music (played my guitar near him), bridges, plastic bags, and water. As of right now (end of June) he needs work on bathing, being sprayed by fly spray, and ground tying. He has been on various outings; the barn I ride at, other 4-Her's houses, Washoe Lake, and Ophir Creek. I have so much love for this horse and I know he will excel in any discipline, definitely don't miss out on visiting with him!

### About the Trainer - CHLOE YOUNG

I have been in 4-H since I was 8. I began my horse-riding experience on an Arabian, then moved to quarter horses and in the past few years have incorporated mustangs and warm-bloods into my riding. Personally, I own 3 horses, a quarter horse, thoroughbred / trakehner cross, and a mustang mare I adopted in 2017 as a yearling for a mustang mania competition. Sadly, I couldn't compete since my mare had been diagnosed with strangles and we weren't off quarantine until a month or so after the competition. Throughout 4-H I have competed in trail trials, western/English equitation and pleasure, cattle sorting, show jumping, hunter jumping, dressage, and state fairs. I also have been on the Reno Rodeo Flag team for 2 years and work at a local biomechanics and jumping barn. Ever since training my first mustang, Denali, I have been pushing for a collaboration between 4-H and the BLM. I helped with some of the planning and was ecstatic when 4-H and BLM announced this Mustang Makeover competition. This is a huge step forward for 4-H, the mustang program will help further challenge equestrian 4-H'ers and be great publicity for the wild horses of Nevada. In the past, I have thought about joining market 4-H so I could figure out the practice of buying, training, and selling. However, I knew I wouldn't be able to sell an animal off to market. The implementation of this mustang program will give the opportunity to horse 4-H'ers to train and sell a horse and keep a complete record of training, while making a profit. I plan to participate in this program for the remainder of my time in 4-H, which is sadly coming to an end. To anyone who either wants to join 4-H or have their kids join 4-H, I recommend it! Through 4-H I have made most of my close friends, decided on a career path, and become both a strong leader and independent woman. 4-H will always be a great way to gain experience in your hobbies and to put on your resume as you complete community service and leadership activities you may not regularly do. It may be quite possible you will find what you truly love to do from 4-H, after all that's why I want to go to school as an equine veterinarian who specializes in radiology, MRI's and CAT scans, whilst continuing to train horses (mainly mustangs)!



# Delaney Bohach "Loki"

[AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION]

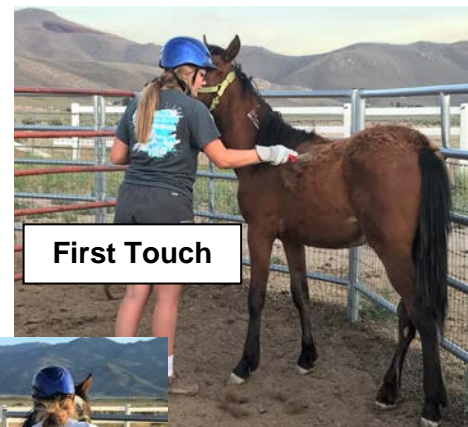
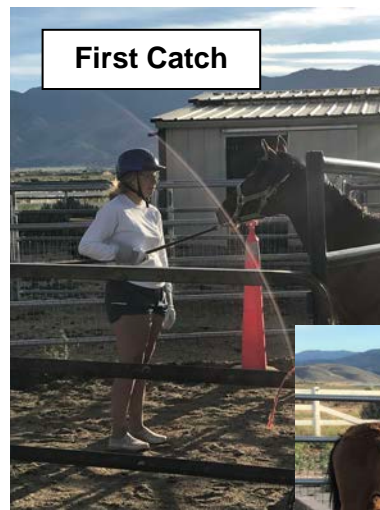


Freezemark #19638515  
Age 1  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 12.0 hands  
HMA: Antelope  
*Captured on 9/9/2019 during an emergency gather*

