

Northern Nevada Correctional Center & Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse & Burro Adoption



Saturday, October 24, 2026

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Preview Wild Horses and Wild Burro

10:00 a.m. – Competitive-Bid Adoption Begins

Location: Northern Nevada Correctional Center Facility 1721
Snyder Avenue, Carson City, Nevada 89701

***Up to 17 Saddle-started Wild Horses
and Two Wild Burro will be available
for Adoption.***





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 stray / 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.

Learn more about the [NNCC saddle-training program](#) and follow the [BLM Nevada Facebook page](#) for updates, including upcoming events or news. [The NNCC Adopted Wild Horses & Burros Facebook group](#), established by and for NNCC adopters, is available for members to post updates of their adopted horses and use as a resource for questions and tips.

Event Details



Competitive-Bid Adoption

- Adoption Bids start at \$150.00 -

All trained animals will only be offered for adoption once during the event.

Adopters must meet [BLM adoption requirements](#) to bid.

Directions to the Northern Nevada Correctional Center

Traveling from south Carson City

1. From US-395 (Carson Street), turn left onto Snyder Avenue (NV State Route 518).
2. Continue east for 1.5 miles.
3. Turn right (south) at the NNCC sign and follow directional signs to the far south end of the facility.

Traveling south from Reno

1. Take 1-580 South to Carson Street and turn right (north).
2. Turn right onto Snyder Avenue (NV State Route 518).
3. Continue east for 1.5 miles.
4. Turn right (south) at the NNCC sign and follow directional signs to the far south end of the facility.

Event Notes

Prohibited items and activities: No tobacco or cell phones are permitted on the grounds during the event. No photography is permitted 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

Available Horses and Burros

	Horse ID	Age	Trainer	Horse Name	Sex	Signalment Key	Capture Location	Capture Date	Color	Height	Weight (lbs.)
1.	21900020	5	Chris Townsend	Elmer	G	HG1AAAABB	Twin Peaks (CA0242)	8/4/2022	Sorrel	15.2	1,000
2.	18891100	8	Brian Ojeda	Tank	G	HG1ABACI0	Diamond (NV0609)	9/28/2020	Black	15.0	1,150
3.	21911516	5	Angel Bello-Martinez	Simba	G	HG1ADEEAM	Augusta Mountains (NV0311)	2/5/2024	Dun	14.1	850
4.	23902170	3	Johnathan Johnson	Dusty Dog	G	HG1AAFAHF	Black Rock Range (NV0234)	10/13/2023	Chestnut	15.1	950
5.	22903063	4	Eric Ross	Sundown	G	HG1AAEEHE	Clan Alpine (NV0310)	11/8/2023	Sorrel	15.2	1,000
6.	19028686	7	Richard Apodaca	Hero	F	HG1AAAEHC	South Steens (OR0003)	8/15/2024	Black	15.1	1,000
7.	22905742	4	Leonard Glover	Bonnie	F	HF1AAAABK	Black Rock Range (NV0234)	9/19/2022	Roan Blue	15.2	1,000
8.	23907150	3	Devin Lyles	Spanky	G	HG1AAAAIL	Antelope Valley (NV0107)	7/25/2023	Buckskin	15.1	900
9.	21898797	5	Brian Ojeda	Tapatio	G	HG1AEAAHI	Pancake (NV0415)	2/7/2022	Roan Strawberry	14.3	900
10.	20897692	6	Chris Townsend	Arnold	G	HG1AAAABE	Sheepshead-Health Creek (OR0016)	9/26/2021	Sorrel	16.0	1,100
11.	22868211	4	Rob Radlein	Bandito	G	HG1AAAAHB	White Mountain (WY0003)	8/17/2024	Bay	15.1	1,100
12.	22868230	4	Richard Apodaca	Desperado	G	HG1ADAAHE	White Mountain (WY0003)	8/17/2024	Sorrel	15.0	1,000
13.	22903265	4	Angel Bello-Martinez	Curly	G	HG1AADCBD	Clan Alpine (NV0310)	11/18/2023	Bay	14.2	950
14.	22868238	4	Devin Lyles	Jupiter	G	HG1AAAABE	White Mountain (WY0003)	8/17/2024	Sorrel	15.1	950
15.	23028558	3	Rob Radlein	Bullseye	G	HG1AAEAHC	South Steens (OR0003)	8/16/2024	Black	15.3	1,000
16.	23908994	3	Samuel Cocking	Ghost	G	HG1AAAAJN	Buffalo Hills (NV0220)	N/A	Pinto	15.0	850
17.	21028586	5	Michael Timothy	Maverick	G	HG1AAFFIB	South Steens (OR0003)	8/17/2024	Black	15.3	950
18.	23904596	3	Chris Kiblin	Lady	F	BF1AAAAAD	Buffalo Hills (NV0220)	11/15/2024	Brown	13.0	450
19.	23904606	3	Timothy Laney	Jenny	F	BF1AAAAAG	Buffalo Hills (NV0220)	11/15/2024	Gray	13.0	450

