



EXTENSION
College of Agriculture,
Biotechnology & Natural Resources

Washoe County 4-H Youth Development Programs

Yearling-started Wild Horse & Burro Event and Adoption



Day 1 – Pen of yearlings available to train



Rio – Day 1



Day 1 – Group of 4-H Trainers

Saturday, July 31, 2021

**All Seven 4-H trainers will showcase their yearlings
(6-Horses / 1-Burro)**

Six 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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Five of the yearlings and one burro available for Adoption!



Atlas



Comet



Maverick



Harvey



Vinnie



Rio

Bids will start at \$150.00

Adopters must meet BLM adoption requirements to bid. Go to <https://go.usa.gov/xmcwS> for BLM requirements and Adoption Application

Event and Adoption sponsored by:

4-H Youth Development – UNR Extension – University of Nevada, Reno, and the Nevada, Bureau of Land Management, 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”.



Washoe County 4-H Youth Development Programs

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.

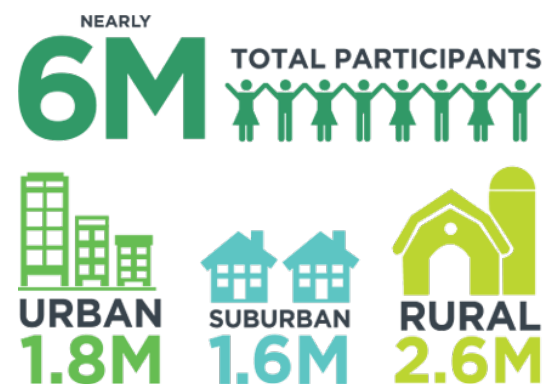
4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension—a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing. For more than 100 years, 4-H has welcomed young people of all beliefs and backgrounds, giving kids a voice to express who they are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

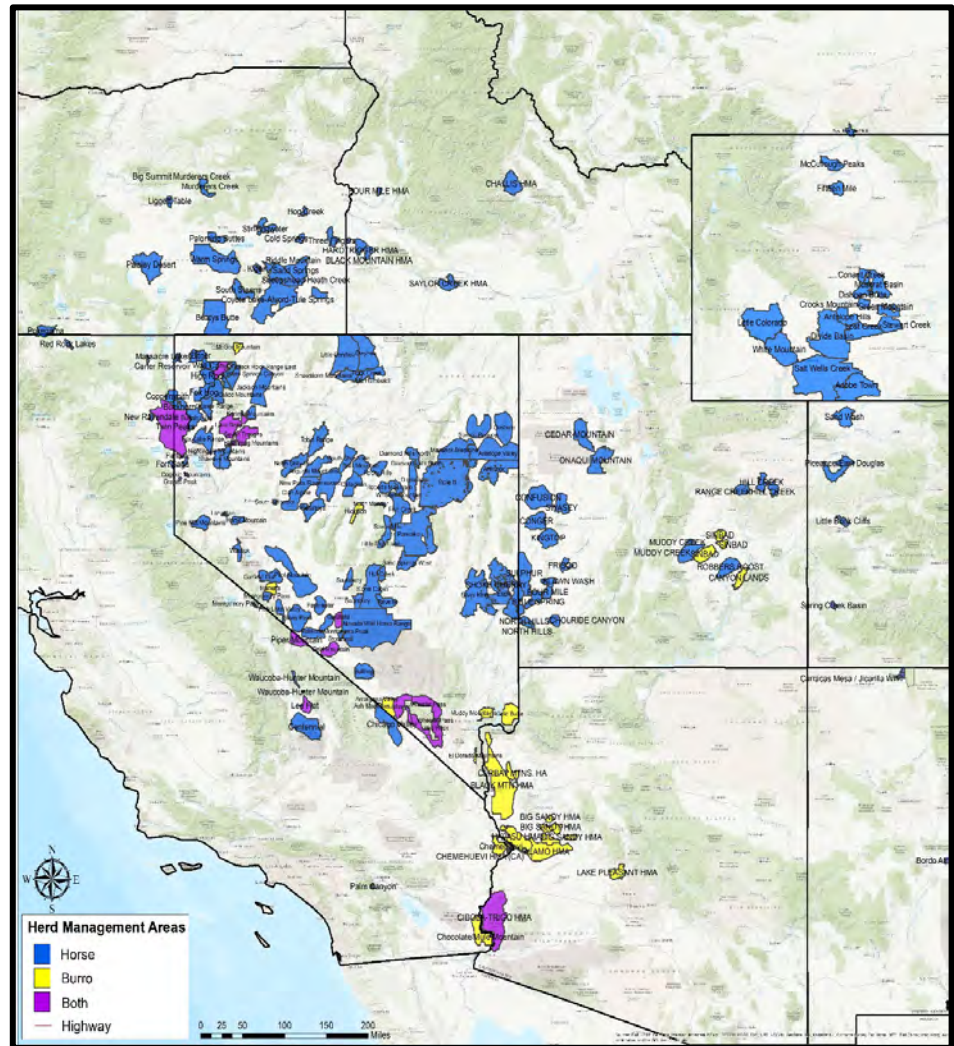
Bureau of Land Management Herd Management Areas

