## Northern Nevada Correctional Center & Bureau of Land Management's Saddle-started Wild Horse Adoption



## Saturday, October 8, 2022

# Up to 16 Saddle-started Wild Horses and (1) Halter-started Filly available for Adoption

9:00-10:00am: Preview Wild Horses

10:00am: Competitive-Bid Adoption begins







**Event location:** Northern Nevada Correctional Center Facility 1721 Snyder Avenue, Carson City, Nevada 89701



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 estray / feral horses removed from lands administered by the State of Nevada. BLM joined the partnership in 2004; through an agreement signed in 2007, and a renewed contract in 2018, the inmates now train only wild horses and burros removed from public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

The Northern Nevada Correctional Center (NNCC) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hosts three public adoptions each year and all horses and burros are offered through a competitive-bid adoption process, conducted by an auctioneer. Approximately 45 - 60 wild horses (and burros) are trained and adopted each year through these public events. In addition, the NNCC also starts horses for other Federal and state agencies such as the U.S. Border Patrol, the National Park Service, Law Enforcement Mounted Units, Military Mounted Units and Nevada's Fish and Wildlife agencies.

Over 500 inmates have participated in the program, often coming with little or no experience working with horses. The inmates give each horse (or burro) approximately 120 days of training. The animals are essentially "green broke" and will need additional daily training and handling by an experienced rider when 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. In addition, a Facebook Group, called "NNCC Adopted Wild Horses & Burros" was established by and for past adopters to post updates of their adopted horses from the NNCC and use as a resource for questions and tips.



Bids start at \$150 All trained animals will only be offered for adoption <u>once</u> during the event. Adopters must meet BLM adoption requirements to bid. Go to https://go.usa.gov/xmcwS for BLM requirements

Directions to the Northern Nevada Correctional Center traveling from the south side of Carson City:

From US-395 (Carson Street), Take Snyder Avenue (go left - 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 (go right - 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 TOBACCO OR CELL PHONES ARE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS DURING THE EVENT! NO PHOTOGRAPHY WITHOUT MEDIA CREDENTIALS OR PRIOR APPROVAL



Adoption sponsored by: Nevada Department of Corrections – Silver State Industries and the Bureau of Land Management, Wild Horse and Burro Program

### Ace #7837





Freezemark #17897837 Age 5 Sex: Gelding Height: 15.3 hands Weight: 1,050 pounds HMA: Coyote Lake (OR0014) Trainer: Shawn Kennedy

"Ace" is a confident Sorrel and has a calm disposition. He walks, trots, lopes, side passes, backs up, trailer loads, and gives all four hooves with ease. He never gets bothered when throwing a rope off of him. He has also been used as a riding horse to teach new trainers.

### **Big John #6289**





Freezemark #13026289 Age 9 Sex: Gelding Height: 16.1 hands Weight: 1,275 pounds HMA: Paisley Desert (OR0001) Trainer: Branden Quinonez

This giant Sorrel is gentle in nature and has a smooth way of traveling. He is good to trailer load and is good about his feet. "Big John" will be a good addition to anyone's life.

### Pretty Boy #1016





Freezemark #15891016 Age 7 Sex: Gelding Height: 15.0 hands Weight: 1,000 pounds HMA: Diamond (NV0609) Trainer: Curtis J. Rice

"Pretty Boy" is intelligent, strong, good looking, and easy to bond with. He can trailer load and can work all of his feet. He has a great temperament and was a real joy to train as he was very comfortable from the beginning. He loves his daily baths and follows me like a puppy. He can trailer load and can climb and jump over objects. He will make a very loving and loyal companion.







Freezemark #18891037 Age 4 Sex: Gelding Height: 15.2 hands Weight: 1,075 pounds HMA: Diamond (NV069) Trainer: David Dudo

"Oliver" is a good looking and spirited Palomino. He follows cues well and is eager to work. While Oliver is a high energy horse, he does well on walks around the training facility. He would make a great work horse to accomplish tasks on a ranch or farm. He is easy to connect with and is responsive to positive direction. He is a good boy.