Horse & Burro Profiles

Elmer #0020



Freezemark #21900020

Age: 5

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.2 hands

Weight: 1,000 pounds

HMA: Twin Peaks
(CA0242)

Trainer: Chris Townsend

"Elmer" is friendly and loves people. He will be a great work or trail horse with a patient handler to guide him through consistent training. He has been exposed to throwing a rope off him and pull the roping dummy. He pushes cows and goes through the Carson River. He's not afraid of much and has great speed and head control. He picks up all four feet and been exposed to trailer loading.

Tank #1100



Freezemark #18891100

Age 8

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.0 hands

Weight: 1,150 pounds

HMA: Diamond
(NV0609)

Trainer: Brian Ojeda

If you are looking for a big, strong, bulldoze through anything type of horse then "Tank" is your horse. Tank is gentle and loving disposition. You can pick up all four feet. Tanks has been exposed to trailer loading, roping a dummy and have been around cattle. He will make a great cruiser or ranch horse with a patient handler to guide him through consistent training.

Simba #1516



Freezemark #21911516

Age: 5

Sex: Gelding

Height: 14.1 hands

Weight: 850 pounds

HA: Augusta Mts
(NV0311)

Trainer: Angel Bello-Martinez

"Simba" is a small gentle horse. He's very friendly and would make a great addition to any family. He is a very smooth ride and can be very fast if you need him to be.

Dusty Dog #2170



Freezemark #23902170

Age 3

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.1 hands

Weight: 950 pounds

HMA: Black Rock
Range
(NV0234)

Trainer: Johnathan Johnson

"Dusty Dog" is a gentle horse and is eager to please. He has been exposed to all cues and will only get better with patient handlers to guide him through consistent training. Has been exposed to stuff around the ranch while working on getting desensitized. He has a very smooth ride and loves to be petted. Is a very good-looking horse.

Sundown #3063



Freezemark #22903063

Age: 4

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.2 hands

Weight: 1,000 pounds

HMA: Clan Alpine
(NV0310)

Trainer: Eric Ross

"Sundown" is a four-year-old sorrel. He has a gentle temperament, and he gets along with other horses. Sundown has a smooth lope and is a pleasure to ride. He would make a great ranch or trail horse with a patient handler to guide him through consistent training.