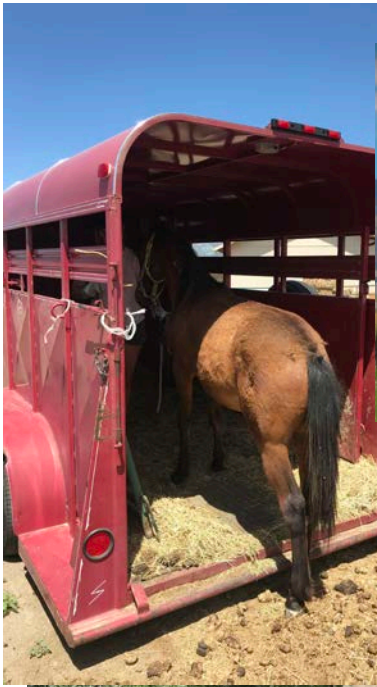
Hello! My is Delaney Bohach. I have been 4-H for 11 years. I started in the 4-H horse program as a Cloverbud. I am now a Senior 4-H'er and President of the High Sierra Riders horse club. My current horse project is a 20-year-old gelding named Star. I am also a member of the 4-H Livestock Club, Leg of Lamb. I have shown hogs, steers, and lambs. I enjoy being in 4-H. Learning about, riding, and working with the horses and livestock are my favorite things to do.

Loki came to me on June 12, 2020. He had not been handled very much when he arrived at my house. He was a little scruffy and confused when he was unloaded but was calm while taking in his new surroundings. It took a week, and the help of my brother, to catch Loki. Once he was caught and understood he wasn't going to be hurt the learning began! Loki has been handled every day since June 19th. He has learned to lead, stand tied, load in a trailer, and have his front feet picked up and filed with a rasp.

I know Loki is a very smart and will make someone a very nice horse. He has a soft, kind eye and enjoys learning and being loved. He picks up on new tasks quickly and once he understands what is asked of him, he is very willing to work on it and learn more. I have really enjoyed being a part of this collaboration!









# Isabella McClosky and “Jasper”

[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION]



Freezemark #19633125  
Age 1  
Sex: Johnnie  
Height: 10.0 hands  
HMA: Seven Troughs  
*Captured on 6/4/2019 during an emergency gather*

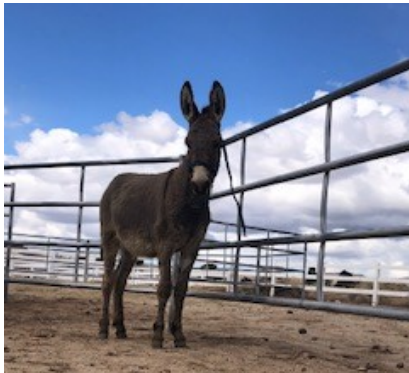
Hi, my name is Izzy and my burro's name is Jasper. Jasper came from Seven Troughs near Lovelock, and he is about 1 year old. I have been in 4-H for 3 years now. The project areas I'm involved in are horse, cooking, and archery. I am in 4-H because I like to help the community in any way I can. I have improved a lot since I started in 4-H. I have gained confidence as a rider and have learned to bake many new things. I have also gained leadership skills through the club.

There have been many tasks along the way during Jasper's training. Some of them can be very difficult. Some of the more challenging ones have been ones that have been walking over a bridge and getting him to stop being mouthy. He loves to chew on the rope when you lead him, so I have been working on breaking that habit. Some of the easier things to teach him were leading and backing. He's been really good about letting me catch him, so he is now able to run around in the pasture.

We have decided to adopt Jasper. I am involved in this project because I want to give a burro a fresh start in life and also gain training experience for the future. I am so excited to see what Jasper and I can accomplish.