### Little Blue #7789





Freezemark #17897789 Age 5 Sex: Gelding Height: 14.2 hands Weight: 950 pounds HMA: Sheephead-Heath (OR0016) Trainer: Terry Jones

"Little Blue" is a nice 5-year old Blue Roan. He moves nice and moves well off your feet. He picks up all his feet and he trailer loads. He is a neat gelding and will be a great companion for his new owner.



### Hondo #6754



Freezemark #18636754 Age 4 Sex: Gelding Height: 15.2 hands Weight: 1,150 pounds HMA: Eagle (NV0414) Trainer: Benjamin Criglar

"Hondo" is a beautiful 4-year old Buckskin. He is easy going and ready to work. He is gentle in the mouth and will listen to every command. Hondo has a nice attitude and loves to eat apples and loves to be bathed.

### Bella #8097





Freezemark #14978097 Age 8 Sex: Mare Height: 15.0 hands Weight: 1,000 pounds HMA: Devil's Garden (CA0252) Trainer: Jordan Davis

"Bella" is a well-tempered mare who has a soft neck and responds quickly to leg cues. She has been used to push cattle and is quick on her feet. She trailer loads and picks up all of her feet. Bella has good speed control and would be a good ranch horse.

### Copper #7731





Freezemark #17897731 Age 5 Sex: Gelding Height: 14.3 hands Weight: 1,075 pounds HMA: Sheephead-Heath (OR0016) Trainer: Branden Quinonez

"Copper" is a nice Chestnut gelding that moves real nice off of your feet. He picks up all of his feet. He has been roped off of and he also trailer loads.

#### Patron #1096





Freezemark #19891096 Age 5 Sex: Gelding Height: 15.1 hands Weight: 1,050 pounds HMA: Diamond (NV0609) Trainer: Hugo Rodriguez

"Patron" is a handful of fun, and he likes to work. He trailer loads very easy and is very gentle and smart. Patron is very willing, and he loves to travel.



### **Tyrion #0977**



Freezemark #16890977 Age 6 Sex: Gelding Height: 14.3 hands Weight: 975 pounds HMA: Diamond (NV0609) Trainer: Shawn Kennedy

"Tyrion" is a fun horse to ride as he is very athletic and loves and wants to work. He is getting better around vehicles, and he trailer loads very easily. Once he is warmed up, he gives you full control of his shoulders and hips. He walk and trots and lopes on command as well as backs up and side passes. He is a fast learner that wants to please you as he really loves people.

### Slick #5886





Freezemark #19635886 Age 3 Sex: Gelding Height: 15.2 hands Weight: 1,025 pounds HMA: Eagle (NV0414) Trainer: Terry Jones

"Slick" is nice 3-year old Bay gelding. He moves off your feet well and is very gentle. He picks all four feet up, trailer loads you can rope on him. He is a curious gelding with lots of energy.



### **Dillon #7773**



Freezemark #17897773 Age 5 Sex: Gelding Height: 15.2 hands Weight: 1,300 pounds HMA: Sheephead-Heath (OR0016) Trainer: Curtis Rice

"Dillon" is a Gaited Buckskin gelding who is intelligent, curious in nature and has a very comfortable gait. He is trailer broke, handles very well, and picks up all four feet. He is full of energy and will go forever. You can rope off of him, drag obstacles, and you can jump with him. Dillon is a quick learner and loves to stand for his daily bath.

### Buddy #0764





Freezemark #17890764 Age 5 Sex: Gelding Height: 15.1 hands Weight: 1,025 pounds HMA: Diamond Hills South (NV0412) Trainer: Colton Kochampanasker

From the first touch, "Buddy" has been just that, a good buddy – he is so wonderful to ride and be with. He is a pleaser and will never stop trying to learn new lessons. I have ridden him with numerous bits including a snaffle bit, hackamore, and tom-thumb as well as different shank style bits. He will do anything that I ask of him, is amazing on trails and loves the water as he is always ready to work. If you are looking for a friend, "Buddy" is your guy.

