

# Saddle Horse Adoption



**Northern Nevada Correctional Center  
Saturday, February 20, 2016**



**Preview 17 Horses  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**Competitive-Bid Adoption  
Begins at 10:00 a.m.**





Bids start at \$150.00  
All trained horses will only be offered for adoption **once** during the competitive bid process.  
Adopters must meet qualifications to bid.

**Directions to the Northern Nevada Correctional Center on the south side of Carson City:**

From U.S. 395 (Carson Street),  
take Snyder Avenue (NV State Route 518) east for 1.5 miles.  
Turn south (right) at the Center sign and look for directional signs at the far south end of the facility.

**Directions from Reno:**

Take 1-580 South/U.S.-395 South. Follow to Fairview Drive in Carson City, Exit 38. Go east (left) roughly 0.3 miles. Turn South (right) onto Edmonds Drive and go about 2.5 miles. Turn west (right) onto Snyder Avenue. Turn South (left) 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.**

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## Gunner - #9676



Age: 4  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.2 hands  
Weight: 1000 pounds  
HMA: Little Owyhee, NV0200  
Trainer: John Harris

Gunner is very friendly. He will greet you at the gate, and he loves attention. He wants to be your friend. He listens to all cues from the ground and in the saddle. He has a smooth lope, and has no problem with giving you his feet.

## Handsome Ransom - #0032



Age: 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 14.3 hands  
Weight: 1050 pounds  
HMA: Little Owyhee, NV0200  
Trainer: Major League

Handsome Ransom is a beautiful and responsive horse. He knows all the basic commands and keeps the pace you set him at. He's smooth through all his gaits and stops quickly. He's extremely well built, suitable for work or pleasure riding. I've handled his feet daily without any problems. He doesn't need to be tied up to saddle, and loads easily into the trailer.

## Gypsy- #8218



Age: 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 14.3 hands  
Weight: 900 pounds  
HMA: Desatoya, NV 0606  
Trainer: Brandon Meyers

Gypsy is a solid bay gelding that loves people. He is gentle, mellow, and very loving. He is the first horse I've ridden in over 20 years and has taught me a lot. He is not the fastest horse but is smooth and always willing to please. Once you meet this little horse he will win your heart.

## McFly - #5336



Age: 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.3 hands  
Weight: 1000 pounds  
HMA: Facility Born, WOF56, NV  
Trainer: Robert Railey

This long-legged bay is looking for a friend. He has a great attitude and is more than willing to give it his all. He trailer loads well and is about bomb-proof. He responds well to his cues and has had his feet trimmed. He has lead pack ponies and is ready to head off to the river or mountains.

## Ah-Nold - #9396



Age: 8  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 14.3 hands  
Weight: 950 pounds  
HMA: Antelope Valley, NV 0107  
Trainer: Mike Farley

Ah-Nold is the bravest, most confident horse I have had the pleasure of working with. His trusting nature and willingness to learn made every ride fun and productive. He is incredibly gentle and patient, but ready to work at a moment's notice. Ah-Nold performs all basic commands and maneuvers with the slightest of cues. He is one of my favorite horses and I will be happy to see him go to a loving home.

## Eugene - #3115



Age: 7  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.1 hands  
Weight: 1000 pounds  
HMA: Outside Herd Area, Elko, NV  
Trainer: Thomas Bragg

Eugene is a very gentle bay gelding with a lot of personality. He is a very smooth and comfortable ride and he loves to be ridden. He maneuvers very well. He backs up, side passes and disengages his hips and shoulders with the slightest of pressure. He trailer loads well and picks up all feet easily. Please give Eugene a good home, he deserves it.

## Dago Red - #6804



Age: 6  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.2 hands  
Weight: 1050 pounds  
HMA: Black Rock Range East,  
NV 0209  
Trainer: Anthony Drew

Dago Red is a very intelligent horse who follows instructions well. He has no problem with the lariat, has been trained with tarps, flags, and ropes. Stops with a 'whoa' and backs up. His trot and lope are smooth. Light in the mouth. I named him Dago Red because in the Italian community I grew up in, Dago Red is short for red wine...fitting for a smooth red roan.