Hero #8686



Freezemark #19028686

Age: 7

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.1 hands

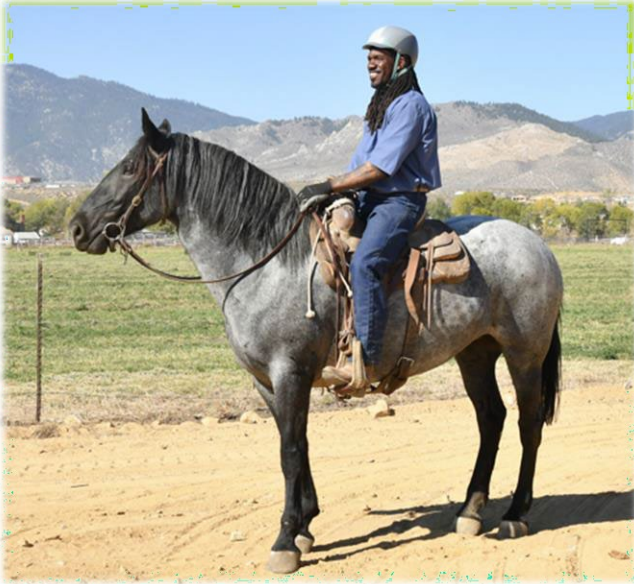
Weight: 1,000 pounds

HMA: South Steens
(OR0003)

Trainer: Richard Apodaca

"Hero" is a great horse that is all legs and loves to show it when asked to. He has a very smooth ride in a walk, trot, or lope and has been exposed to all cues and commands. Hero is awesome about his feet and has been easy to saddle. He would make a great horse for a ranch or sport horse with a patient handler to guide him through consistent training.

Bonnie #5742



Freezemark #22905742

Age 4

Sex: Mare

Height: 15.2 hands

Weight: 1,000 pounds

HMA: Black Rock

Range

(NV0234)

Trainer: Leonard Glover

"Bonnie" is a beautiful blue roan with a stout body and intelligent mind. She can move her shoulders and hips independently as well as has great flexion of neck and body. Bonnie responds greatly to leg and foot cues. She has great gate manners, can side pass, and backs up with a collected neck. She can perform all gaits smoothly, she trailer loads with ease, I have thrown the rope off her and dragged the dummy sled. She has herded cows and been through the Carson River. The snaffle bit has been used on her throughout her training process. Bonnie is a great all-around horse.

Spanky #7150



Freezemark #23907150

Age 3

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.1 hands

Weight: 900 pounds

HMA: Antelope Valley

(NV0107)

Trainer: Devin Lyles

"Spanky is a very gentle horse. He has a mellow and affectionate personality, loves to be petted and has smooth trot and lope. He has been exposed to loading in a trailer. Spanky would be a great ranch or trail horse with a patient handler to guide him through consistent training.

Tapatio #8797



Freezemark #21898797

Age 5

Sex: Gelding

Height: 14.3 hands

Weight: 900 pounds

HMA: Pancake
(NV0415)

Trainer: Brian Ojeda

Ladies and gentlemen, I have a spicy deal for you! "Tapatio" is a very handsome horse and loves to be petted. He is a gentle energetic horse and has been easy to catch, saddle and waits to be mounted. He picks up all four feet and has been exposed to hobbles, trailers, opening/closing gates, dragging and heeling the roping sled as well as cattle.

Arnold #7692



Freezemark #20897692

Age 6

Sex: Gelding

Height: 16 hands

Weight: 1,100 pounds

HMA: Sheepshead-
Health Creek
(OR0016)

Trainer: Chris Townsend

"Arnold" is extremely gentle and easy to work with. He has been exposed following things such trailers as carrying a flag, goes over obstacles, rope off of him and drag the roping dummy. He has also been exposed to cows, crossing the Carson River and through willows. Also picks up all four feet.

Bandito #8211



Freezemark #22868211

Age 4

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.1 hands

Weight: 1,100 pounds

HMA: White Mts
(WY0003)

Trainer: Rob Radlein

"Bandito" is a very well-rounded horse. I'm lucky I was able to work and train this handsome fella. He has an excellent temperament. He has been exposed to push cows, crossed the Carson River, and has been showing great gate etiquette. He has also been exposed to roping a calf sled and dragging it. He's ready to continue his training with a patient handler to guide him through consistent training.

