

EQUUS AZTEC 4 CORNERS

Film & Arts Fest

Presented by EQUUS, The Leonor, Robin Kelly & Laura Harper, Director

JULY 26 - 28, 2024
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO
THE LEANOR

- ♥ FRIDAY EVENING VIP PARTY WITH FILMMAKERS & SPECIAL GUESTS
- ♥ EQUUS FILMS ALL WEEKEND - Q & A'S WITH FILMMAKERS
- ♥ EQUINE ART & LITERARY FEST - SATURDAY & SUNDAY
- ♥ INVITED LOCAL AND VISITING CLINICIANS
- ♥ CONVERSATION PANELS WITH VETERANS AND EQUINE HEALING & RESCUE PROGRAMS
- ♥ MUSTANGS IN NEW MEXICO PANELS WITH LOCAL MUSTANG EXPERTS
- ♥ EQUINE VENDORS
- ♥ SILENT AUCTION





EQUUS Film & Arts Fest

The Mustang Summit

Aztec 4 Corners Program Schedule

(subject to change without notice)



EQUUS Film & Arts Fest will be galloping into Aztec, New Mexico July 26 – 28, 2024! Presenting a full weekend of programming including the EQUUS Film Festival, an Art & Literary Event, Mustangs, Lectures, and other exciting events.

Schedule of Events July 26 – 28, 2024:

Friday – Opening Evening VIP Event – 5 pm – 9 pm

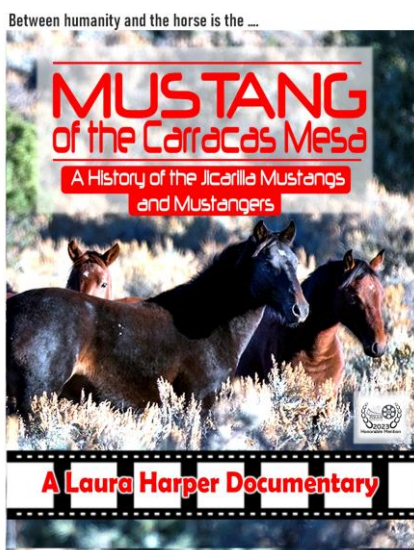
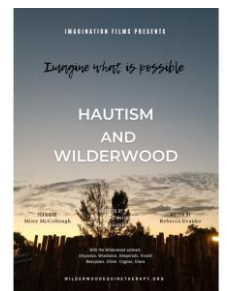
Saturday – Demos, Panels & Vendors – 10 am – 5 pm

Saturday – EQUUS Fest Films – 5 pm – 9 pm

Sunday Cowboy Church – DeLaws & Cheryl – 9:30 am

Sunday – Demos, Panels, Films & Vendors – 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday – Silent Auction Close – 2 pm



About the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit

The EQUUS Film & Arts Fest takes place as both a Virtual and In-Person Event! It is the first event of its kind to offer a home to the storytellers of the horse world, with films, documentaries, videos, commercials, and shorts from around the world and cultural elements of fine equestrian art and literature.

The Mustang Summit has been added to the program as an educational platform to raise awareness and understanding about the American Mustangs in holding pens and available for adoption. A horse who has a safe and quiet start can be trainable and become a good partner. It is our mission to bring awareness to American Mustangs who need homes. Focusing on and highlighting the work taking place in the healing and equine assisted learning fields with Mustangs. Providing resources for all who want to learn about the Off-Range Mustang horse.

Founded in 2013 by Lisa Diersen, Director/Organizer, an equestrian, who has spent her life in the company of horses. Lisa's mission is to show the world how horses can bring everyone together regardless of race, age, gender, abilities or disabilities. She presently raises, trains and loves Lusitano horses in Saint Charles, Illinois with her Jack Russell, Amore. Julianne Neal joined the team in 2016.

Every horse has a story, it's our mission at the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest to share those stories, through film, art and literature.

The EQUUS Film Fest [Channel You-Tube](https://www.youtube.com/EquusFilmFestival), streaming to all your devices.
Visit our website at: <http://www.equusfilmfestival.net/> and our [FaceBook](#) page.

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Additional Info: Julianne Neal julianneneal@me.com +1-803-351-0223

Assistant to the Director: Julie Martin

SOCIAL MEDIA

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/EquusFilmFestival>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/EQUUSFilmNYC>

You-Tube - <https://www.youtube.com/@equusfilmfestival772/featured>



Benefits of a Partnership with the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest

- Partnering with an established Internationally acclaimed Equine Film, Art & Literary Fest
- Celebrating the 12th season in 2024
- Exposure to a Global Audience through the “Virtual” On-Demand Film Fest
- Attended by International guests, artists, and filmmakers and those from across the country
- Annual visitors in New York City 800 – 1000 film & art fest guests attending over the weekend – hosted in NYC for the artists and authors. In 2019 we moved to the expansive Kentucky Horse Park artist and author attendance doubled.
- Partnering in 10 + Nationwide events annually
- Connecting with subscribers and visitors to the EQUUS Film Fest Channel
- Marketing and exposure on all EQUUS Social Media outlets
- Albuquerque, New Mexico, home of our annual Winnie Awards event, is much more inviting to filmmakers, artists, authors, and other demos in November. The location is beautiful!
- Partnering with the EQUUS Art & Fest and The Mustang Summit – with invited local equestrian artists as well as selected award-winning EQUUS artists, creating a great holiday shopping opportunity and exposure for marketing of products and services

The New York Times

Laurel Graeber of the NEW YORK TIMES wrote:

"EQUUS, however, has the heft and breadth of a Clydesdale, screening more than 80 films Friday through Sunday in Brooklyn. It also comprises equine art and book showcases, director panels and jury awards (the Winnies)... EQUUS has just instituted an on-demand streaming service for its films, which “aren’t made in somebody’s little back room on a laptop,” said Lisa Diersen, an equestrian and former engineer who founded the festival in 2013, “These are PBS-quality documentaries.” (Equus also shows a few fictional films.)"

EQUUS Film Fest Documentary Watch the exciting 2021 WINNIE Awards Event

<https://equustelevision.com/watch/932>

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest 2021 Documentary

<https://equustelevision.com/watch/957>



Hundreds of films have gained recognition, found international distribution and reached global audiences We believe that film holds the power to experience a story in the most compelling way.

We empower storytellers to share their unique equine stories.

By placing the EQUUS Film Fest in the unique locations around the world, people from all walks of life can enjoy these inspiring stories.

We look forward to welcoming you to the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest, and The Mustang Summit where you can enjoy the impressive line-up of films, amazing artists and interesting authors, along with a full line up of Mustang Clinicians.

Founder | Lisa Diersen

Partnership Opportunities – EQUUS Film Fest | The Mustang Summit

Title, Presenting and Custom Partnership Packages

****Available Upon Request****

Platinum Partnership Package \$5,000

- Exclusive Social Media blast
- Listed as a preferred partner on EquusFilmFestival.net
- 2–10-minute introduction at VIP party (Their choice on timeframe)
- Presentation slide with company information & logo
- 4' x 2' Banner at The Mustang Summit Location
- Branded logo on banners
- VIP Passes for 4 Guest

Diamond Partnership Package \$3000

- Exclusive Social Media blast
- Listed as a preferred partner on EquusFilmFestival.net
- 2–10-minute introduction at VIP party (Their choice on timeframe)
- Presentation slide with company information & logo
- 4' x 2' Banner at The Mustang Summit Location
- Branded logo on banners
- VIP Passes for 2 Guest

Gold Partnership Package \$1500

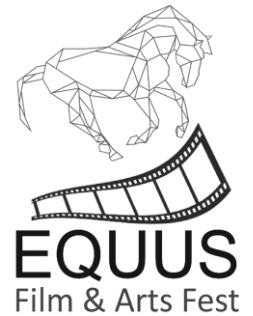
- Social Media blast with all sponsors
- Listed as a preferred partner on EquusFilmFestival.net
- 2-minute introduction at VIP party
- 4' x 2' Banner at The Mustang Summit Location
- Presentation slide with company information & logo
- VIP Passes for 1 Guest

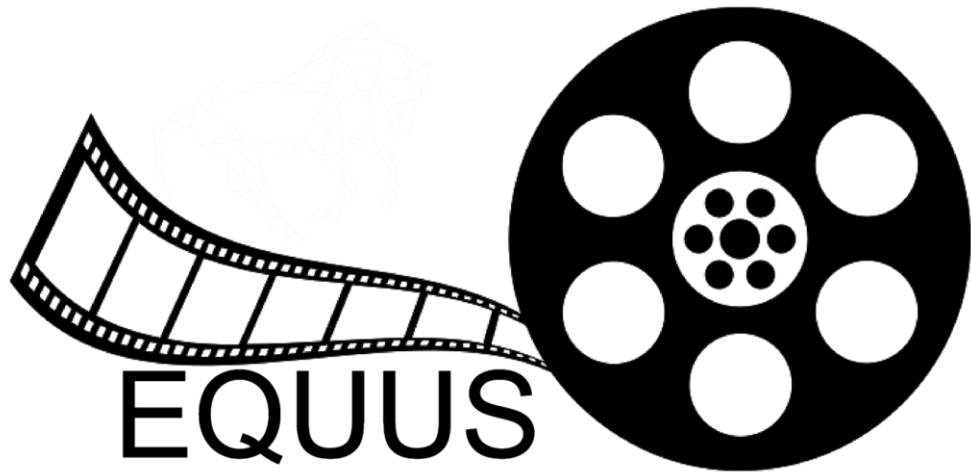
Silver Partnership Package \$1000

- Social Media blast with all sponsors
- Shout out for being a sponsor at live event
- 4' x 2' Banner at The Mustang Summit Location
- Presentation slide with company information & logo

Pony Partnership Package \$500

- Shout out for being a sponsor at live event
- Presentation slide with company information & logo





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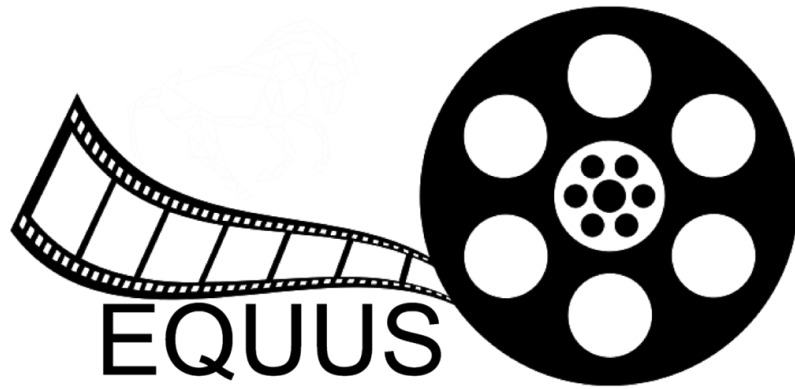


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MEDIA PRODUCTIONS

Rocky Mountain HORSE EXPO

Upcoming Dates and Locations 2024

42 Mustangs (or more) in 2024

Based on information from the BLM Website:

It costs BLM about \$27,500, on average, to provide lifetime care for a wild horse not placed into private care.