## Jericho - #1874



Age: 6  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.2 hands  
Weight: 1050 pounds  
HMA: Facility Born, Fallon, NV  
Trainer: Roger Usry

Are you looking for an incredible horse? Look no more! Jericho is all of that. Reining, cutting, roping, or even dressage he does great. He is active and agile and extremely graceful on his feet. In the arena, on a ranch, or just riding on a trail, Jericho will make you look good. Take this friendly, gentle horse home and make an amazing contribution to your family.

## O'Malley - #2847



Age: 6  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.2 hands  
Weight: 1100 pounds  
HMA: Facility Born, Fallon, NV  
Trainer: Christian Diaz

O'Malley is a well-built sorrel who is easy to catch and has great forward movement. He has a great back-up, side-pass, and stop. He trailer loads without a problem. O'Malley is full of energy and quick on his feet. He is fun to ride and ready to go home with you today.

## Squirrel - #2743



Age: 6  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15 hands  
Weight: 1000 pounds  
HMA: Facility Born, Fallon, NV  
Trainer: Ken Parker

Squirrel is an energetic, uniquely colored buckskin gelding. Willing to please with whatever obstacle you put him through. I have worked with his gaits, leg cues and speed control to focus his energy. He stops, backs up and trailer loads. If you are looking for a high-stamina work horse or a trail horse, this is the squirrel for you.

## Austin - #3519



Age: 7  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 14.2 hands  
Weight: 975 pounds  
HMA: New Pass-Ravenswood,  
Austin, NV0602  
Trainer: Chuck Proctor

I have truly enjoyed training Austin. This handsome little guy has the most friendly and playful personality. He's not the bravest horse, but he tries really hard to be. He's light in the mouth, travels nice, and is a pleasure to ride.

## Johnny Cash - #9873



Age: 6  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.2 hands  
Weight: 1075 pounds  
HMA: Goshute, NV,  
0108  
Trainer: William Adams

Johnny Cash is very friendly and will meet you at the gate in the morning. He handles and reacts well to verbal cues. He moves easily with leg cues and reacts with a light rein. His feet have been trimmed and he's ready to load up today!

## Dixie Cup - #4375



Age: 6  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15 hands  
Weight: 900 pounds  
HMA: Triple B, NV0417  
Trainer: Shane Marsh

Dixie Cup is a friendly young colt who aims to please. He is very responsive to all cues from the ground or in the saddle. He has good speed control and stops great. He has a wonderful side-pass and is great at isolating hips and shoulder movements. He is ready to trailer load and go home with you today.

## Bones- #7767



Age: 8  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 14 hands  
Weight: 900 pounds  
HMA: Pancake, NV0415  
Trainer: Johnathan Johnson

Bones is a good looking little blue roan, eager to please and fun to ride. He will make a willing companion to whoever is lucky enough to adopt him. He's great for trail riding and a great follower. He obeys all basic commands and learns quickly. This is an all-around good horse.

## Zephyr - #9921



Age: 6  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.2 hands  
Weight: 950 pounds  
HMA: Goshute, NV 0108  
Trainer: Andrew Stitt

This gray gelding lives up to his name. He is mild mannered, gentle in spirit, and moves like a breeze. He knows all his gaits, excellent speed control and stops on a dime. He'll work hard for you all day or give you a nice pleasurable trail ride. He trailer loads, picks up his feet for trimming, and ties well. Come meet Zephyr today and let me tell you about him.

## Winston - #7121



Age: 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15 hands  
Weight: 1000 pounds  
HMA: Cedar Mountain, UT 0241  
Trainer: Eric Meyer

Winston is a very friendly horse. He is a fast learner, trailer loads, backs up, side passes. He responds well to cues. Bring your trailer and load him up today.