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 prefers Credit Card transaction through American Express, Discover, VISA, MasterCard, but also accepts personal checks, money orders, 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.

“Atlas” & Sara (Trainer)

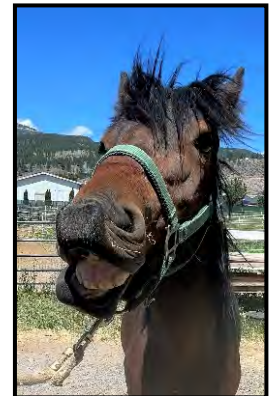
[AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION]



“Atlas” was born in the Diamond Hills North Herd Management Area. He was gathered on September 15, 2020, and he came to me on March 13 of 2021. When we were looking at them in the holding pens, I had no idea which horse I wanted to work with; however, as I kept watching them, a dark bay with no white continued to catch my eye. By the time we picked them out, I knew I wanted to take him through the 100 days of training.

Atlas has been an easy horse to train from Day 2. There were times when I did not pay attention to what he was saying and pushed him too far. When that happened, he would either strike out or run away. Slowly, I learned to understand what he was saying, and he started progressing really fast. Atlas is more of a cold-blooded or laid-back horse. He can be a little stubborn, but he is super easy to desensitize. I do not think he was ever scared of the lunge whip or crop. Plastic bags took a bit more work, but the day after introducing him to plastic bags, he was walking over tarps and would let me rub them all over him.

As I have worked with Atlas and have gotten to know him, I have found he is a very food-motivated horse and will eat anything green. While it can be a little annoying, he responds really well to treat training. I have never been able to get him to eat carrots or apples, so his “treat” is a handful of fresh grass! Using treat training, I taught him to smile. When I first taught him, he would do it all the time. As well as knowing how to smile, Atlas knows how to lunge, he leads at the walk and trot (he can be a bit stubborn at times), he backs nicely, he will go over jumps, loves to play and walk in water, and more!



Atlas is a friendly horse, but if he is in a pen with another horse, he will just hang back a bit. He is a super calm guy and loves to have a job. He does not really care if his job is to be groomed, I see him being a great cow horse. He will do arena work, but I have found he prefers trails.



About the Trainer – Sara: I have been in 4-H almost a year. My sister and I joined High Sierra Riders in October of 2020. Since then, I have loved being part of 4-H. I have learned a lot and it has been a great way to meet and connect with people of similar interests. I have not been in 4-H long, but I have been around horses for the past 7-8 years. My sister and I would volunteer at a horse rescue by us, and we learned to ride there. I do not ride a specific discipline, but I tend to ride in a western saddle.

Working with the yearlings has been my first experience gentling a horse, and we have had our highs and lows as I figure out what Atlas is trying to tell me and how he responds best. I have learned a lot of skills with this program, such as patience and listening to the horse. At the beginning when I was trying to broaden the area Atlas would allow me to touch but I could not get beyond his nose. As I kept trying, I learned that he liked it best if I touched his nose, and then ducked my hand under his head and scratched his neck. From there I was quickly able to start touching his whole body. I have really enjoyed this program, and I am excited to see where I can go with 4-H.