# Jordan Carr and “Argon”

[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION]



Freezemark #19638912  
Age 1  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 12.0 hands  
*Born in the Indian Lakes  
Facility on 5/1/2019 – mare  
from an emergency gather*

My name is Jordan Carr and my project horse is Argon. We've come a long way from day one, I still remember having to fill in the trench he dug from pacing the first few weeks we had him. He was scrawny and the smallest out of all of them, yet here we are 3 months later, and I would've never believed where we are now looking back.

We've both had our highs and lows and I've learned from each one. When he'd freak out after I was trying something new with him, he would explode. He dented the side of our shelter after running into it. He's pulled the rope out of my hands and burned my palm along with 3 fingers, I have never not worn gloves since this. But despite these lows, we have some amazing successes. I'm able to halter, catch, groom, lead, and accomplish the basics with him. I can also lunge him and complete a mini obstacle course with him. He enjoys playing with sticks and convincing my other two mares to play with him whenever it's cool outside. He enjoys long naps and follows me around for neck scratches and cookies whenever I go into his pen.

I've done a lot in my 4-H career, but this is by far my favorite thing that I have participated in. It's brought my joy to each of my days and gives me knowledge with each lesson. It's given me a chance to achieve my childhood dream, but also teach me responsibility and persistence. Every day I'm grateful for this opportunity that has been given to me, and I'm grateful I can keep progressing with Argon through the future years, and I look forward to seeing where we will end up down the road. Since Argon is a member of our family now and I so look forward to our adventures!

Pickup Day



Day 30



Day 75









# Kacey Cook and “Dakota”

[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION]



Freezemark #19639043

Age 1

Sex: Gelding

Height: 12.1 hands

HMA: Antelope

*Born in the Indian Lakes Facility  
on 6/1/2019 – mare from an  
emergency gather*

Hi, my name is Kacey and I am 15 years old, I've been a part of High Sierra Riders for about 1 1/2 years of which I am currently the Treasurer. I have learned so much from the 4-H program between horses and volunteering. I have met some very awesome people and amazing friends that all love horses. I first met Dakota in February 2020 at the Palomino Valley Wild Horse and Burro Center when he was just 9 months old. He was the first horse that caught my eye. He was attentive, but not scared, and loved playing with the sticks on the ground. I decided he would be the horse to go on this amazing journey with me and we picked him up on March 21, 2020.

I have had Dakota for over 100 days. My experience with the yearling mustang project has been amazing! I have learned so much about mustangs, training, horses, and myself. This project had its challenging moments which required lots of patience, and hard work but at the same time lots of fun and very rewarding.