- **March – Rocky Mountain Horse Expo – Denver Colorado - March 15 – 17, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event
- **June – Gateway Mustang Summit - Potomac, Illinois – June 7 – 9, 2024**
 - Small Event - 4 Mustangs & Films – Adoption Event
- **July – BreyerFest – Lexington, Kentucky – July 12 – 14, 2024**
 - Small Event – Films – Rescued Hearts
- **July – The Leanor - Aztec, New Mexico – July 26 – 28, 2024**
 - Small Event – Films & Art & Panels – Mustangs & Rescues
- **July – August – Adams County Fair – Brighton, Colorado – July 31 – August 4, 2024**
 - The Mustang Summit - Mustangers Event – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event
- **August 25 – Mustang Symposium – Soulful Prairies – Woodstock, Illinois**
 - 1 Day Mustang Symposium
- **September – How Horses Help Symposium – Great Lakes – Oregon, Ohio – September 5-8, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event
- **September – Mustang Classic – KHP – Lexington, Kentucky – September 13-15, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest
- **September – EQUUS Aiken – Aiken Equine Rescue - Aiken, South Carolina – September 19-22, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event
- **October – Liberty Festival – Kentucky Horse Park – October 11-12, 2024**
 - EQUUS Film & Arts Fest – Rescued Hearts Screening
- **October – Ibericon – World Equestrian Center – Ocala, Florida – October 17-20, 2024**
 - Small Event – Films
- **October – EQUUS BC – Anvil Center – New West Minister, BB Canada – October 26, 2024**
 - Small Event – Films
- **November – Shaker Village Equine Fest – Harrodsburg, Kentucky – November 2, 2024**
 - EQUUS Film & Arts Fest – Art & Films
- **November – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit Main Event – Albuquerque, New Mexico – November 14 – 17, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event

Additional Dates and Locations 2025

- **April – EQUUS Equine Affaire Ohio – Columbus, Ohio – April 10-13**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event
- **May – EQUUS Sacramento – Sacramento, California**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event
- **June – Mustang Symposium – Colorado BLM Partner Event -Grand Junction Colorado – June 26-29**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event
- **August – Maryland Mustang Mission – Harford County Equestrian Center – Bel Air, Maryland – August – August 30 – 31, 2025**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event
- **September - GHS Devil's Garden Mustang Challenge – Huntingdon, Pennsylvania - September 26-28**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event





New Mexico Equine Liability Act

Under New Mexico Law, “No person, corporation or partnership is liable for personal injuries to or for the death of a rider that may occur as a result of the behavior of equine animals while engaged in any equine activities.” And “No person, corporation or partnership shall make any claim against, maintain any action against or recover from a rider, operator, owner, trainer or promoter for injury, loss or damage resulting from equine behavior unless the acts or omissions of the rider, owner, operator, trainer or promoter constitutes negligence.”



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The Team



**THE MUSTANG
SUMMIT**

Lisa Diersen

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit Founder / Director

Lisa Diersen is an equestrian; riding since she could sit in a saddle, Diersen has a great appreciation for all types of equestrian disciplines. She is the Founder and Director of the EQUUS Film Festival, now in its 12th season. The EFF empowers storytellers to show horses' rich history and diverse tapestry in human culture through equestrian content, film, art, and literature. The EQUUS Film Festival is the first film festival oriented around equestrian-themed content from all over the world that also travels the world. Screening feature films, documentaries, shorts, music videos, commercials, training educational materials, art, and literature, covering all equestrian disciplines, creating a home for the storytellers of the horse world.

Created for Horse Lovers... by Horse Lovers!

Her mission is to show the world how horses can bring everyone together regardless of race, age, gender, abilities, or disabilities. Lisa is passionate about the education and enlightenment of others to the wonderful world of horses and everything they can do to enrich our lives.

Producer and writer credits on the DOWN Syndrome equine documentary "A Pony And His Boy: The Story Of Berry & Josh" for the EQUUS Film Festival in New York City and the National DOWN Syndrome Congress 2019 with SPOTLIGHT Rescue Series partner and film director Julianne Neal. Working on additional SRS documentaries to add to the series she and Neal started in 2017. The Mustang Discovery Ride Project is now in production. Lisa is the Executive Director of the Mustang Discovery Foundation. Adding "The Mustang Summit" to the programming in 2022. With a focus on educating the general public about the American Mustang Horse and its importance in the world today.

She is a published equine author with many articles to her credit. Diersen spent the early part of her career with General Motors in engineering, then moving into the subdivision development and home/barn building market, winning an Illinois Home Builder Award, before returning to her first love..... working with horses! She spends her time, when not promoting equestrian film, having fun promoting Classical Dressage, Lusitano, and Mustang horses, and spending time with her faithful Jack Russell Terrier, Amore, and her Lusitano, Urano.

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Robin Kelly

Aztec 4 Corners New Mexico

The Leenor - Owner

My lifelong passion for horse riding has led me on a journey that began in Dressage and Eventing. Today, I traverse the high mountain trails of Colorado in the summer and the foothills and valleys of New Mexico and Utah in the winter, all surrounding Aztec, NM. I am captivated by the high desert landscape, the vibrant diversity of the population, and the endless opportunities to embrace a fulfilling life.

My dedication to this area and the restoration of Aztec's historic downtown is unwavering. I am driven to contribute to the growth of this community by investing my time and resources to bolster the city's efforts to revive the local economy while safeguarding our beloved Main Avenue.

I have renovated 200 South Main and transformed it into The Leenor, a Petite Hotel and Event Center. This charming space, located in downtown Aztec, offers comfortable rooms, modern amenities, and a unique cultural experience. Whether you're a tourist, a remote worker, or a local, staying at The Leenor allows you to immerse yourself in everything our city has to offer. I invite you to join me in realizing this vision. Your support and involvement are crucial to the success of this project. I encourage you to attend The Equus Film Festival held at The Leenor Petite Hotel and Event Center. Enjoy the Festival, and discover the vibrant community of Aztec.

<https://theleanor.com/>



Laura Harper

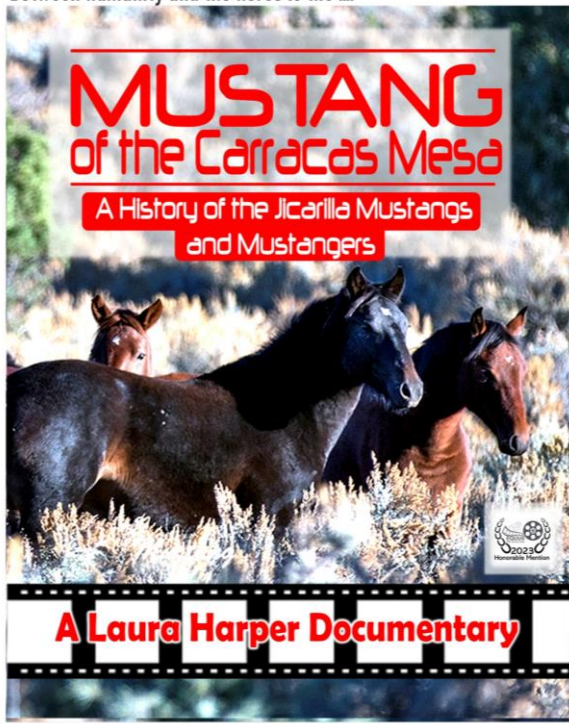
Aztec 4 Corners New Mexico TEAM

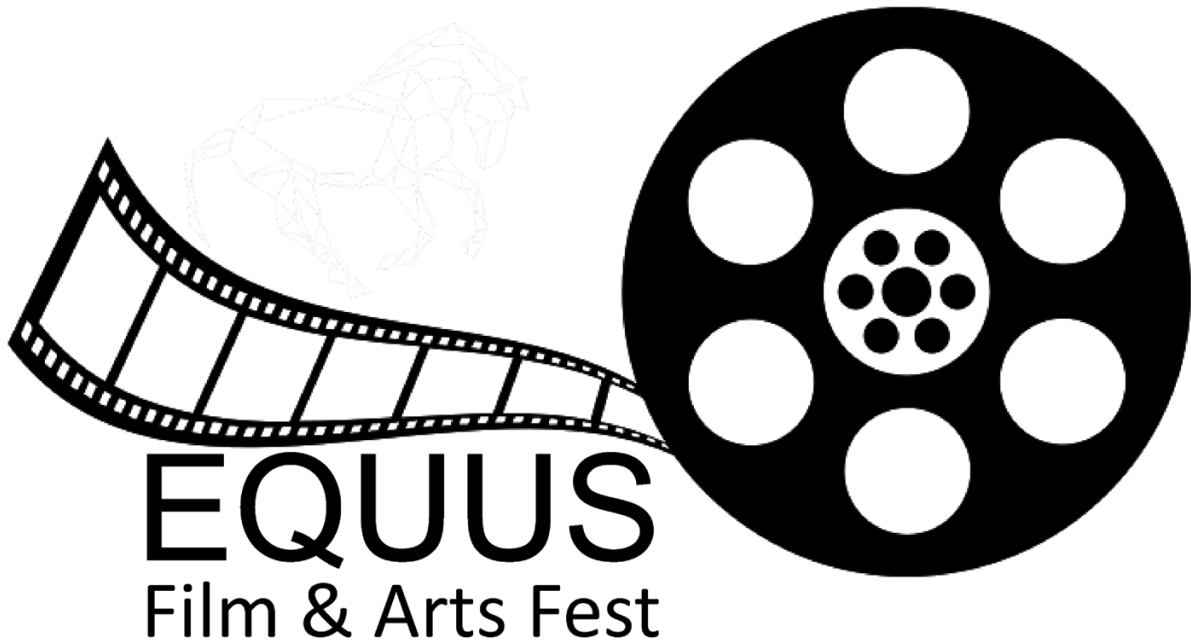
Film Director: MUSTANG of THE CARRACAS MESA: A HISTORY OF THE JICARILLA MUSTANGS AND MUSTANGERS

Laura shares a home in Farmington, New Mexico and in Dolores Colorado with her husband Greg and her horses, Dusty Dandy, RAMBO and Wendy. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Jicarilla Mustang Heritage Alliance, Editor for the Four Corners Equine Rescue newsletter publication and President of the San Juan County Historical Society, NM. She holds a MA in Administrative Management.