Day 1



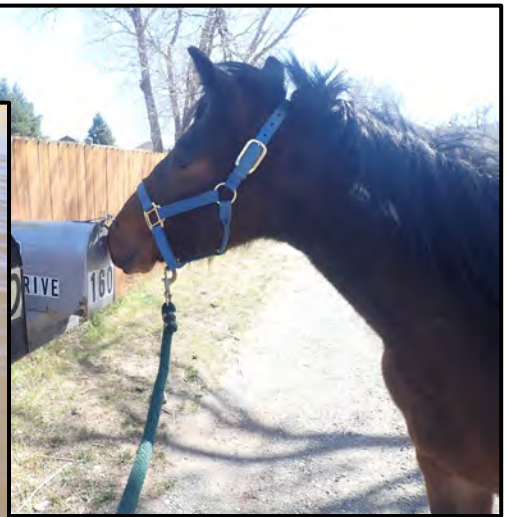
Day 30



Day 60



Day 100



“Comet” & Patrea (Trainer)

[AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION]



“Comet” was rounded up in the Diamond Hills North herd management area. He was gathered on September 15, 2020, and I got him on March 13, 2021. When I was looking at the horses trying to decide which one I wanted to train, Comet was one of the yearlings that caught my eye. After talking with several of the other trainers, I realized that most of the other horses that I also liked were wanted by some of the other trainers. That helped make my choice easier. I think that I got the perfect horse to gentle for my first time gentling a horse.

We did have some struggles though. Putting the halter on him for the first time was challenging because I could touch him anywhere but his face. Being able to pet him in so many places, but not being able to get near his face was hard. I had to remind myself to be patient and work at his pace, not the pace I wanted. He is still a little funny about people touching his face, but he is getting better. We are not over all of his struggles yet as he is still a little mouthy and will occasionally nip, but we are working on it.

One thing that I noticed really quickly about him is that he is very tolerant. As I have worked with him more, I have noticed that he is a sensitive horse. It took me a very long time to desensitize him to the lead rope. He has been introduced to dogs, cats, goats, and cars. I am working on getting him ready to have his hooves trimmed and he has taken to the hoof rasping I am doing very well. He loads into a trailer really nicely. He retains what he has learned. He has been out on several walks and likes them. He is happy to do things in the round pen also.

He is a super friendly horse. When I first got him, I thought that he would be an aloof horse, but as he became more comfortable with people, he became more and more friendly. He now approaches strangers and loves to be scratched on his neck.

About the Trainer – Patrea: I joined 4-H with my sister at the end of last year and I have learned a lot about horses since then. It also has been a great opportunity to meet others my age with similar interests. I have been around horses since I was 9. I volunteered at a horse rescue for many years, until my family moved away.

I have never gentled a horse before like I am with Comet, however, I did win the trust of an abused pony that was terrified of people, while I was volunteering at a rescue. So, I did know a little about what it takes to gentle a horse. One thing that I have found interesting, is how the gentling of the two of them is the same and very different.

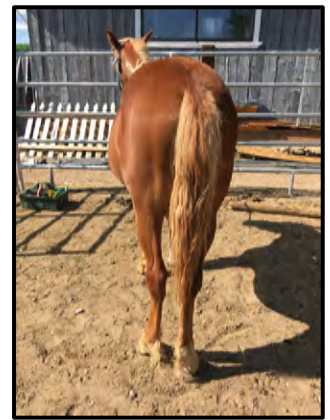




Day 1



Day 90



June 2021: Reno Rodeo Kid's Day Event



In trailer with Atlas



First time in a trailer

“Maverick” & Kacey (Trainer)

[AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION]



Hello, my name is Kacey, and I am 16 years old. I have been a part of High Sierra Riders 4-H club for about 3 years of which I am currently the Vice President. I am also a part of the Reno Rodeo Flag Team, a member of HDTPA Sorting Group, and enjoy doing libertywork with my 2020 wild horse. Last year I did a wild horse project with the 4-H / BLM partnership program, and I had an amazing experience and ended up adopting “Dakota”. I decided to do another project this year since my project before was such an amazing experience.