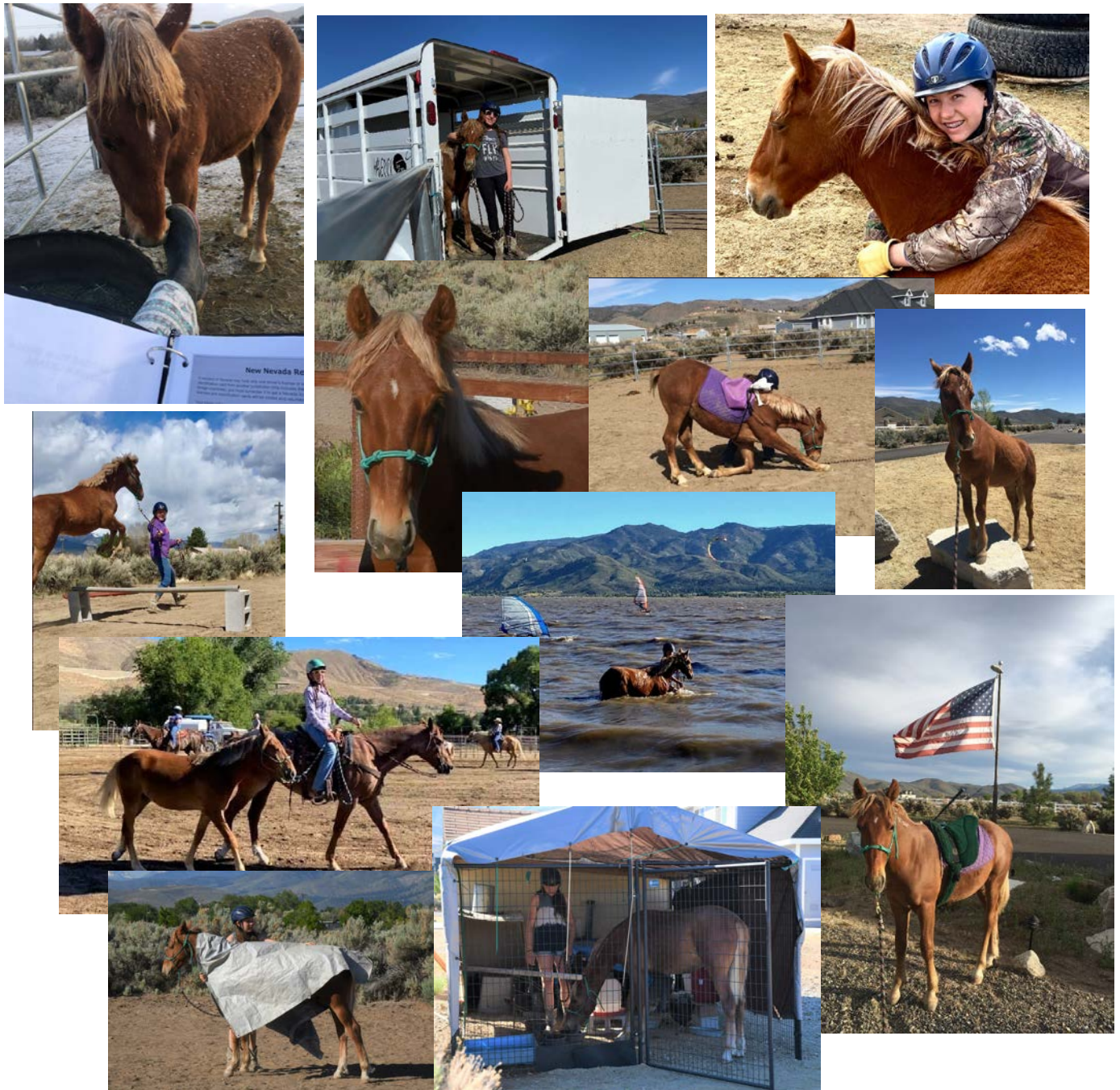
Dakota and I have been able to do many things. We have had lots of highs/successes such as loading in the trailer, going to the lake and swimming, ponying him around, working on simple liberty exercises, ground training, and many more things. But with anything you are going to do has some lows/setbacks. Some of ours were Dakota would run away from me once I had been petting him for about 30 seconds, we got through that by staying with him and using the curry comb. When we would go on walks Dakota would rear up and try to run back to his pen, but we worked through it



and he has never done it since. He was great for his very first hoof trim and the farrier was amazing, but Dakota decided he didn't want to pick up his feet anymore after that. With patience and consistency, we worked on it and now he's great again.

Dakota is an amazing horse. We have created an amazing horse and human bond and I am looking forward to continuing to grow with him for a very long time as we have decided to adopt him. He is very trusting in me and I trust him. He is smart, attentive, and willing. He tries incredibly hard for me despite his inner laziness. Dakota has a very happy personality. He loves to play with you through his pen and can never get enough scratches and attention. He will greet me with his head through the panels and will follow me anywhere. Dakota even paints!

I would highly encourage others to become a part of the 4-H / BLM collaboration. I have gained so much from this. So many kids could gain from this amazing opportunity. It shows the rewards of hard work, patience, and how much an animal will give back when just given the chance. This is a great opportunity for not only kids but also the mustangs. It is great that we can showcase how great these animals can be if just given the chance.





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