



Welcome to the wild horse foal adoption!



This weekend's adoption is a competitive, silent bid adoption. All adopters must have a completed and approved adoption application prior to bidding on a wild horse. Minimum bid increments of \$5.00. If there is a tie at the end of the silent bidding, live bidding at \$25.00 increments will occur between the interested parties. Potential adopters may bid on multiple foals, but can only adopt the number of foals that they have been approved for.

All wild horse foals available for adoption are freeze branded, have received vaccinations, have been dewormed, and have been negative Coggins tested. The wild horses will be available for pick-up or local delivery (100 miles of Las Vegas).

Why are these foals available for adoption? Recently there was an emergency gather in the Cold Creek area of the Wheeler Pass Herd Management Area (HMA). The gather was conducted because an assessment of the body condition of the herd determined that much of the herd was in critical condition due to lack of forage (water is not an issue).

The Wheeler Pass Herd Management Area encompasses approximately 273,000 acres of BLM managed public lands in the Southern Nevada District. The Wheeler Pass HMA is located northeast of Las Vegas and extends west to the Clark and Nye county line. The Wheeler Pass HMA has an appropriate management level (AML) of 47-66 wild horses and 20-35 wild burros. Currently there are approximately 159-490 wild horses and 162-226 wild burros residing in the Wheeler Pass Herd Management Area.

Why adopt one of these foals?

- With kindness and patience, a wild horse can be trained for many uses,
- Wild horses are known for their sure-footedness and strength,
- These foals are already well on their way to being gentled because of the hard work and dedication of the foster family and volunteers,
- Many people have found it personally challenging and rewarding to adopt a wild horse, and
- Adopting one of these foals is an opportunity to own a part of America's heritage right from your backyard!

What type of facilities will I need?"

You must provide a minimum of 400 square feet (20 feet x 20 feet) for each animal adopted. Until fence broken; these foals need to be in an enclosure at least 5 feet high. You should not release an ungentled animal into a large open area, such as a pasture or arena, since you may not be able to recapture the animal for training or to provide veterinary care. However, once the animal is gentled, you may release it into a pasture or similar area.

The acceptable corral must be sturdy and constructed out of poles, pipes, or planks (minimum 1.5 inch thickness) without dangerous protrusions. Barbed wire, large-mesh woven, stranded and electric materials are unacceptable for corral fencing.

You must provide shelter from inclement weather and temperature extremes for your adopted wild horse or burro. Shelters must be well-drained, adequately ventilated, and accessible to the animal(s). Tarps are not acceptable.

How much does it cost to care for a wild horse?

The cost of caring for a wild horse is comparable to caring for a domestic horse or burro. Depending on local costs and conditions, this can exceed \$1,000 per year. You are responsible for all costs associated with the care of your animal, you should also consider the following costs when calculating your wild horse budget:

- Boarding Costs
- Hoof Care/Farrier Service
- Veterinarian Care/Vaccinations
- Worming
- Feed/Supplements/Salt
- Grooming Supplies
- Tack
- Emergency care

Note: If your adopted wild horse escapes from your property, you are responsible for all costs associated with recovery of the animal.

What is a freezemark?

The BLM uses freezemarking to identify captured wild horses and burros, which is a permanent, unalterable, painless way to identify each horse or burro. The freezemark is applied on the left side of the animal's neck and uses the International Alpha Angle System, which is a series of angles and alpha symbols. The mark contains the registering organization (U.S. Government), year of birth, and registration number.

Big Red



BLM # 15622408

11 Months Old

Sorrel Filly with Blaze

Brand Inspection-\$10.00 for transfer or \$50.00 for lifetime

Big Red is shy at first; she is looking to form that lifelong bond with her adopter. Her body condition has greatly improved since the gather and she will continue to thrive with proper care. She has long, sloping pasterns; likely attributed to a combination of genetics and the distance she was travelling from forage to water prior to being gathered. She may not be suited for strenuous equestrian activities; however it does not affect her quality of life.

Darcy Annie



BLM #15622405

4 Months Old

Buckskin Filly

Brand Inspection-\$10.00 for transfer or \$50.00 for lifetime

Darcy Annie has become a real spit fire; she enjoys running and bucking around the arena and eating her Foal Lac pellets. She has improved greatly since being gathered and will continue to grow. She loves to greet you with her signature high pitched whinny. This filly has a lot of personality!

Little Red-Special Needs



BLM #15622407

5 Months Old

Sorrel Filly with Star

Brand Inspection-\$10.00 for transfer or \$50.00 for lifetime per animal

Little Red is going to grow up to be a gorgeous sorrel mare; she has a very unique, almost double mane and two whorls. Little Red does have a parrot mouth and will require a consistent annual veterinary or equine dentist checkup and potentially floating to ensure she is not developing any hooks or issues in her mouth. She has improved greatly since being gathered and she should not have any issues eating as long as her dental care is properly maintained.

Tiny



BLM #15622406

5 Months Old

Brown Filly

Brand Inspection-\$10.00 for transfer or \$50.00 for lifetime per animal

Tiny is a sweet little filly, she may be a little nervous at first, but when you approach her patiently and she understands what you are doing she is more than willing. One of her other nicknames is Lightning, as you can imagine she is quite the mover!