“Maverick” is one of the five yearlings that will be up for adoption as part of the 4-H / BLM partnership program. I have been working with Maverick since March 13, 2021 and will continue to work with him until Saturday July 31st where he will most certainly find “his person”. Maverick has been a challenging horse, but, is now coming together and proving to be one of the best yearlings I have ever had the privilege to work with.

When I first brought Maverick home, he was very afraid of humans. It took until day 3, many hours, and a creative mind, to get the halter on him. After many failed attempts I was finally able to gently place the halter over one ear, around his nose, and somehow, over his other ear. Once the halter was on, he slowly began to trust me and realize I was not there to hurt him. Working with him was still not easy, he became aggressive towards me but with some help and perseverance we got through that phase and started with some desensitization of many things.

The last 60 days Maverick and I have learned a lot. Maverick is very smart, super willing, a quick learner, sensitive, and an overall great horse. He stands tied like an angle, picks up all 4 feet, enjoys being brushed, likes his fly mask, enjoys a bath, and loads in the trailer (we are still working on this a bit). He has been ponied, excellent at a simple obstacle course, is super light in his back up, can easily turn on the forehand and the haunches, enjoys his walks, and is not scared of much. Maverick can carry a giant stuffed bear, drag tarps, saddles very easily, walk near fire, walk through puddles and spraying water, you can bounce a huge yoga ball on him, and can handle other horses running around.

In the two months I have left with Maverick I am hoping to accomplish many things such as ground tying, excellent trailer loading, trotting in hand, improve our lunging, more ground driving, taking him to new places like the event center as well as Washoe Lake, work on getting more comfortable with me behind him, and preparing for our show which will be handling and conditioning, showmanship, trail class, and a freestyle.



I feel like the best person for Maverick is someone willing to take their time to gain his trust. After that, amazing things will happen. At this time, he is not the “in your pocket horse”, although he is starting to crave the attention so who knows what another 2 months will do. He is going to make someone an amazing horse and I will be sad to see him go, but I know he will do great things with the right person!





Investigating the surroundings



Loves the Lake!



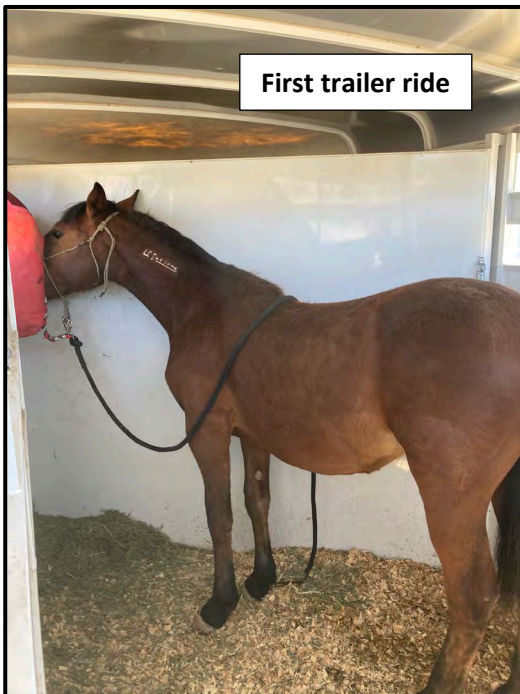
Live, Love and LAUGH!



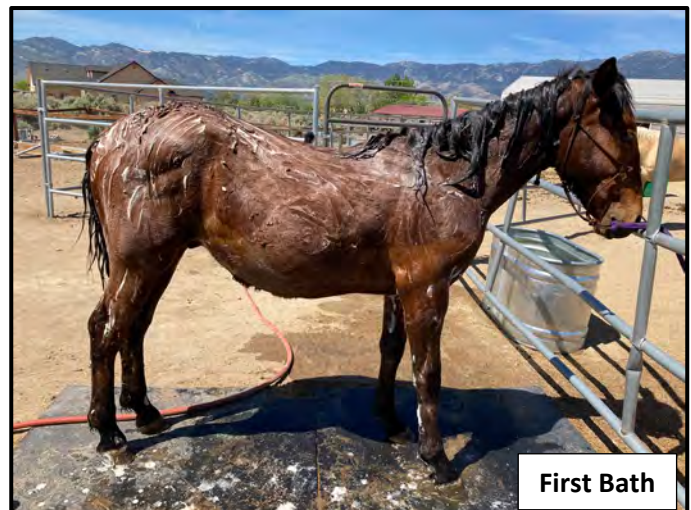
Give me another challenge!



