Northern Nevada Correctional Center
Saddle-Trained Wild Horse Adoption

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Up to 16 Saddle-started Horses will be available for Adoption

9:00-10:00am: Preview Wild Horses & Burros
10:00am: Competitive-Bid Adoption begins

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About the Northern Nevada Correctional Center program

The gentling, saddle-training program in Carson City began in October 2000 as a cooperative effort between the Nevada Department of Corrections – Silver State Industries and the Nevada Department of Agriculture to train Nevada estray / feral horses. BLM joined the partnership in 2004; through an agreement signed in 2007, the inmates now train only Bureau of Land Management wild horses and burros.

Three to four public adoptions are held each year and all horses and burros are offered through a competitive-bid adoption process, conducted by an auctioneer. Through the Northern Nevada Correctional Center program, 60 - 80 wild horses and burros are trained and adopted each year.

Nearly 300 inmates have been through the program, often with little or no experience with horses. The inmates give each horse or burro approximately 120 days of training. The animals are essentially “green broke” and will need additional training and handling daily, by an experienced rider when they arrive at their new home.

Find out more details on this exceptional program by going to the NNCC page located on the BLM website at https://go.usa.gov/xEk8t and stay up to date on the Bureau of Land Management’s Nevada wild horse and burro program, including upcoming events or news, by following the BLM Nevada Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/BLMNevada.
Bids start at $150
All trained animals will only be offered for adoption once during the event. Adopters must meet qualifications to bid.

Directions to the Northern Nevada Correctional Center
traveling from the south side of Carson City:
From US-395 (Carson Street),
Take Snyder Avenue (NV State Route 518) east for 1.5 miles.
Turn south (right) at the NNCC sign and look for directional signs at the far south end of the facility.

Directions traveling south from Reno:
Take 1-580 South to Carson Street and turn north (right).
Take Snyder Avenue (NV State Route 518) east for 1.5 miles.
Turn south (right) at the NNCC sign and look for directional signs at the far south end of the facility.

NO BLUE DENIM CLOTHING ALLOWED!
TOBACCO AND CELL PHONES ARE PROHIBITED!
NO PHOTOGRAPHY!

Adoption sponsored by:
Nevada Department of Corrections – Silver State Industries and Bureau of Land Management, Wild Horse and Burro Program
Gilliam, a sorrel colored gelding, is a great horse with a good temperament. He listens very well to all commands. He is trailer ready and loves to trot, lope and has a real smooth and steady pace. Gilliam is a smart horse and I guarantee he will make someone real happy. He was gathered on February 3, 2018.

Trigger, a beautiful grulla colored gelding, is a gentle horse with a great personality. He is easy going and would make for a great trail horse. He loves attention and responds to all cues. He has been trimmed and is trailer ready. Trigger has been a true pleasure. He was gathered on August 2, 2013.
Kobe, a bay gelding, is a very friendly horse that comes to you when you call his name. He has a steady trot and a smooth lope. Kobe is also good when it comes to loading in a trailer. I think he will ultimately be a great trail horse. He was gathered on November 15, 2016.

Booger, a big black gelding, loves to be petted and has high energy. He responds well to cues and neck reigns effortlessly. He can jump objects at command with or without a rider. He was gathered on November 27, 2016.
Marley #2106

Freezemark #13622106
Age: 6
Sex: Gelding
Height: 15.0 hands
Weight: 1,000 pounds
HMA: Fish Creek (NV0612)
Trainer: Theodore Villa

Marley, a brown colored gelding, is a loyal and friendly horse. He is energetic and ready to go at any time. He trailer loads and has worked with cattle. Marley loves people and is a great companion. He was gathered February 18, 2015.

Artax #6050

Freezemark #13626050
Age: 6
Sex: Gelding
Height: 15.0 hands
Weight: 1,025 pounds
HMA: Triple B (NV0417)
Trainer: Robert Slater

Artax, a cute palomino gelding, has a really, mellow demeanor. He stands quietly while grooming and has a comfortable trot and lope. He has been a pleasure to ride and will be an enjoyable trail horse. Artax was gathered on February 3, 2018.
Hunter is an intelligent and handsome sorrel colored gelding with a very gentle demeanor. He is always eager to work and will go all day. He is responsive to all cues and very light in the mouth. Hunter has been a pleasure to work with and will make his new owner very happy. He was gathered on November 25, 2016.

Shamrock, a handsome buckskin with all black legs looks great. He learns very fast and is not easily spooked. He has a soft step and is an absolute joy to ride. I can honestly say he is a great companion that will be missed. Shamrock was gathered on February 5, 2018.
Fatboy #4658

Fatboy is a stocky, sorrel colored gelding that responds well to cues. He has good stamina and endurance with the demeanor of a champion. He loves to be fed treats. He has been trimmed and trailer loaded. Fatboy was gathered on November 13, 2016.

Tyler #8888

Tyler, a buckskin colored gelding, has been a real joy to work with and to train. He is a very calm, loving horse and who would be a great addition to someone's family. Tyler can side pass, back up and responds well to leg cues. He has been ridden bare back, I have stood on top of him and crawled under his belly, he can even ride with an extra passenger! Tyler was gathered on January 24, 2011.
Mogley #6220

Freezemark #15626220
Age 4
Sex: Gelding
Height: 14.3 hands
Weight: 1,000 pounds
HMA: Triple B
(NV0417)
Trainer: Miguel Villa

Mogley is a really, nice, bay colored gelding. When he came to the program, he was very shy and would not face anybody. With a little patience he has become confident, focused, friendly and an all-around willing horse. He was gathered on February 5, 2018.