## Sancho - #6513



Age: 7  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.1 hands  
Weight: 1025 pounds  
HMA: Warm Springs Canyon,  
NV 0226  
Trainer: Daren Shaw

This seven year old sorrel has been an excellent student since day one. He's calm, quiet, and eager to please. He acquired all the basics with a natural ability. He does well with leg cues and light touch. This is an intelligent horse who will simply make you smile with appreciation. Sancho does it all soundly, confidently, and with ease!

**Not Adopting in February? Next 2016 Saddle-Horse Adoptions: "Northern Nevada Correction Center"  
June 11, in Carson City, Nevada**

***Frequently Asked Questions About These Horses***

**Can we preview the horses available for adoption before the sale date?**

- No, since this a prison facility horses cannot be viewed until the morning of the adoption.

**Do I have to be present to adopt a wild horse? Can I send my friend?**

- You must be present to adopt a wild horse. You cannot send a family member or a friend.

**What is the average sale price of horses trained by prison inmates?**

- Prices vary widely. The starting bid for any wild horse is \$150, and the bids have gone as high as \$8,200. 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 and what they are looking for in an animal.

**How much training do the horses actually have?**

- These horses are "green-broke" which means they have received up to 120+ days of training by the prison inmates. Daily training by their new adopters will reinforce the basics they have learned.

**What are the facility requirements?**

- The minimum size corral is 20' x 20' which is also the recommended size until the adopted horse becomes easy to catch. Even though these horses are green broke, they may still startle easily and attempt to jump over the corral, therefore a corral height of minimum of 5' is required and of heavy duty construction using poles, pipes, or planks with at least 1 ½ inch thickness and without dangerous protrusions. Barbed wire and large-mesh-woven, stranded, and electric materials are unacceptable for fencing.

- You must also provide shelter from inclement weather and temperature extremes for your adopted wild horse. The shelter must have, at a minimum, two sides with a roof, good drainage, adequate ventilation, and access for the animal. Tarps are not acceptable.

**Do I have to pick up the horse I adopt the day of the adoption?**

- BLM prefers you take the horse home that day, but special arrangements can be made with the prison to pick up the animal in a couple of days. **Also, horses will be loaded into stock-type trailers only (two horse trailers cannot be used).**

**Can I get a refund or exchange my adopted horse for another in the future?**

- No refunds, credits or exchanges will be approved. For more information on this policy, or about adopting a prison-trained horse, contact:
  - John Axtell, BLM-Carson City District Office, (775) 885-6146
  - Hank Curry or Justin Pope, Nevada State Prison Department, (775) 887- 9331

To download a BLM adoption application (Form 4710-10) for a wild horse or burro, please go to:  
[http://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/wo/Planning\\_and\\_Renewable\\_Resources/wild\\_horses\\_and\\_burros/adoption\\_application.Par.32707.File.dat/BLM\\_4710-010.pdf](http://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/wo/Planning_and_Renewable_Resources/wild_horses_and_burros/adoption_application.Par.32707.File.dat/BLM_4710-010.pdf)

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### **Bureau of Land Management 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.

### **About the Northern Nevada Correctional Center Saddle Horse and Burro Training 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 stray horses. BLM joined the partnership in 2004. Through an agreement in 2007, the inmates now train only BLM wild horses and burros.

Quarterly adoptions are held each year and all horses and burros are offered through a competitive-bid adoption conducted by an auctioneer. About 60 wild horses and burros are trained and adopted each year. From it's beginning to May 2015 about 1,000 horses have found new homes.

Nearly 300 inmates have been through the program, often with little or no experience with horses. The inmates give each horse or burro about 120 days of training. They will need daily training and handling by an experienced rider when they arrive at their new home.

Keep tabs on the Bureau of Land Management's Nevada Facebook page to find out when the next adoption may be and your chance to take home a legend at  
<https://www.facebook.com/BLMNevada>.

Check out our website to find out more details on this exceptional program by visiting  
[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/wh\\_b/saddle\\_horse\\_training.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/wh_b/saddle_horse_training.html).