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The Venue



Aztec 4 Corners, New Mexico

July 2024

The Leenor



Discover The Leenor

Come visit The Leenor, located in the beautiful historic city of Aztec, NM. Just a short walk from the Aztec Ruins National Park. Discover the charm of the Four Corners and enjoy our two wonderful spaces.

Upstairs, we offer the Boutique Hotel, which includes four cozy bedrooms, three bathrooms, a full kitchen, a washer/dryer, and a living room/dining room. You can rent the entire space or just one room, depending on your needs.

We have a 2000 sqft event center downstairs with 2 ADA bathrooms, a kitchenette, and a coffee bar. This space is ideal for workshops, parties, meetings, and weddings.

The Leenor is a historical building constructed in 1906 and listed in both the State and National Historic Building Registry. It has been home to several businesses over the years, including The General Mercantile, The Aztec Post Office, a bookstore, and a bike shop. The upstairs rooms were possibly used as offices or short-term living quarters.

Currently, we are renovating The Leenor and trying to preserve the original footprint of the building. Rest assured that all the hardwood floors are original, and the interior walls are made of lath and plaster. The backyard even features a 3000-gallon cistern.

<https://theleenor.com/> 200 South Main , Aztec, NM 505-333-5799



Visit Our Non-Profit Guest's



Four Corners Equine Rescue



JICARILLA MUSTANG HERITAGE ALLIANCE

Mustang Camp
A New Mexico Non-Profit - Training Wild
Horses and Burros for Adoption



The **SPANISH MUSTANG FOUNDATION**



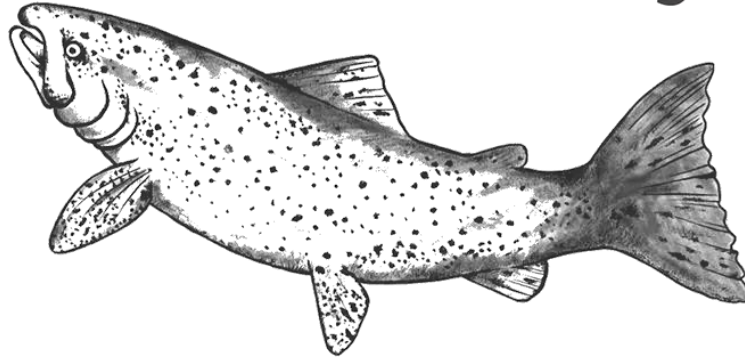
National Mustang Association of Colorado



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Welcome to the Trudy Goldsmith State Farm Insurance Agency! I'm Trudy Goldsmith, your local State Farm insurance agent in Farmington, NM, and the surrounding areas. With over 24 years of experience in the insurance industry, I take great pride in being the owner of a State Farm Insurance agency since 2010.

Spring is in the air in our beautiful state!

At my agency, I lead a dedicated team with a combined experience of over 90 years in the insurance field. We are passionate about serving our community and providing exceptional service to our valued customers.

I am a resident of Farmington, NM. I share my home with my loving husband, as well as our two adorable dogs named Teeter and Katie. If you are ever in the area stop by our office to visit, our talented pet parrot, Emmy, who can even whistle the State Farm song!

Being an active member of the Farmington Rio Del Sol Kiwanis Club, Board member of The Family Crisis Center, and the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, I am deeply committed to making a positive impact in our local community. It brings me great satisfaction to contribute and give back to the place we call home.

At the Trudy Goldsmith State Farm Insurance Agency, we offer individuals and families relocating to San Juan and Rio Arriba counties. Our services extend to the towns of Farmington, Kirtland, Shiprock, Aztec, Bloomfield, and the surrounding areas.

No matter what type of insurance coverage you're seeking, we've got you covered. From auto insurance, home insurance, renters insurance, business insurance, rental property insurance, to life and even coverage for your pet. We offer free quotes customized to your specific needs. Our goal is to ensure that you have the proper coverage.

To make things even better, we offer FREE QUOTES and DISCOUNTS for bundling insurance policies. This way, you can enjoy comprehensive coverage while saving money. We look forward to helping protect you and your family!

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WE ♥ MUSTANGS

We are proud to sponsor the **EQUUS Film Festival** & **Mustang Summit** on their mission to connect mustang owners & support this exceptional breed!



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AZTEC MUSTANG PANELS

Saturday & Sunday

PANEL: Mustangs, First Responders & Veterans

Mustangs For Mental Health / Guardian Initiatives

Alecz Adams, Ronda Ward, Russell Granger, Spencer J. Conley

PANEL: Mustang Management & Bait Trapping

Michael J. Leonard, Bonnie Anderson, Robert Jordan

PANEL: Mustang Genetics & Behaviors

Sara Annon, Laura Harper, TJ Holmes, Dusty Pierce, Connie Doughman

PANEL: New Mexico Mustangs: A Treasure In Our Own Backyard

Barb Kiipper, Patricia Irick, Nancy Brimhall, DeLaws Lindsay, Dusty Pierce

PANEL: Mustang Filmmakers

Matt Cohn, Laura Harper, Michelle Fenn

PANEL: SB 271: A Win For New Mexico Wild Horses

Terry Coburn, Katie Johanson, Patricia Irick (Sat Only)

PANEL: Wild Horse Photography

Kisa Kavass, Laurie Ford, TJ Holmes

PANEL: Traveling The World Making Cowboy Saddles

Lisa & Loren Skyhorse

AZTEC MUSTANG DEMOS

550 Corral Round Pen & Vendor Area

Saturday & Sunday

DEMO: Marvel the Mustang

- **Bonnie Anderson & Marvel**

DEMO: Mustang Basics

- **DeLaws Lindsay & Tulio the Jicarilla Mustang**

DEMO: First Steps To Success On The Trail

- **Alicia Harvey**

DEMO: Know Your Horses Hoof

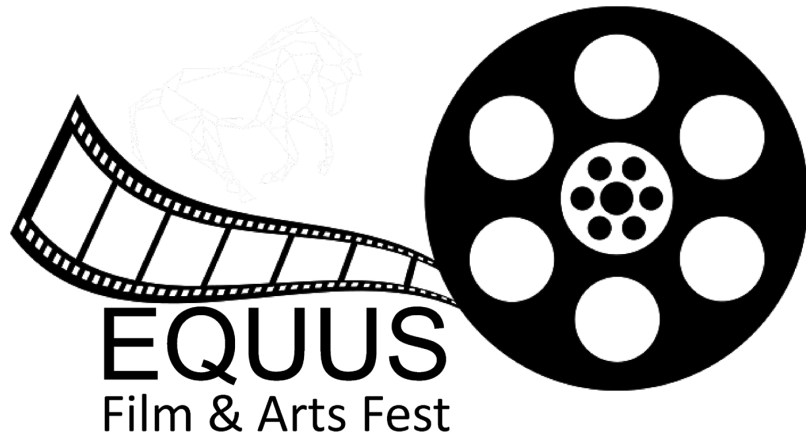
- **Joshua Nunn**

DEMO: Yoga On Horseback

- **Alecz Adams**

DEMO: Mini Horses Of Remedy Reins

- **Rebecca Mullens, Ronda Ward & The Minis**



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The Clinicians
The Filmmakers
The Artists
The Guest Speakers



The Mustang Summit Aztec 550 Corral Schedule

Saturday – July 27, 2024 – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday – July 28, 2024 – 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

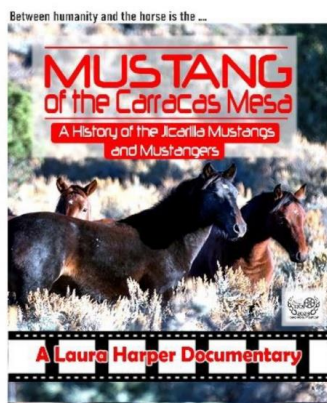
Time Block 27 - July Saturday	Mustang Demo Sessions Daily 45-minute sessions	Clinician
9:30 am SUNDAY ONLY	Cowboy Church With DeLaws & Cheryl Lindsay	DeLaws & Cheryl Lindsay New Mexico
10:00 am	First Steps To Success On The Trail	Alicia Harvey New Mexico
11:00 am	Mustang Basics with Tulio	DeLaws Lindsay New Mexico
12:00 pm	Marvel the Mustang	Bonnie Anderson New Mexico
1:00 pm	Nailing it Down with Horse Lovers	Joshua Nunn New Mexico
2:00 pm	Mini Horses Of Remedy Reins	Rebecca Mullens & Ronda Ward New Mexico
3:00 pm	Yoga On Horseback	<u>Alec Adams</u> Colorado



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Friday, July 26 VIP EVENT – Doors Open at 5:00 pm
Mixer with the Filmmakers & Clinicians
EQUUS Film Fest Stage at *The Leanor*

Time Block	Film Blocks EQUUS Stage	Guest Filmmaker Q & A
6:30 pm	Mustang of The Carracas Mesa: A History Of The Jicarilla Mustangs and Mustangers – 20 mins	Filmmaker Q & A after films with Laura Harper Filmmaker
7:00 pm	<u>Freedom Reigns</u> - 83:00 mins	Filmmaker Q & A after films with <u>Filmmaker: Matt Cohn</u>