Desperado #8230



Freezemark #22868230

Age 4

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.0 hands

Weight: 1,000 pounds

HMA: White Mts
(WY0003)

Trainer: Richard Apodaca

"Desperado" or "Desper" for short is an awesome horse. He has been easy going and social horse. He has been exposed to all weather conditions and been responsive to all commands. He has been exposed to a rope being thrown off him. He's ready to continue his training with a patient handler to guide him through consistent training.

Curly #3265



Freezemark #22903265

Age 4

Sex: Gelding

Height: 14.2 hands

Weight: 950 pounds

HMA: Clan Alpine
(NV0310)

Trainer: Angel Bello-
Martinez

"Curly" is a very curious and outgoing horse. He's a very slow mover and can be a great horse to learn how to ride on. He loves to explore, go on rides and makes a great horse for pleasure riding. He's ready to continue his training with a patient handler to guide him through consistent training.

Jupiter #8238



Freezemark #22868238

Age 4

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.1 hands

Weight: 950 pounds

HMA: White Mts
(WY0003)

Trainer: Devin Lyles

"Jupiter" is a handsome, gentle, big and stout horse. He's a laid-back horse with a lot of personality. He picks up all four feet and been exposed to trailer loading. He walks, trots, lope and is responsive to cues. This Sorrel will make a great addition to any ranch. He's ready to continue his training with a patient handler to guide him through consistent training.

Bullseye #8558



Freezemark #23028558

Age 3

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.3 hands

Weight: 1,000 pounds

HMA: South Steens
(OR0003)

Trainer: Rob Radlein

This handsome colt will make a great addition to someone's ranch, family or would be a great work horse. He is a quick learner, smooth ride, and great gate etiquette. He has been exposed to pushing/sort cows and had the rope thrown off him. He went through the Carson River as well! Bullseye is a great horse and will be sorely missed. He's ready to continue his training with a patient handler to guide him through consistent training.

Ghost #8994



Freezemark #23908994

Age 3

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.0 hands

Weight: 850 pounds

HMA: Buffalo Hills
(NV0220)

Trainer: Samuel Cocking

"Ghost" is a young paint with a trusting disposition. Ghost is extremely intelligent, a quick learner and a very curious mustang. He is quite agile and responds well the bit. He been exposed to cues, good gate etiquette, trailer loads and you can handle all four feet. Take Ghost to a good home to continue his training with a patient handler to guide him through consistent training.

Mavrick #8586



Freezemark #21028586

Age 5

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.3 hands

Weight: 950 pounds

HMA: South Steens
(OR0003)

Trainer: Michael Timothy

"Maverick" is a very gentle horse that you have been exposed to being rope off, trailer loading and work cattle. He's very mellow and would be great for trials with a patient handler to guide him through consistent training. He can pick up all four feet, and you can open and close gates.

Lady #4596



Freezemark #23904596

Age 3

Sex: Jenny

Height: 13.0 hands

Weight: 450 pounds

HMA: Buffalo Hills
(NV0220)

Trainer: Chris Kiblin

"Lady" is very gentle. She likes to move at her own pace but she's great with her feet and trailer loading.

Jenny #4606



Freezemark #23904606

Age 3

Sex: Jenny

Height: 13.0 hands

Weight: 450 pounds

HMA: Buffalo Hills
(NV0220)

Trainer: Timothy Laney

"Jenny" is a kind gentle donkey. Jenny is very stubborn like all donkeys. There is not a mean streak in her. She loves fruit and peanut butter crackers. She would be a great pet for anyone.