Cream #7714





Freezemark #17897714 Age 5 Sex: Gelding Height: 16.1 hands Weight: 1,300 pounds HMA: Diamond (NV0609) Trainer: Hugo Rodriguez

"Cream" is a strong, well-started and smooth traveling horse. He is great on trails, gives all 4-feet willingly and has been trailer loaded. He handles well and will be great with all types of riders.

### Mamba #0771





Freezemark #15890771 Age 7 Sex: Gelding Height: 14.3 hands Weight: 1,025 pounds HMA: Diamond (NV0609) Trainer: Benjamin Criglar

"Mamba" is an outstanding Black gelding that loves to work. He is a smooth horse to ride, is gentle in the mouth, and listens well to every command. He is a quick learner and shows a real interest in what you are doing.

#### **Rebel #7979**





Freezemark #16897979 Age 6 Sex: Gelding Height: 15.0 hands Weight: 1,125 pounds HMA: Sheephead-Heath (OR0016) Trainer: Shawn Kennedy

"Rebel" is a green horse that learns quickly. He walks, trots, stops, and backs up. He is a little nervous but is gaining more confidence each day. You can easily pick up his feet to clean and trim them. This Gray is a good-looking horse with good structure. He is for an experienced rider and is not for a novice or intermediate rider. He would be neat for ranch work and would work well in the mountains.

### Mala #3997 (Halter-started by the local 4-H Club)





Freezemark #21893997 Age 2 Sex: Yearling Filly HMA: Nevada Wild Horse Range

"Malachowski" (Mala for short) is named after the first female pilot chosen to fly with the USAF Air Demonstration Squadron (the Thunderbirds). The Thunderbirds are based out of the Nellis Air Force Base, and the Nevada Wild Horse Range where Mala is from is located on part of the Nellis Air Force Range.



I am worked on desensitizing Mala to make her more confident. She took it in stride and was not as reactive as I expected. We worked in her pen and worked with several things, not just the plastic bag stick. She has been introduced to dogs, cats, goats, and cars. I worked hard on getting her ready to have her hooves trimmed and she has taken to the hoof rasping very well. She loads into a trailer

really nicely. She retains what she has learned. She has been out on several walks and likes them. She is happy and curious to learn new things. We hauled out to the equestrian area at

Washoe Lake State Park. I want to expose her to as many new things as possible. She did amazing. She was a little worried at first but then calmed down. Mala was not sure what to think of the taste of the dewormer. She was really good and did not fight me giving it to her. I worked on it some more after I had given it to her.



**About the Trainer (Patrea)**: I joined 4-H with my sister two years ago and have learned much about horses since then. It also has been an excellent opportunity to meet others my age with similar interests. I am 18-years old, been around horses since I was 9 and just headed to college and am looking forward to my future.







### **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 in order 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 26,785 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.

#### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

#### What is prohibited on the grounds and are cameras allowed?

- No tobacco products or cell phones are permitted on the grounds during the event.
- No photography is permitted without Media Credentials or prior approval is granted.

#### 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 is a prison facility, the animals cannot be viewed until the morning of the adoption.

#### 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 between \$1,500 to \$2,500 per animal. It really depends on how many people are interested in one particular animal.

#### 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 minimum corral height of 5' made from heavy duty construction materials using poles, pipes, or planks with at least 1 ½ inch thickness, and without dangerous protrusions, is required. 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 headroom, 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.

#### 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.

#### What types of payments are accepted?

- The BLM would prefer payments made on Credit Cards such as VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.
- The BLM 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?

- 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, 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.
- 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 tentatively scheduled for February 11, 2023