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Saturday – July 27, 2024 – 9:30 am – 9:00 pm

EQUUS Film Fest Stage – Movies & Panels (45-minute Panels)

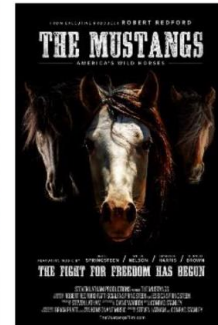
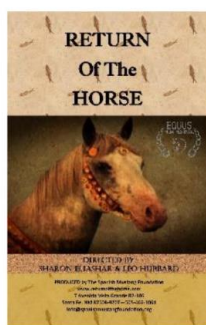
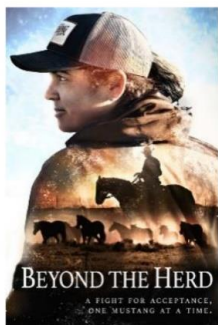
Time Block Saturday	Film Blocks EQUUS Stage	Guest Filmmaker Q & A
9:30 am	Drum Circle	Alec Adams
10:00 am	PANEL: Mustangs, First Responders & Veterans Mustangs For Mental Health & Guardian Initiatives	Alec Adams, Ronda Ward, Russell Granger, Spencer J. Conley
11:00 am	FILM: Cultura-Wild Horses – 20:00 min	
11:30 am	PANEL: Mustang Management & Bait Trapping	Michael J. Leonard, Bonnie Anderson, Robert Jordan
12:30 pm	PANEL: Mustang Genetics & Behaviors	Sara Annon, Laura Harper, TJ Holmes, Dusty Pierce,
1:30 pm	FILM: Return Of The Horse	
2:45 pm	PANEL: New Mexico Mustangs: A Treasure In Our Own Backyard	Barb Kiipper, Nancy Brimhall, DeLaws Lindsay, Dusty Pierce, Patricia Irick (Patricia-Sat Only)
3:45 pm	PANEL: SB 271 A Win For New Mexico Wild Horses	Terry Coburn, Katie Johanson, Patricia Irick (Patricia-Sat Only)
4:45 pm	PANEL: (30 mins) Wild Horse Photography	Kisa Kavass, Laurie Ford, TJ Holmes
5:30 pm	PANEL: Traveling The World Making Cowboy Saddles	Lisa & Loren Skyhorse
6:30 pm	FILM: Beyond The Herd – 20 mins Mustang of The Carracas Mesa – 20 mins	<u>Q & A after the film with</u> Laura Harper - Filmmaker Michelle Finn - Filmmaker
7:45 pm	FILM: H.O.O.V.E.S. – 60:00 min	

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Sunday – July 28, 2024 – 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

EQUUS Film Fest Stage – Movies & Panels (45-minute Panels)

Time Block Sunday	Film Blocks EQUUS Stage	Guest Filmmaker Q & A
9:30 am	Cowboy Church 505 Corral	
10:00 am	FILMS: Beyond The Herd – 20:00 min Mustang of The Carracas Mesa: A History Of The Jicarilla Mustangs and Mustangers – 20:00 min	<u>Q & A after the film with</u> Michelle Finn – Filmmaker Laura Harper - Filmmaker
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1:30 pm	FILM: Freedom Shred: A Juneteenth Declaration 55:00 min	<u>Q & A after the film with</u> Spencer J. Conley
3:00 pm	FILM: The Mustangs Americas Wild Horses 90:00 mins	



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Cowboy Church

with

DeLaws & Cheryl Lindsay

When: July 28, 2024 – 9:30 AM

Where: The 550 Corral - Round Pen



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A History of the Jicarilla Mustangs and Mustangers



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Alec Adams

Colorado

Alec Adams Horse and Rider Training

10th Mountain Equine

Author / Mustangs Advocate / Veterans Mustang Program

Yoga On Horseback

PANEL: Mustangs, First Responders & Veterans

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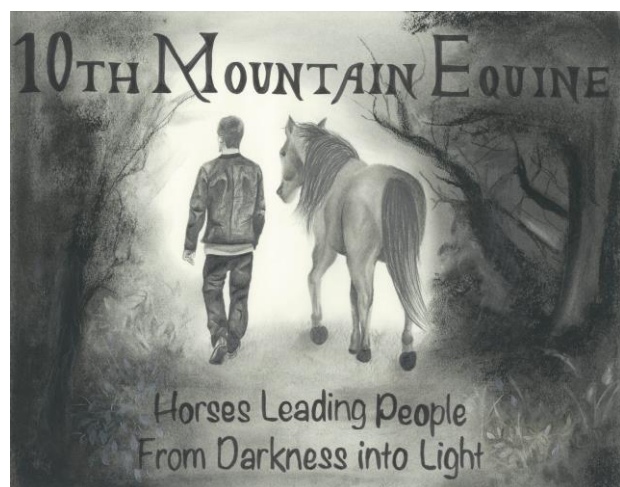


Alec Adams, President and Director of Equine Operations at 10th Mountain Equine. Trainer at Alec Adams Horse and Rider Training, she has been working professionally with horses for over 35 years internationally. A successful competition and pro rider in a variety of disciplines: Hunters, Jumpers, Eventing, Reining, Trail, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, and many Gymkhana Events, she currently works as a horse trainer, private riding instructor, Depth Hypnosis Practitioner, Equine Assisted Activity Facilitator, Ranch Manager, and Mustanger with the Mustang Summit.

Ms. Adams published the book Mindful Horseback Riding, and trains horses and individuals alike in methods from her book, from Trustwork to Yoga on Horseback, as well as teaching traditional riding disciplines, vaulting, and mounted archery. She also spent several years designing, creating and training both horses and staff for several companies in both North and South America, including the number one equestrian tour company in Peru, Mountain Lodges of Peru.

In 2019, Alec co-founded the Colorado 501(c)3 nonprofit 10th Mountain Equine, with the mission to rescue horses and serve our community and country by providing proven, effective Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities to improve people's lives including children, veterans and those experiencing psychological trauma. Ms. Adams has been facilitating and providing Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities to people in need for over a decade. She has developed several new modalities, including the Equine Assisted Trauma Releasement and the Horse Guided Hypnotherapy methods which are becoming increasingly successful across the country.

<https://www.facebook.com/aleczadamshorseandridertraining/>



Bonnie Anderson & Marval

NMACO National Mustang Association of Colorado New Mexico

PANEL: Mustang Management & Bait Trapping

My name is Bonnie Anderson, and my passion for horses has been a constant thread throughout my life. From a young age, I immersed myself in various equestrian disciplines, and it was during those formative years that I adopted my first mustang. He was a spirited companion, and together, we embarked on a journey of mutual learning and growth. As a teenager, I gentled and halter-trained him, and he became my steadfast partner, accompanying me through different stages of life— high school, college, careers, and family. I now have a family, husband and kids, still with my mustang at my side.

To ensure my mustang had a companion, I adopted another one in college. These two loyal equine friends have now entered their mid-20s, sharing countless adventures and memories with me. But as my boys age gracefully, I've expanded my horizons by adopting two young Mesa Verde mustangs from the National Mustang Association of Colorado. These Mesa Verde horses, known for their sweet temperament, differ significantly from my BLM (Bureau of Land Management) mustangs. The reason? The humane and low-stress gather process used to bring them into captivity, in contrast to the helicopter roundups my BLM horses endured.

My commitment to these magnificent creatures extends beyond personal experiences. I actively collaborate with the National Mustang Association of Colorado to advocate for the humane management of wild horses. Mustangs hold a special place in my heart—they're not only robust and healthy but also remarkably intelligent and fiercely loyal. As I continue my journey alongside these remarkable animals, I remain dedicated to their well-being and preservation.



Sara Annon

New Mexico

PANEL: Mustang Genetics

Born in Santa Fe New Mexico, I have been immersed in the multicultural matrix of that magical area since birth. I had to learn how to navigate our modern culture while living with one foot in each world. My childhood clearly illustrated that the well-being of the land and the different peoples living here only comes about when we all understand and work with the full community in all the realms.

My Spanish Colonial colt also opened the doorway into the long and mystical history of his lineage for me. The Grail or Medicine Horses have carried their riders through the veil between realms for millennia. Their influence on us humans has been so thoroughly infused into our world view that we call the rhythmic tools of the shamanic trance state, the drum and the rattle, the steed that carries us to the other side. Since not all of us are able, or called, to ride a physical horse into the visionary realms, I have also explored other avenues of connecting with Nature Wisdom through our bodies.

<https://saraannon.wordpress.com/>



Nancy Brimhall

New Mexico

PANEL: New Mexico Mustangs: A Treasure In Our Own Backyard

I have lived in Kirtland New Mexico for thirty-six years and I went to school in Aztec, New Mexico. I am married and have two sons and six grandchildren. I have always been passionate about horses. Most of the time, I am equine hyper-focused and I can talk to anyone about horses all day.

Two-years ago I adopted a sweet Jicarilla mustang filly that opened the door for me to help with the Mustang Challenge and the Sheriff Posse Rodeo events and activities. I took this adventure on and ran with it and I am enjoying every step of the way to connect mustangs with youth and adults in San Juan County and all of New Mexico.



Matt Cohn

Filmmaker

Washington, DC

Freedom Reigns

PANEL: Mustang Filmmakers

Matt Cohn is an award-winning producer and director. His most recent film as a director is "Freedom Reigns" which has won "The Impactful Doc Award" in 2023. As a producer, he's known for never taking no as an answer and confronting any obstacles head on.

<https://www.hitfiremedia.com/>

<https://freedomreignsdocumentary.com/>



Matt Cohn

Founder/Director/Producer



FREEDOM
REIGNS
EQUINE SANCTUARY

The logo for Freedom Reigns Equine Sanctuary. It features the word "FREEDOM" in a large, serif font, with a sunburst graphic behind the letter "O". Below "FREEDOM" is the word "REIGNS" in a smaller, serif font, and below that is "EQUINE SANCTUARY" in an even smaller, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a silhouette of a horse rearing up, with a horizontal line underneath it.