Hanging out with another wild horse & learning patience



First trailer ride



First Bath

“Harvey” & Chloe (Trainer)

[AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION]



“Harvey” is a bay yearling with great facial markings from the Maverick-Medicine Herd Management Area here in Nevada. I picked Harvey up March 13, 2021, at the Palomino Valley BLM Facility along with all the other 4-H members, and he is one of the six yearlings that will be auctioned off this summer.

Harvey is an exceptional yearling, very smart, gentle, and willing. He has been a very curious sweetheart from day one and cannot get enough attention or scratches! At first, he comes off as a little shy, but once you give him a good brush or grab the lead-rope, he will follow right alongside you. So far working with Harvey, I have learned that he can become a little anxious and has a hard time standing in one spot. He is quite sensitive but can also be a little bit lazy! I have been using a dressage whip while training, using light taps on his shoulder, girth and legs to get him to complete a task.

Harvey leads well, he stays right by your side and will easily match your pace, he does sometimes like to go a little slow, therefore requiring more aid to get him right with you. His back up, halt, and trot are light on the lead line, and he is in the process of learning how to pivot and side-pass on the ground. Like any end result mustang, he can be groomed, loaded into a trailer, and have all four hooves cleaned. Harvey will have experience around the vet and farrier by the time of the auction, including his temperature taken and hooves trimmed.

Beyond the basics, Harvey is learning to lunge, has been saddled, has been given baths, and has had experience with a flag and rope on the ground. Harvey has learned how to bow and will eventually be taught to lie down. He is okay around dogs and various trail obstacles (poles and bridges). As of right now (early June) he mainly needs work on being tied and by the end of the month, will be taken out with other 4-H member yearlings, Washoe Lake, and Ophir Creek. I have so much love for this horse, and I know he will excel in any discipline. Definitely do not miss out on him!

About the Trainer – Chloe: 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 warmbloods 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 could not compete since my mare had been diagnosed with strangles and we were not 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



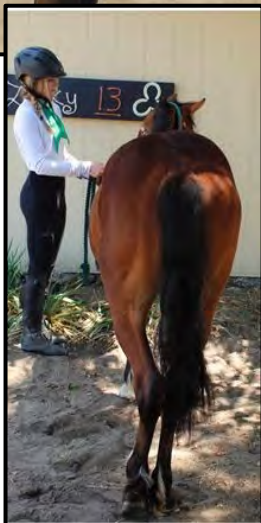
Mustang Makeover competition. This is a huge step forward for 4-H, the mustang program will help further challenge equestrian 4-H members and be great publicity for the wild horses of Nevada. The enforcement of this mustang program will give the opportunity to horse 4-H members to train and sell a horse and keep a complete record of training, while making a profit.

This is now my second and final year training a yearling for the 4-H and BLM program, since I am off to college in the fall. 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 is why I will be attending school this fall as an equine science major, specializing in behavior and cognition!



**June 2021 Reno Rodeo
Kids Day Event**



“Vinnie” & Alexis (Trainer)

[AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION]



Hello! I am Alexis and I am 15 years old. I have been part of the High Sierra Riders 4-H group for about 2 and a half years. During that time, I have learned and grown a lot. I started 4-H with my sweet half-Highland pony Cricket and now I ride my sweet horse, Charlie. Last summer our 4-H group worked with Loki, a BLM wild horse foster. I fell in love with the process of gentling and training a wild horse. I had to try fostering for myself. That is how I met Vinnie! I knew right when I looked at him, he was the horse for me. His curious nature, calm demeanor, kind eyes, strong conformation, and white star were what attracted me. I made a great choice, to say the least. Since the first day of his adoption, March 20, 2021, Vinnie has been nothing but a dream!