Polo #6206

Freezemark #15626206
Age 4
Sex: Gelding
Height: 14.3 hands
Weight: 950 pounds
HMA: Triple B
(NV0417)
Trainer: Josh Appelt

Polo, a sorrel colored gelding with a flaxen mane and tail makes for a real flashy fella. He is a kind and energetic horse. He is fast with great agility and makes fantastic turns and figure eights. He side passes and backs up with light cues. He is ready to work and trailer loads with ease. Polo was gathered on February 5, 2018.
Ringo #9006

Ringo, a sorrel colored gelding is very friendly and likes to eat carrots. He is really good with his feet, is trailer ready and is capable of being a really good friend. Ringo has been used as a lesson horse to teach new riders. He was gathered on September 13, 2012.

Marco #6199

Marco is a cute, sorrel colored gelding - if you are looking for a good horse that is gentle and listens very good then Marco is for you. He knows all his cues, is a quick learner and is great with his feet. He is an excellent trail horse, with a lot endurance. As I've said, if you need a good horse then Marco is for you. He was gathered on February 5, 2018.
Chappy, a sorrel colored gelding, is a gaited horse that is an ultra-smooth traveler. He covers a lot of territory with the greatest of ease. Chappy has been trailer loaded without any struggle. He has had his feet trimmed and has really nice ground manners. Chappy was gathered on February 3, 2018.

Midas is a very smart and good looking, palomino colored gelding - he has a very, unique color that makes him stand out. This horse responds well to all cues and is ready to work all day. Midas has a very smooth lope and is a pleasure to ride. Load him up in the trailer and take this beautiful horse home today. Midas was gathered on February 5, 2018.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How much training do the animals actually have?
- The animals are “green-broke” which means they have received up to 120+ days of training by the inmates. They will continue to need daily training to reinforce the basics they have learned. Most saddle-started horses will initially need an experienced rider.

Can we preview the animal available for adoption before the adoption date?
- No, since this a prison facility, the animals cannot be viewed until the morning of the adoption.

What can I wear and bring to the adoption event and may I bring my children?
- Since this is a prison facility and the inmates wear blue denim, blue denim is not allowed so that the Correctional Officers can readily distinguish between the inmates and the public. In addition, tank tops and shorts are not allowed.
- Due to security and privacy concerns, cell phones and cameras are prohibited.
- Children are welcome; however, they may not wear blue clothing either. Additionally, parents are responsible for ensuring their children remain with them at all times.

Do I have to be present to adopt a wild horse or burro? Can I send my friend?
- You must be present to adopt a wild horse or burro. You cannot send a family member or a friend. The person signing the “Private Maintenance and Care Agreement” will be the legal adopter and the only person that can apply for title after a year of proper care.

What are the facility requirements?
- The minimum size corral is 20’ x 20’ which is also the recommended size until the adopted animal becomes easy to catch. Even though the horses are green broke, they may still startle easily and attempt to jump over the corral, therefore a corral height of a minimum of 5’ is required and be made from heavy duty construction materials using poles, pipes, or planks with at least 1 ½ inch thickness, without dangerous protrusions. Barbed wire, large-mesh-woven, stranded, and electric materials are unacceptable for fencing.
- Some form of shelter must be available, within the corral area, to mitigate the effects of inclement weather and temperature extremes; examples of acceptable shelter may be of natural cover (tree, etc.) or man-made structure.

Do I have to pick up the animal I adopt the day of the adoption?
- The BLM prefers that you take the horse or burro home the day of the adoption, but special arrangements can be made with the prison to pick up the animal in a couple of days.

What are the BLM’s trailer requirements for hauling my animal home?
- The BLM recommends stock type trailers; three-horse slant load trailers are acceptable. Other types of trailers will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. BLM requires trailers meet the following minimum requirements:
  a. Covered top, sturdy walls and floors, and a smooth interior, free from any sharp protrusions.
  b. Ample head room, adequate ventilation and floors covered with a non-skid material.
  c. Removable partitions or compartments to separate animals by size and sex, if necessary.
- BLM personnel will inspect the safety of each trailer and reserve the right to refuse loading if the trailer is unacceptable.

What is the average sale price of saddle-started horses trained by prison inmates?
- Prices vary widely. The bids have gone as high as $15,000. However, the average price is about $800 to $1,000 per animal. It really depends on how many people are interested in one particular animal.
Adoption Application, Requirements and Payment Information

To download a BLM adoption application (Form 4710-10) for a wild horse or burro, 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.

Does BLM 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?
- In spite of efforts to provide adopters with healthy animals, situations arise where unrecognized lameness or health problems surface following adoption. Upon request, an adopter may receive a credit for the amount of the original adoption toward the adoption fee for a 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, is 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.

- BLM will issue the original adopter an adoption fee voucher with the following stipulations:
  a. The voucher will be the same amount paid at the time of the original adoption.
  b. Valid for 1-year from the date issued.
  c. Redeemable toward the fee to adopt another animal at an upcoming satellite adoption event, Internet adoption, or during a regularly scheduled Northern Nevada Correctional Center adoption.
  d. The voucher cannot be used at an event sponsored by the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF).
  e. The voucher is only good for one animal.
  f. If the fee for the replacement animal is more than the original adoption fee, the adopter will be required to pay the balance. If the fee for the replacement animal is less than the original adoption voucher amount, the remaining balance will be forfeited.
  g. No other refunds or exchanges will be approved.

The next Saddle-trained Wild Horse Adoption is scheduled for June 8, 2019