Spencer J. Conley

**Motivational Speaker / Filmmaker / Author
New Mexico**

PANEL: Mustangs, First Responders & Veterans

- **Mustangs For Mental Health**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxVJHIFZtqc>

Many inspirational speakers make a presentation with passion – and Spencer J. Conley does that, too. However, Conley also shows his audiences how to put his “talk” into “action,” encouraging them to not just DREAM but wake up and – LIVE it – live beyond doubt, lack, fear, race, gender, and EXCUSE.

As a former professional athlete and coach, Spencer Conley now brings even more to others all over the world by being a professional speaker. He has established programs that encourage change and growth by presenting life changing inspiration to the beautiful people on six out of seven of our world’s incredible continents.

Known as “Big Coach” and as the CEO of his firm, Too Driven, Conley is the backbone of many outreach programs that influence students, boardrooms, living rooms, and coaches’ offices.

This author has given inspirational lectures and presentations to numerous prestigious educational establishments across the globe. He’s devoted to his purpose – as well as to being a father, husband, community activist, humanitarian, leader, and friend.

Accompanied by his passion and purpose, Spencer Conley is embarking on a mission to not just leave the world a better place, but to continue to encourage her people to live a life that is Too Driven to do anything other than succeed. This, his first long-awaited book, “Lead with L.O.V.E.” establishes and calls out the leader we all are born to be.

<https://spencerjconley.com/>



Terry Coburn

Four Corners Equine Rescue
New Mexico



PANEL: New Mexico Mustangs: A Treasure In Our Own Backyard
PANEL: SB 271 A Win For New Mexico Wild Horses

Terry Coburn and his late wife Debbie opened Four Corners Equine Rescue in 2004 with the plan to save Premarin foals from a horrible fate. Right away they saw the need for sheltering more than the foals and took in as many abandoned, neglected, and abused horses as they could fit on their property. Terry spent most of his time running Five Star Mechanical but was at Debbie's side with whatever she needed done for the rescue. Terry took over leadership of the organization in 2022, when Debbie lost her fight to cancer. He is dedicated to continuing her mission and loves doing everything he can to create better lives for these horses



Michelle Fenn

Filmmaker: Beyond The Herd California

PANEL: Mustang Filmmakers

Michelle Fenn, a filmmaker based in Los Angeles with New England roots, is making her documentary directorial debut with "Beyond the Herd". Her background spans editing and producing scripted content, and producing and directing commercial and docu-style branded projects.

Michelle's storytelling is characterized by its authenticity, focusing on character-driven narratives that resonate with audiences. She has a passion for exploring female-driven stories and championing underdog narratives, aiming to create cinematic experiences that deeply connect with viewers seeking connection and self-discovery.

Director Statement

My lifelong love affair with horses began early, setting me apart from my family who didn't share my passion. And as a working-class kid in a sport dominated by wealth and tradition, I often struggled to fit into that world.

Amber's experiences of "otherness" resonated deeply with me. It reminded me of the pain of not belonging. This fueled my determination to tell their story, shedding light on issues of racism and classism both within and outside the equestrian community.

Through "Beyond the Herd," I aim to not only raise awareness about the challenges faced by wild mustangs but also to inspire audiences to engage in their advocacy. This film is for everyone, inside and outside the horse world, encouraging the next generation to pursue their passions, even if they don't fit the traditional mold laid out before them.



Laurie Ford

New Mexico

PANEL: Wild Horse Photography

Horses have always played a role in my life and happiness; at my many homes, as the subject over years of writing and even back to the days in my darkroom where it was the image of a horse that almost always appeared in the developing solution as I impatiently waited.

As I got older the horses were joined by burros and then my son who provided stiff competition when it came to attention!

From my time in New Jersey working with the Standardbred Retirement Foundation retraining racehorses so that they could be rehomed and given another chance at life to the present as a wild horse and burro advocate their welfare has always been at the center of my love for them.

After moving west and spending time with our wild herds - who graciously allowed me a glimpse into their free, yet arduous lives - the path I would take for the remainder of my life was predetermined.

I try to capture the true beauty of these horses and burros with my photography - the beauty that dwells in their spirit and perseverance - in hopes that viewers will look closer at the story behind the image.

And I continue to write about them - from articles to raise awareness to endless in- depth comments on planning documents involving their fate at the hands of our government.

I also work as a volunteer with Wild Horse Education observing and documenting roundups and herd management area conditions.

I have a small rescue/sanctuary with an array of both domestic and wild burros who help me start every day with a joyous smile

It saddens me that New Mexico - a state with such an abundance of public land and a rich history full of horses and burros - has no designated habitat for wild burros and is targeting the few remaining wild horses for removal.

I have spent time with the Jicarilla wild horses - many who display Spanish bred characteristics - who must be preserved and protected. They are a fundamental part of our country and have earned their place in history.

The story behind their photographs, and those of all our wild ones, must be told, and heard, if there is to be any future for these noble creatures outside of an image.

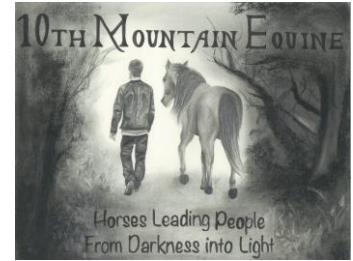


Russell Granger

Colorado

10th Mt Equine

**PANEL: Mustangs, First Responders & Veterans
Mustangs For Mental Health**



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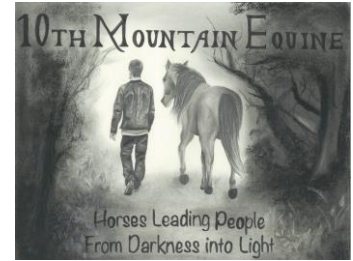


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Laura Harper

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Filmmaker

Colorado

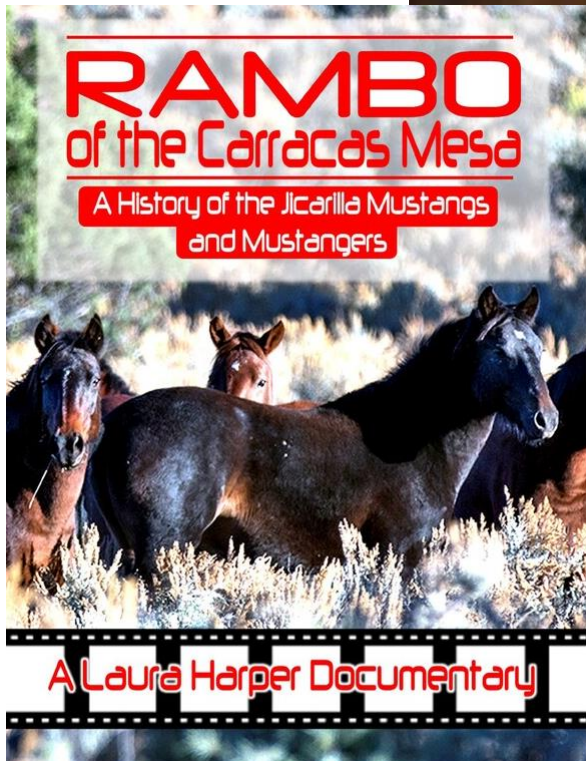
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Laura lives in Dolores Colorado with her husband Greg and her horses, Dusty Dandy, RAMBO and Wendy. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Jicarilla Mustang Heritage Alliance, Editor of the Four Corners Equine Rescue newsletter publication and President of the San Juan County Historical Society, NM. She holds a MA in Organizational Management.



Alicia Harvey

New Mexico

Woman in the Weminuche

Demo: First Steps to Success on the Trail

- **Ground-Work and Mounted with Mustangs**

First Steps to success on the trail.

Alicia Harvey's passion for horseback riding and driving horses was instilled in her from a young age. Throughout her teens and twenties, Alicia's competitive spirit led her to excel in various disciplines such as dressage, hunter jumper, combined training, and driving. Her thirst for knowledge and improvement led her to work with renowned trainers like Doc Hamil, further honing her skills.

Alicia's profound connection with horses and her true calling was discovered in the serenity of the wilderness. She embarked on solo journeys, venturing into the untouched areas around the Four Corners and traversing thousands of miles in the Rocky Mountains. A testament to her endurance and bond with horses, last summer, Alicia accomplished a remarkable feat-riding a horse and packing a mule 70 miles alone through the High Country in the Weminuche Wilderness, alone.

Alicia's expertise extends to selling seasoned trail horses nationwide. Her reputation precedes her, as she is known for producing horses that are not only reliable but also ensure the safety of their riders in any situation.

Day One:: Groundwork and preparation for the Mount

Back

Sidepass

Day Two: Mounted

Back

Sidepass



TJ Holmes

New Mexico

PANEL: New Mexico Mustangs: A Treasure In Our Own Backyard

PANEL: Wild Horse Photography

TJ Holmes lives in the high desert of Colorado's undisappointing and endlessly fascinating Disappointment Valley with mustangs and other neighbors of the four-legged variety. She documents Spring Creek Basin's mustangs and acts as a birth-control provider (as a BLM volunteer) with the goal of reducing the need for roundups and removals of the wild horses that were there first and should be there always.



Patricia Irick

New Mexico

Mustang Camp



PANEL: New Mexico Mustangs: A Treasure In Our Own Backyard

PANEL: SB 271 A Win For New Mexico Wild Horses

A New Mexico Non-Profit Organization Training Wild Horses for Adoption.

Mustang Camp is a New Mexico Non-Profit organization training wild horses for adoption. Mustang Camp is located in the old Largo Canyon School facility on 14 acres within remote wilderness land in northern New Mexico. Our mission is to reduce the suffering of captive horses through humane training practices, train people to train horses, and to get horses adopted to suitable homes. We are the only organization in the world that is using the science of learning to address the mustang crisis - and we want to help other people learn to use these well-tested methods.