When I first brought Vinnie home, I noticed what a calm and curious horse he was. He hesitantly popped out of the trailer and calmly walked around his new paddock. I was surprised at how nothing seemed to faze him. He never offered to kick, bite, or strike. He simply observed. I did not want to rush things, so I sat in his paddock daily just to let him get used to me. Sometimes I stayed out so long in the cold, I could not feel my hands. Every day he would come up to me but would not let me touch him. A few tears were shed; I was not sure if I could succeed. After a week of no success touching Vinnie, I decided to call some 4-H friends. They came to help and within an hour, Chloe and Delaney helped me catch him and touch his face. Their help was the confidence boost I needed. By the next day, I could touch him all over his body. It was so rewarding after sitting for a week longing to touch him.

Since that day we have grown a bunch! One of the first things I did with him was teach him to pick up his feet. He was eager to learn and picked up his feet rather quickly. He was so sweet in the first couple of weeks, I took his halter off. Vinnie has never run away from me and very much enjoys being with people. He loves attention and is a very “in your pocket” kind of horse. Loading into the trailer is easy for him. He enjoys going for walks and exploring. He loves other horses and is very non-reactive. Since he was not shedding out his winter coat as much as I would have liked, I took the opportunity to clip him. He never once got nervous with the clippers.

Currently, I am finishing my freshman year of high school and I am looking forward to more time to spend with Vinnie this summer. I have Vinnie for two more months, and there are many other things I am excited to accomplish with him. Vinnie will see the farrier soon and I know he will do great. I hope to teach him to bow and other movements at liberty and I am excited for what lies ahead.

To conclude, I am glad I embraced the challenge of gentling and fostering a wild horse from the BLM. I am so happy that 4-H has given me this opportunity. It has helped me build my confidence and horsemanship skills. In addition, working with the other 4-H members has helped me make some amazing friends. I highly recommend 4-H to any young person wanting to learn, grow, and make some great friends.





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Day 1 - Pickup Day



Day 35



Day 35



Day 35

“Rio” & McKinzie (Trainer)

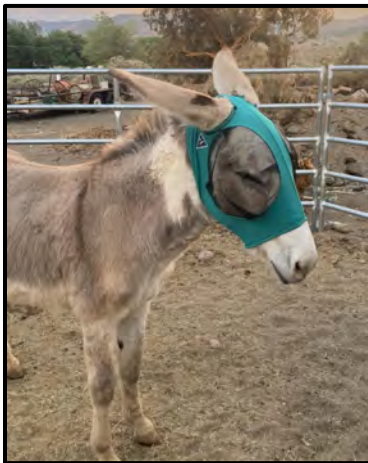
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“Rio” is definitely a spunky little guy. It took him a while to open up to me and now he loves everyone who comes to love on him. When I first picked up Rio from PVC, I saw that he was a paint and named him Rio because when I think of Rio’s name, I think colorful like his color.

Rio was very defensive of himself at first, which was obvious, but he was also curious enough for him to come up to me and smell me then run away. I eventually got to the point where I was able to pet him and then put the halter on him on Day 4! When I learned that Rio was curious, I admired that because in a donkey’s brain that means they have a desire to learn and work.

Rio now loads in trailer, leads, grooms, and all 4 hooves can be picked. I have worked with him a lot in trail-in-hand because donkeys will always prefer to work out on a trail over an arena any day. He does like to play with my other donkeys and loves to be with them. He enjoys being ponied off of my big donkey. I think Rio would make a nice driving donkey for anyone who is interested, which is a great thing, because donkeys love to drive! He is a very in-your-pocket animal and loves to follow people around. He knows how to bow, go through a simple trail course, and be ponied. I am working on trotting in-hand with him because he gets too excited when we practice trotting in-hand. Rio will definitely need to go to another home with other donkeys because he hates being alone and does not care for horses too much. He is very smart and is always willing to try new things so he will need to go to a home that will keep him busy. But the family Rio finds, he will not disappoint them, after all he is full of personality.



About the Trainer: I am McKinzie. I am 17 years old, have been in 4-H for 2 years, and this is my first year of doing the BLM Makeover with 4-H. I am a member of the American Mule Association and I have owned my personal donkey for two years now. I have worked with several donkey trainers picking up tips and tricks about the donkey brain. I have shown in smaller AMA shows and Bishop Mule days. I have also shown my donkey in 4-H shows. I do have a horse that I rescued from a neglective and abusive home. A common misconception with donkeys is that people do not realize that they are smarter than a horse and it is easy for the donkey to outsmart their owner.