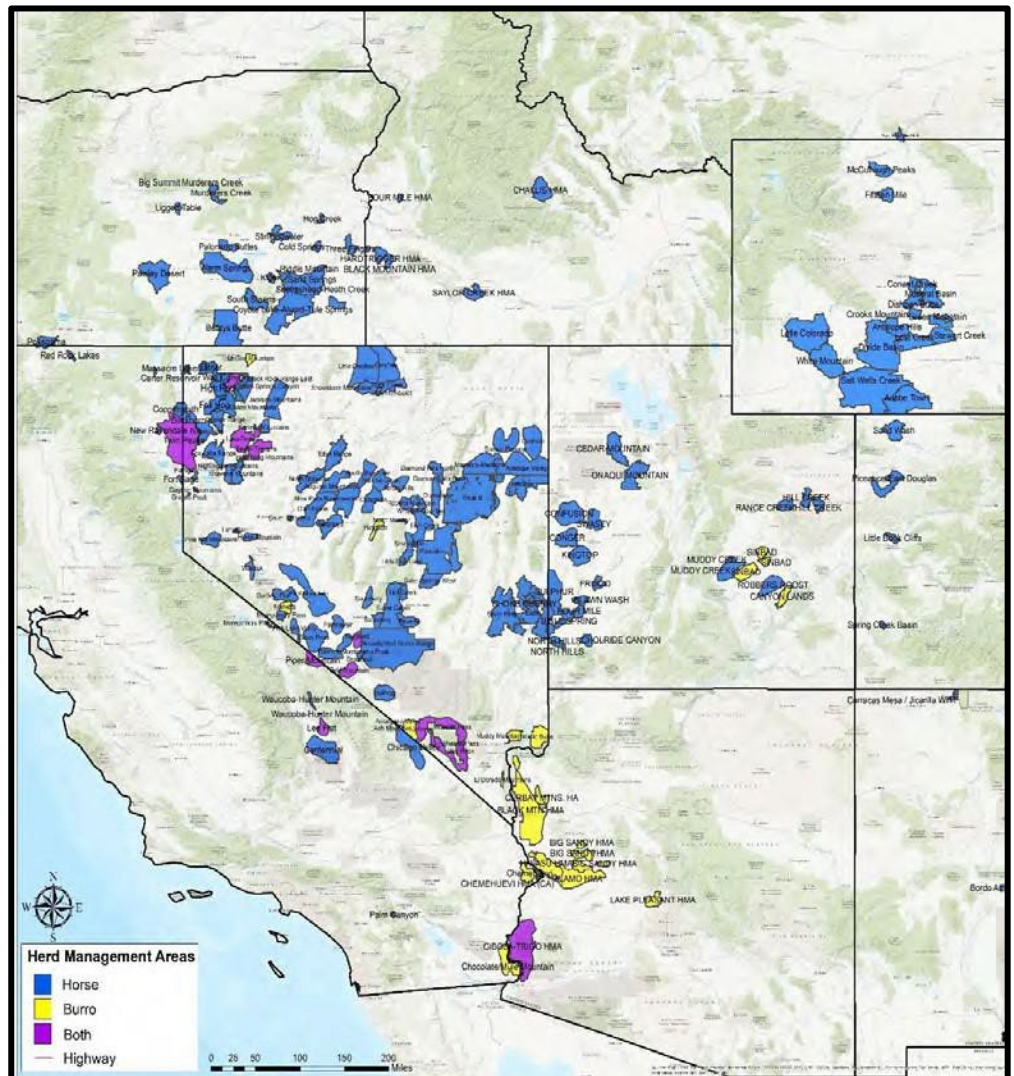
Bureau of Land Management Herd Management Areas

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 on the range is 26,785 animals.



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 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 \$3,500 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.
 - D. Two-horse straight load or ones that have been modified are not approved trailers for this adoption event.
- BLM personnel will inspect the safety of each trailer and reserve the right to refuse loading if the trailer is unacceptable. Two-horse slant load trailers must be pre-approved before the adoption.

Adoption Application, Requirements and Payment Information

Download the [BLM Application for Adoption & Sale of Wild Horses or Burros \(Form 4710-10\)](#).

Adoption Requirements at a Glance

- Adopters must be at least 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.