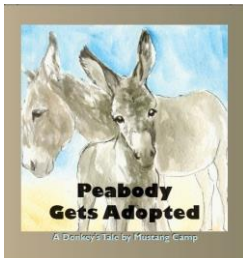
Our program consists of bringing excess wild horses and burros to Mustang Camp to be trained and socialized using our 26-step criteria program. It's quite simple, the animal is trained in the 26 steps and when they can be caught, haltered, led, loaded into a horse-trailer, stand tied, and have their feet trimmed, they become available for adoption to suitable homes on behalf of the government or the NGO holding title. A trained and approachable animal is 100 times more likely to be adopted. We also provide a positive rescue environment for starving or abused horses and horses needing emotional rehabilitation. We partner with the local northern New Mexico humane societies, animal control offices, and horse rescues to provide loving care and training to get these animals emotionally and physically well for adoption to better homes. There is no shortage of horses in northern New Mexico that are in need of help. The use of Least-Coercive principles of animal training pay off for these animals.

<https://www.mustangcamp.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/MustangCamp>

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Katie Johanson

New Mexico

Four Corners Equine Rescue



PANEL: SB 271 A Win For New Mexico Wild Horses

FCER is a volunteer based non-profit group dedicated to the rescue of horses, burros, and mules: their rehabilitation (both physically and mentally), and their adoption into good, loving homes. We will assist wherever, whenever we can, to help horses in need.

Located just outside Aztec, in the Four Corners area of New Mexico, we follow the guidelines for rescues as set forth by the AAEP (American Association of Equine Practitioners). This guide can be viewed by clicking on the Forms icon, then AAEP.

<http://www.fourcornersequinerescue.org/>

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Four Corners Equine Rescue

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Robert A. Jordan

New Mexico

Homeland Habitat

PANEL: Mustang Management & Bait Trapping

Robert A. Jordan, Executive Director of Homeland Habitat, a Nonprofit Organization that focuses on improving lands for optimal vegetation, water, and ethical management of animals to promote lands that are efficient for all users.

- Member of the Carson Partnership for Horse Management - USFS Jicarilla Ranger District
- Certified to deploy fertility control via darting. July 2020
- Leadership San Juan Graduate 2009
- 40 Under 40 Nominee 2009-2010
- Member of the NM Cattle Growers Association and NM Stockman.

Robert grew up with my family in Gobernador, NM in an oil and gas camp. My dad worked in the oil and gas industry and my mom worked for the Forest Service. Born with a passion for horses, I learned about horses, training, and proper care from an early age while living my life in wild horse territory. My teachers were many of the local ranchers. During my youth I adopted and trained several wild horses for pleasure riding, hunting and helping local ranchers gather and move cows.

As an adult, I also work in the oil and gas industry. My work experience over the past 30 years has placed me in positions of leadership, team building, people management and future planning. I have been fortunate to work in the same area as I was raised and have seen changes occur in the forest and the wild horse territory over the years.

My passion for the outdoors and the opportunity for various activities, including hunting, fishing and ranching, led my family, my wife and two boys, and I to purchase a grazing lease on the forest so that we could start a small cattle ranch. Over the years of my life, I have seen many changes on the forest due to weather conditions, over grazing and too many animals on the land which led to the beginning of Homeland Habitat. I wanted to be part of the solution to improving the forest and the wild horse territory for the benefit of all users, animals and humans alike..



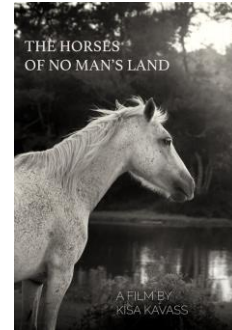
Kisa Kivass

Tennessee

Filmmaker / Photographer / Author

PANEL: Wild Horse Photography

<https://www.wildhorsefineartphotography.com/>



Kisa Kivass was born in Adelaide, South Australia. At the age of five her family relocated to the United States and spent years living in and exploring various states before finally settling down in Nashville, Tennessee. Their travels imparted in her a strong curiosity about the world, nature and art, and the understanding that they all are intertwined. Her passion for creating and art led her to photography and she has worked as a professional portrait and fine art photographer for over twenty years. She has taught workshops on bookmaking, oil hand-tinting and alternative Polaroid film processes. Her fine art work has been featured in magazines and she has had photographs selected for many group and solo shows across the United States.

As the years have progressed her work has evolved and her themes have changed except for the deep connection with the natural world and the subjects within it. She added filmmaking to her resume and has had her videos shown on Equus Television.

For years Kisa has volunteered with animal rescue groups as both a foster for dogs needing adoption and as a photographer. This love of animals led to her travels to the western United States in search of America's wild horses. The experience was even more impactful than she expected and she was impressed with the raw beauty of the lands and the magical wild mustangs. Since the first trip out to see the wild mustangs she has returned many times and has become well acquainted with the members of the herds and their stories. The wild horses are forever being threatened by round ups from the Bureau of Land Management despite protections that were in place since 1971. Kisa hopes that her images will inspire everyone to become more engaged in the plight of the herds and their family bands and appreciate the importance of protecting our wild lands.



Barb Kiipper

New Mexico

Jicarilla Mustang Heritage Alliance



PANEL: New Mexico Mustangs: A Treasure In Our Own Backyard

**Preservation through Responsible Ownership
and Effective Herd Management
Jicarilla Mustang Heritage Alliance**

Barb is the heart and soul of JMHA. Without her passion for mustangs JMHA would have never come into existence.

Since 2012, the Jicarilla Mustang Heritage Alliance has been dedicated to the welfare of New Mexico's wild horses. Our goal is to promote effective herd and land management strategies; for the mustangs gathered, we aspire to unite them with the best possible adoptive homes, and inform people about humane training techniques. We strive to educate the public about wild horse management in the modern world, and we hope to create lasting mustang/human partnerships that always put the horse first.

In short our vision is to connect mustangs with humans, one horse at a time. Jicarilla Mustang Heritage Alliance continues to pursue the preservation of mustangs by means effective herd management and of responsible ownership . We seek to influence the public through education on training practices that put the horse first. We strive to take the lead in being part of the solution by building partnerships and finding common ground strategies of cooperation with other agencies that have the mustang's interests in mind.

<https://www.jicarillamustangs.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/JicarillaMustangHeritageAlliance/>



Michael John Leonard

**Cowboy, Horseman, Cowboy Poet, Singer and Song Writer
New Mexico**

PANEL: Mustang Management & Bait Trapping

Mike was born in the badlands of western North Dakota along the Little Missouri River, an area made famous by our 26th President Theodore Roosevelt. It was, and still is, cowboy country, a land well-suited for Mike, an aspiring cowboy youngster who spent his days emulating the cowboys he saw during the day and dreamed about at night.

Mike was a hands-on little tyke who broke and trained his first pony, Shorty, when he was only 6 years old. Together, Mike and Shorty loved working cattle and he participated in many a roundups, brandings, and rodeos.

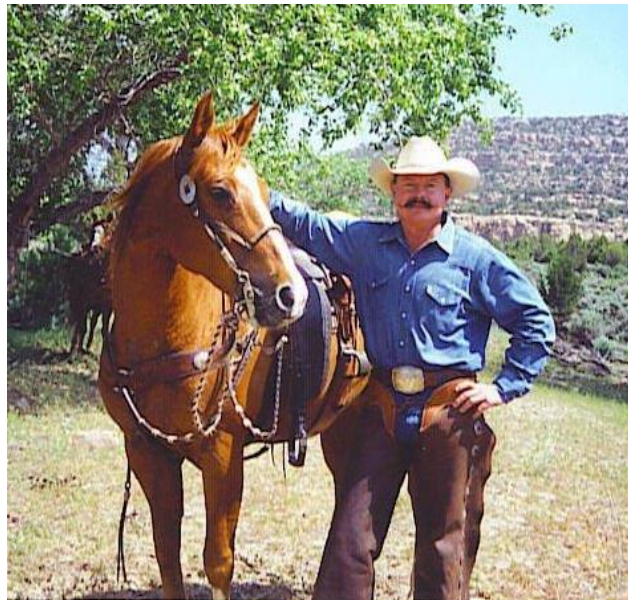
These were great times for Mike, he spent time around real working cowboys who helped him polish his cowboy skills. He was regarded even by some of the real old top hands, as a fine student, of the cowboy way.

Mike went on to train many more horses for himself and local ranchers; and although he took some spills along the way, he found that patience and kindness rather than force, made better mounts.

In addition to cowboying, Mike found he had a knack for poetry and song, these also became lifelong passions.

Mike began to put his poetry and musical talents to good use by entertaining at family gatherings, civic functions, schools, colleges and cowboy poetry gatherings around the West.

As a lifelong outdoorsman, Mike spent a great deal of time in the Carson National Forest over the years. Although he was usually riding one of his trained saddle horses following his pack of faithful hunting hounds in search of the wily cougar, he also got to watch and admire the wild mustangs that inhabit that area. This fascination led him to want to get to know them better and possibly work with them someday. Today not only has he adopted and trained mustangs, but he also works with JMHA as a PZP darter in the Carson Forest doing fertility control to help keep wild horse numbers in line with available forage and habitat. The hope is that the Jicarilla Mustangs, many of which carry a great deal of DNA from the Colonial Spanish horses of the Conquistadores will survive and thrive to be enjoyed by generations to come.



DeLaws & Cheryl Lindsay

New Mexico

D&C Horse Training

DEMO: Devils Garden Mustang

Cowboy Church: Sunday

PANEL: New Mexico Mustangs: A Treasure In Our Own Backyard

I grew up in a horse family. My father trained and sold horses while operating a family restaurant.

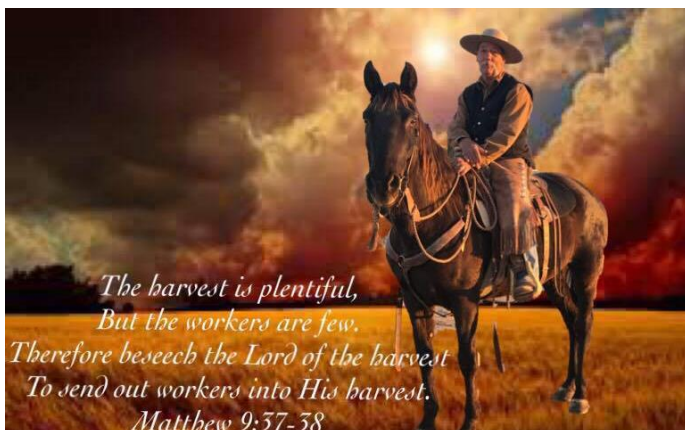
After high school, I went to Hawkeye Hill Racing School and spent the next twelve years as a race horse jockey. I attended my first Ray Hunt clinic in 1987 and that began my journey with natural horsemanship and training horses with a soft feel.