I am also apart of FFA, and enjoy baking and skiing, but I am always outside doing something with my animals. whether it comes down to me riding, cleaning stalls, grooming or simply loving on my animals. My goal is to educate and recruit more people into not only the horse and 4-H world, but the donkey and mule world as well. I had the option of tip training a mustang, but I chose a burro instead because there is a lot of people out there who would like a burro to work with, but not the work of teaching one not to be wild. So that is where I come in, even though I taught Rio to love people he will always love whoever he is owned by, as long as they are kind to him.

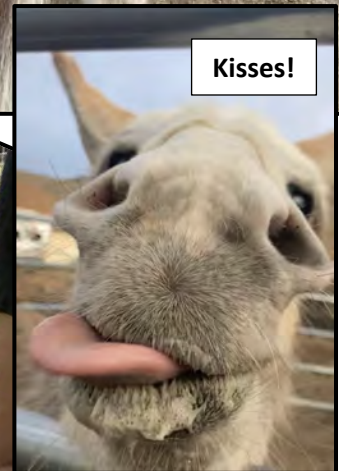




First Week



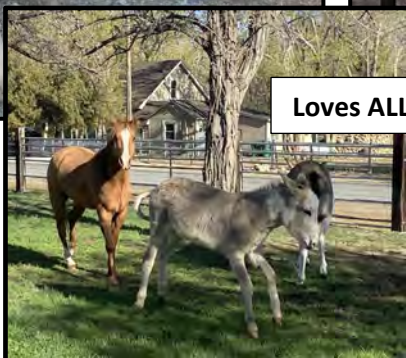
Day 1 – Pickup Day



Kisses!



First time in trailer



Loves ALL animals



“Lakota” & Hunter (Trainer)

[NOT AVAILABLE - ADOPTED BY HIS TRAINER!]



My name is Hunter, this is my first year in 4-H, and I got my horse on March 13th from the Palomino Valley National Wild Horse and Burro Center. I named my yearling “Lakota”, he is a chestnut with a flaxen mane and tail, he has a small star on his forehead and two hind white socks. Lakota has feathers on his fetlocks, and he looks like he might have some Belgian in him, but we will not know for sure until we get the genetic test back. While we were at the facility and we were all picking out our horses Lakota stayed toward the front of the heard of babies that we were selecting from, he kept his ears

up and seemed to be interested in the people and that is why I chose him out of all the others.

“The reason I was interested in adopting my mustang was because I was adopted, and I wanted to return the same favor and give him a chance at a great home and life like I have now.”

So far, I have been able to take his identification tag off and get a halter on him which took the most amount of time. Now I can halter him, groom him, walk him and pick up his feet. Trying to touch him was hard at first because I could not get close enough, so I used a plastic rake to reach out to him and scratch him. Once I did that it was much easier to touch him because he decided he really liked his belly scratched.



Walking him was interesting too because he was not sure what to think about the pressure on his halter, but he learned quickly that when I applied pressure to his halter and he gave or walked forward, that I gave him slack. Now we can walk together inside his coral and outside and I can turn him out in a large pasture and let him run, and he will let me catch him. We have been working on personal space and respecting personal space. He is a quick learner and can now back up, do turn on the forehand and turn on the haunches and he will move away from my pressure.



The next step with my new horse is that we have to teach him to get in the trailer. This is something that we will be working on this June. We also have a farrier

scheduled to come out, so I have been working on him getting used to having his feet filed with a rasp. I pick his hooves, and pat on the bottoms of his feet so that he will get used to the feeling, I use a file and gently file the bottom of his hooves and around the outside edge like a shoer would do, so that it will not be as frightening when he does come. I plan to continue to work on his groundwork because it's important for him to have good manners, and I want to start doing some obstacle work with him as well.



I look forward to the many years to come with this horse and furthering our bond. It seems like so long from now that I will be able to ride him, but I know it will be here before I know it. I think that this project with the Bureau of land management and 4-H is amazing, and I would highly recommend that if you love horses and want to help the wild mustangs to foster a mustang and help them find their forever home!





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