



Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

November 17, 2022

Adoption Event Name: Carthage Wild Horse and Burro Adoption/Sale Event

State: Eastern States (Missouri)

District/Field Office: Northeastern States District Office

Adoption Lead: Ben Aynes

Providing Facilities: Bruneau Off-Range Corral, Northern Nevada Correctional Center, Oregon Wild Horse Corrals

Rest Location Facility: Elm Creek Off-Range Corral

CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Al Kane, and Jake Benson

Assessment Dates: November 3-5, 2022

Total Number of CAWP Adoption/Sale Standards: 94

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 79 out of 94 total

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 70/79 = 89%

General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team: The assessment of the Carthage Adoption/Sale Event includes the Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program standards for Adoption/Sale Events, Transportation, and some of the Off-Range Corral standards as referenced in the Adoption Standards. An Adoption/Sale Event Assessment is of the entire event, including the transportation of the wild horses and burros to and from the event.

During the adoption/sale event the CAWP Team had access to all the activities, including observing receiving, unloading, loading, sorting, handling, and the care provided to the wild horses at the event. Feed and water were provided promptly after arrival of the wild horses and was maintain throughout the event. The adoption team worked well together, communicated needs to one another, and never became frustrated or agitated at the animals.

By the end of the adoption/sale event, personnel were already thinking about and discussing how improvements could be made in the future to become compliant with more CAWP Standards. The event was staffed with help from the Northeastern States District Office, Southeastern States District Office, other BLM districts and the Eastern States State Office.

Requirements of Permanent Instruction Memorandum (PIM) 2021-002, Wild Horse and Burro Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program (CAWP):

- All state, district, and field offices will continue to comply with the WHB CAWP policy within their jurisdictions at all times. This includes the CAWP Standards for Off-Range Corral Facilities, Transportation, and Adoption/Sale Events.
- All personnel, including contractor and partners involved in the care, handling, and transportation of wild horses and burros at off-range corrals and adoption/sale events are required to complete training annually.

Not all personnel assisting with the adoption/sale event were current with their annual CAWP training.

Conditions found to be in non-compliance with the CAWP Standards for Wild Horse and Burro Adoption/Sale Events:

Facility Design

Standard

3.II.B The satellite facility must have a sufficient number of pens available to sort WH&Bs according to sex, temperament, or physical condition as needed.

Non-Compliant: While the adoption team tried to ensure that wild horses were sorted according to sex, temperament or physical conditions as needed, there were not enough pens on the first day to allow for the animals to be sorted by sex.

Standard

3.II.G Adoption pen feeding areas must be accessible to all WH&Bs in the pen at the same time.

Non-Compliant: The event staff attempted to ensure that all animals could access the feeding area at one time; however, at the beginning of the event some pens had too many animals and was not in compliance with this standard.

Standard

3.II.I WH&Bs in pens at the satellite facility should be maintained at a stocking density such that when at rest all WH&Bs occupy no more than half the pen area.

Non-Compliant: The stocking density of pens at the adoption event varied. More than half of some pens were occupied when the horses were at rest.

Care of Wild Horses and Burros Received at Satellite Facilities

Standard

1.IV.A.2 A veterinarian must be available to collect and submit blood samples for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) testing and rabies immunization.

Non-Compliant: Some of the horses at the event were not current on their rabies immunizations as documented on animal health records from the providing facility.

Standard

1.IV.A.3 Health care protocols must be in accordance with Program guidelines and accepted by the facility veterinarian for preventive health care procedures (vaccinations, deworming, hoof trimming, freeze marking). Medical treatments

will be prescribed by or performed under the supervision of a veterinarian. Surgical procedures will only be performed by a veterinarian.

Non-Compliant: There were wild horses shipped to the event that really needed to have their hooves trimmed.

Standard

3.III.D All WH&Bs must have adequate space to move freely within an adoption facility pen.

Non-Compliance: At the beginning of the adoption event, some of the pens with more wild horses in them did not have adequate space to allow for the animals to move, especially if an aggressive horse was in the pen.

Loading and Unloading Facilities

Standard

2.I.F Stock trailers should be positioned for loading and unloading such that there is no more than 12" clearance between the ground and floor of the trailer for burros and 18" for horses.

Non-Compliance: Due to the slope of the area where stock trailers were loaded, many of the stock trailers had a clearance of more than 18 inches for horses.

Care of Wild Horses and Burros During Transport Preparation Procedures

Standard

2.II.C WH&Bs being transferred to another off-range corral facility, off-range pasture, eco- sanctuary, or adoption event must be sorted prior to shipping to ensure compatibility and minimize aggressive behavior that may cause injury during transport.

Non-Compliant: Wild horses were not sorted prior to shipping and were shipped with mixed sexes.

Receiving Procedures

Standard

1.III.B.10 WH&Bs should be penned with WH&Bs of like age, sex, and temperament.

Non-Compliant: There were mixed compartments of wild horses received at the adoption event. As a result, some pens were maintained with mixed sexes of wild horses during the event.

Table 1: Overall Summary Rating

CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements	Compliant	Partially Compliant	Non-Compliant	N/A
CAWP Trained BLM Staff		✓		
Adoption Event Personnel	✓			
Satellite Facility Design		✓		
Care of WHBs Received at Satellite Facilities		✓		
Euthanasia Procedures at Satellite Facilities	✓			
Carcass Disposal at Satellite Facilities	✓			
Willful Acts of Abuse	✓			
General Handling	✓			
Handling Aids	✓			
Loading and Unloading Facilities		✓		
Care of WHBs During Transport Preparation Procedures		✓		
Vehicles	✓			
Transport Procedures	✓			
Receiving Procedures		✓		
<i>Compliant – all the activities of the section were compliant with the standards or policy requirements. Partially compliant – one or more activities of the section were non-compliant with the standards or policy requirements. Non-Compliant – all activities of the section were non-compliant with the standards or policy requirements. N/A –activities were not observed during the assessment.</i>				

Possible ratings for CAWP Assessments are 96-100% Excellent, 86-95% Good, 70-85% Complies, and 0-69% Failure to Comply.

Final CAWP Assessment Rating: Good. 89% of applicable CAWP standards were met.