In 1997, I began my own training business and have started thousands of colts and have given riding lessons to clients of all ages. In recent years, my work has expanded to horsemanship clinics and gentling BLM mustangs for the US Forest Service. In 2022 and 2023, I traveled to Northern Iraq with a team to set up an equine-assisted therapy center inside a 20,000-person refugee camp.

My wife Cheryl was born in Kissimmee Florida. After college, she moved to the Navajo reservation living with her Navajo family who loved her like their own. She lived with the Navajo people on the Navajo Nation for over twenty-years learning to speak the Navajo language fluently.

Cheryl and I have been married for twenty-eight years. We have two beautiful daughters and seven grandchildren. Together we enjoy ministering the Gospel through sermons, music and our love for horses along with running our D&C Horse Training business.

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Rebecca Mullens & Minis

New Mexico

Remedy Reins

DEMO: Mini Horses Of Remedy Reins

**PANEL: Mustangs, First Responders & Veterans
Mustangs For Mental Health**



Rebecca Mullen- recently certified CHA/IRD (Certified Horsemanship Association) Level 2 instructor working with children with disabilities. Founder/Owner of Mullens Equestrian Services, 2021, operates a traditional riding lesson program located in Bloomfield, NM. She graduated from Meredith Manor in 2012 with honors and instructed at the Academy for a year. Following graduation, Rebecca was recruited by a Reiner/Breeder to assist in riding and training champion Reining horses. In partnership with her husband Kegan, Rebecca is now applying her talents in following their dream of owning and operating a high quality/safe facility serving the Four Corners Area. Native Canadian and raised on a ranch in Canada, she is pursuing her lifelong dream of becoming a PATH Intl certified instructor, working with the special needs community. She is an instructor and trainer with 10 years of professional experience. She developed her training methods from apprenticing with Grand Prix Riders, as well as professional reiners and cutters.

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Dusty Price

New Mexico

PANEL: New Mexico Mustangs: A Treasure In Our Own Backyard

PANEL: Mustang Genetics

A life-time of working with horses started my research on Pre-Columbian horses in the Americas.

Shortly after moving to Pagosa Springs, Colorado in the fall of 1978, I met Bob Browning, the iconic Horse Whisperer of San Juan County. I had been a horseback riding instructor since my youth, but it was with Bob Browning where I learned horsemanship through Ray Hunt, John Lyons and others. I worked with Bob Browning for 40-years using breed horses and the mustangs to improve attitude in youth of the Navajo Nation and other school, court, church, college, university, FFA, 4H and Boys and Girls club programs.

Special to my journey with horses and my research of them was working alongside Bob Browning in his 1990 initiative to revive the interest of the Appaloosa breed among the youth of the Nez Perce; riding the 1300-mile Chief Joseph Trail Ride where many oral history stories were told.

The Bob Browning Ranch became the number one mustang collection and adoption agency as he partnered with bait-trapper Dan Elkins in a contract with the Jicarilla Forest Ranger District; I had the honor to work with Bob and Dan to support an alternative to menacing all-terrain vehicles and helicopters to round up mustangs. It would be 2013 when Bob Browning and I introduced Laura Harper to Dan Elkins at a local café for her to learn his age-old but, at the time, novel method of bait and trap to be documented in Mustang of the Carracas Mesa.

I continue my research to answer the question Bob and I often entertained that continues to drive me back to the past to find the answer, "What came first in the domestication of the horse?"



Joshua Nunn

New Mexico

Certified Journeyman Farrier

DEMO – Nailing it Down with Horse Lovers

Josh began his career right out of high school, choosing a path that allowed him to be his own boss, to rodeo, and to bull ride. Enjoying a lifetime of starting horses for the Montoya ranch, starting foals, and training horses riding horses.

Under the guidance of his mentor, Riley Henson, a Certified Journeyman Farrier, Josh has honed his skills in equine anatomy and farriery. His comprehensive training includes blacksmithing, customer service, and the intricate anatomy of the hoof and lower leg. His dedication to his studies and farrier practice has earned him the title of Certified Journeyman Farrier, awarded by the American Farrier Association AFA. He is currently working towards a therapeutic endorsement, further enhancing his expertise.

Josh's commitment to continuing education, both for himself and his clients, is unwavering. He stays on the cutting edge of his industry, always seeking to share his knowledge and empower the equine community. His goal is to help educate on the connections between good nutrition, good training, and good horse husbandry, all of which contribute to your horse's health and their hooves.

Josh's work is not just a job, but a passion. He finds joy in the challenges of understanding the unique anatomy of each horse and determining the best way to trim their feet for optimal results for both the horse and the rider. His enthusiasm for his work is not just inspiring, but also contagious, motivating others to share his dedication.



Loren & Lisa Skyhorse

Colorado

Skyhorse Saddle Company



PANEL: Skyhorse Saddles: Traveling The World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boFLLJgLS5M&t=60s>

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We are Lisa and Loren of Skyhorse Saddles, a husband and wife are the top custom saddle making team.

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Each of the more than 1,100 one-of-a-kind saddles made to date provided our clients with attention to detail, options, and aesthetics rarely found in the industry today.

It is our heartfelt belief that the first 2/3 of a person's life is busy learning skills, building a family and establishing an identity and priorities. The last 1/3 of one's life is dedicated to sharing what we have learned with others. This defines our passion for our traveling projects and we feel honored to have found cultures that share our passion for horses and leather work.

Since 2005 we have participated in cultural sharing in Mongolia, Altai Siberia, and Peru. Keep checking in for our next adventure.



Ronda Ward & Minis

New Mexico

Remedy Reins

DEMO: Mini Horses Of Remedy Reins

PANEL: Mustangs, First Responders & Veterans

Mustangs For Mental Health



Ronda Ward-PATH Intl. CTRI Registered Therapeutic Riding Instructor/Equine Specialist, mentor and served as the PATH Intl. Region 10 rep (2016-2018). Ronda is the Program Director/Founder of Remedy Reins Therapeutic Horsemanship Program serving the Four Corners area and located at Mullens Equestrian Services in Bloomfield, NM.

Ronda was previously the Equestrian Program Coordinator for one of Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camps, for seriously ill children, The Painted Turtle, in Lake Hughes, CA (2007-2009) before relocating to NM.

Ronda was the Founder/Executive director of the Phoenix Rising Therapeutic Equestrian Program in Catlett, VA and served on the Therapeutic Riding Association of Virginia (TRAV) Board of Directors for 2 years.

She was the Program Director for the Rainbow Center for 2 years and worked as a Equine Specialist in a psycho-therapy program for at-risk youth at the AZ Humane Society (Phoenix, AZ) before moving to VA. She began her therapeutic riding career as a PATH Intl. Riding Instructor for TEACH (Eloy, AZ) a school-based program for special needs children and high-risk youth in Pima County.

Ronda has (BS in Psychology). is a native New Mexican and was raised in a traditional ranch/rodeo family. Horses have been a part of her life since an early age and she has competed on the national level in Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping and Cutting, earning a full rodeo scholarship through her success in rodeo. Ronda has turned her passion for rodeo into a rewarding career as a PATH Intl CTRI instructor/Equine Specialist for Special Needs kids! She has worked in the non-profit world for 25 years and is currently offering mentoring and consultation services.

Changing lives one stride at a time, she fosters independent riding skills, utilizing the natural benefits of the horse to enhance the lives of the special-needs community.





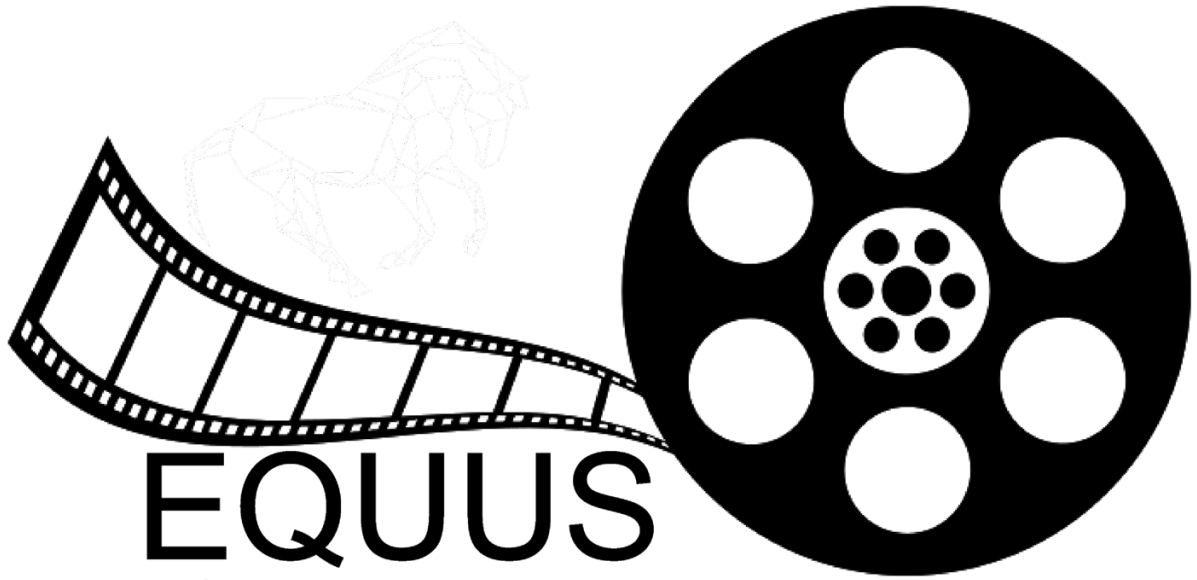
James and Greta, Owners of The Wright Salve.

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We met and befriended a traveling alchemist who shared a powerful pain relief salve with us.

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Matt Cohn
Founder/Director/Producer

Matt Cohn Washington, DC Freedom Reigns

Matt Cohn is an award-winning producer and director. His most recent film as a director is "Freedom Reigns" which has won "The Impactful Doc Award" in 2023. As a producer, he's known for never taking no as an answer and confronting any obstacles head on.

<https://www.hitfiremedia.com/>

<https://freedomreignsdocumentary.com/>

MUSTANG of THE CARRACAS MESA: A HISTORY OF THE JICARILLA MUSTANGS AND MUSTANGERS

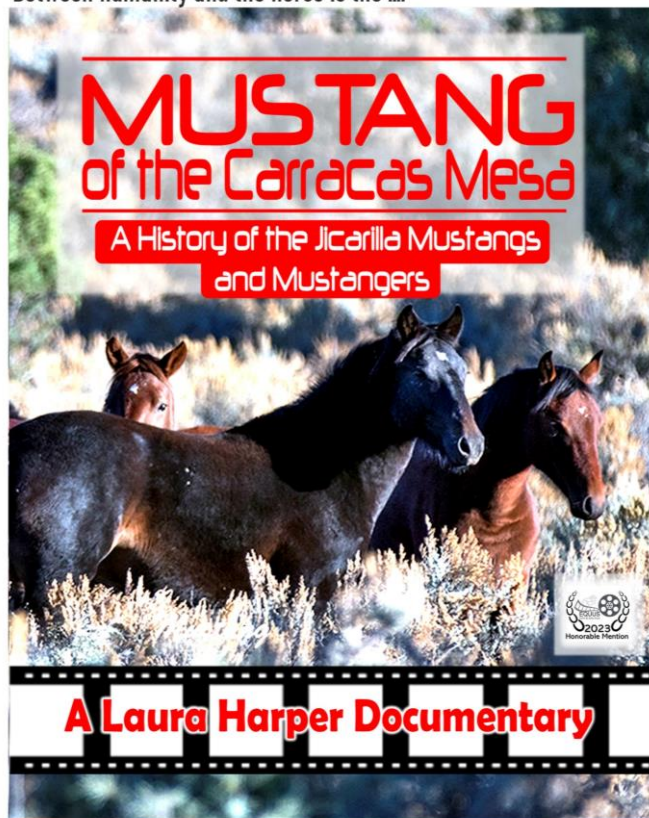
Directed by: Laura Harper

75:36 mins

More than three years ago, Laura Harper began work on a film script about her once-wild mustang, Rambo. As she delved into his life, she found Rambo's story connected the evolution of the horse to New Mexico's history and her own life here in San Juan County. Laura discovered that the horses used by the Conquistadors more than five hundred years ago to traverse New Mexico had an ancient bloodline that is found here today. Amazingly, a 2013 genetic analysis conducted by Dr. E. Gus Cothran, Department of Veterinary Integrative Bioscience, concluded the Old-World Iberian breed is conclusively a genetic marker present in the Jicarilla mustangs of Northern New Mexico and Rambo's DNA as well. By tracing the mustangs' bloodline, a wonderful history of New Mexico—its wild horses and its people— is revealed and vibrantly retold in Laura's film, "RAMBO of the Carracas Mesa: A History of the Jicarilla Mustangs and Mustangers."

The film features local families that represent the diverse culture of Northern New Mexico and their personal relationships with the Jicarilla mustangs. It is through their individual stories that we learn the Jicarilla mustang's historic value to Northern New Mexico's culture. The documentary concludes with the idea that by joining nature, horsemanship, community, science, and technology, there can be a positive future for the mustangs and the approach of the mustangers.

Between humanity and the horse is the



Laura Harper

Laura lives in Dolores Colorado with her husband Greg and her horses, Dusty Dandy, RAMBO and Wendy. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Jicarilla Mustang Heritage Alliance, Editor of the Four Corners Equine Rescue newsletter publication and President of the San Juan County Historical Society, NM. She holds a MA in Organizational Management.



Freedom Shred: A Juneteenth Declaration

Directed by: **Spencer J. Conley**

55:00 mins

FREEDOM SHRED: A Juneteenth Declaration - Juneteenth is an American celebration of liberation that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. In his own creative and inimitable way, Spencer Conley uses the history of Juneteenth and the sport of snowboarding to emphasize that America's "FREEDOM TO DO" and "FREEDOM TO BECOME" is not limited to a specific cultural demographic. This film teaches, inspires, and challenges all to rethink the importance of Black history as an essential piece of American history.



Directed by: **Spencer J. Conley**

Spencer Conley is Founder and CEO of Too Driven, LLC., and is a dynamic international motivational speaker. Spencer has a genuine love and passion for people no matter their race or creed. Spencer's passion for empowering and encouraging others has led this former professional athlete and coach to devote his time and talents traveling the world to deliver life-changing messages that inspire the young and old, from the boardroom to the football field. Spencer has lectured at some of the most prestigious places around the globe and everywhere in between. Spencer currently mentors several professional athletes as well as high school students in numerous states throughout the country.

HOOVES: Healing America's Veterans

Directed by: Josh Nagel

60:00 mins

This film speaks to the need of mental health as it brings to life the journey of 9 veterans completing a transformational process that liberates them from the demons in their head, allows them to intrinsically connect to a new purpose, and ultimately find peace of the heart and mind.

This mission of this documentary is to bring hope to those struggling with the effects of trauma and to help those who support our veterans understand what they experience at a deeper level.

<https://www.joshnagelproductions.com/>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/O7QADH9Y1cE>



Directed by: **Josh Nagel**

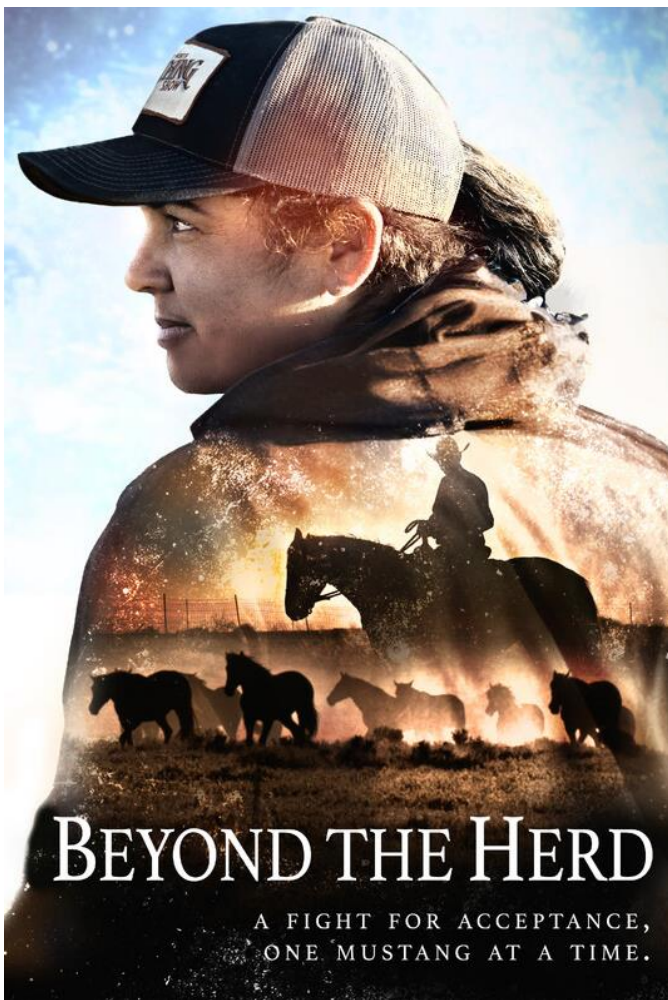
Josh Nagel Productions is an award-winning video production company located in Toledo, OH. Josh Nagel is the Founder and Lead Cinematographer of this company, and he has over 11 years of experience in the video production industry. Since then, Josh has developed his dynamic, compassionate video story-telling style through experience, unique vision, and personal connections Josh forges with people. He has a highly skilled team of creators who are passionate about the video production process. Josh offers various videography styles, combined with abundant creativity, ensuring clients a professional and reliable service with the best end product.

Beyond the Herd

Directed by: Michelle Fenn

20:00 mins

Woven between day-in-the-life ranch footage and scenic wild horses, 'Beyond the Herd' follows Mexican-American equestrians Amber and Isidro and their kinship with wild mustangs, mirroring their own encounters with discrimination and 'otherness.' As resources dwindle and the mustangs' survival hangs in the balance, their bond becomes a symbol of resilience, transforming wild horses into lifelong companions



Director: Michelle Fenn

Michelle Fenn, a filmmaker based in Los Angeles with New England roots, is making her documentary directorial debut with "Beyond the Herd". Her background spans editing and producing scripted content, and producing and directing commercial and docu-style branded projects.



The Mustangs: America's Wild Horses

Directed by: Steven Latham & Conrad Stanely

90:00 mins

"The Mustangs: America's Wild Horses" is a feature documentary that is executive produced by Robert Redford, Patti Scialfa Springsteen and Jessica Springsteen.

The film features songs by Bruce Springsteen, Emmylou Harris, Willie Nelson and an original song written by Diane Warren and performed by Blanco Brown.

"The Mustangs" takes audiences on an odyssey throughout America to places few people have seen or even know about. There are more than 80,000 wild horses on our public lands and more than 50,000 in government corrals. This film will make you fall in love with America all over again and understand why the protection of our wild horses and our public lands are worth fighting for.

<https://themustangsfilm.com/>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/SSWEC0buBq0>



Director - **Steven Latham**

Steven Latham is an award-winning filmmaker and the President of Steven Latham Productions. Mr. Latham produced and directed the film, *Saved By The Sun*, for NOVA/PBS. He also produced and directed the feature documentary about the TED Conference, *The Future We Will Create*, with Daphne Zuniga.

Mr. Latham created and was the producer/director of the PBS series, *The Living Century*, which told the amazing stories of the 20th Century through individuals who were at least 100 years old. He produced this with Barbra Streisand and Cis Corman of Barwood Films. The project's board of advisors included Leonard Maltin, Art Linkletter, Dr. Tom Perls and 3-Time U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky.

Return Of The Horse

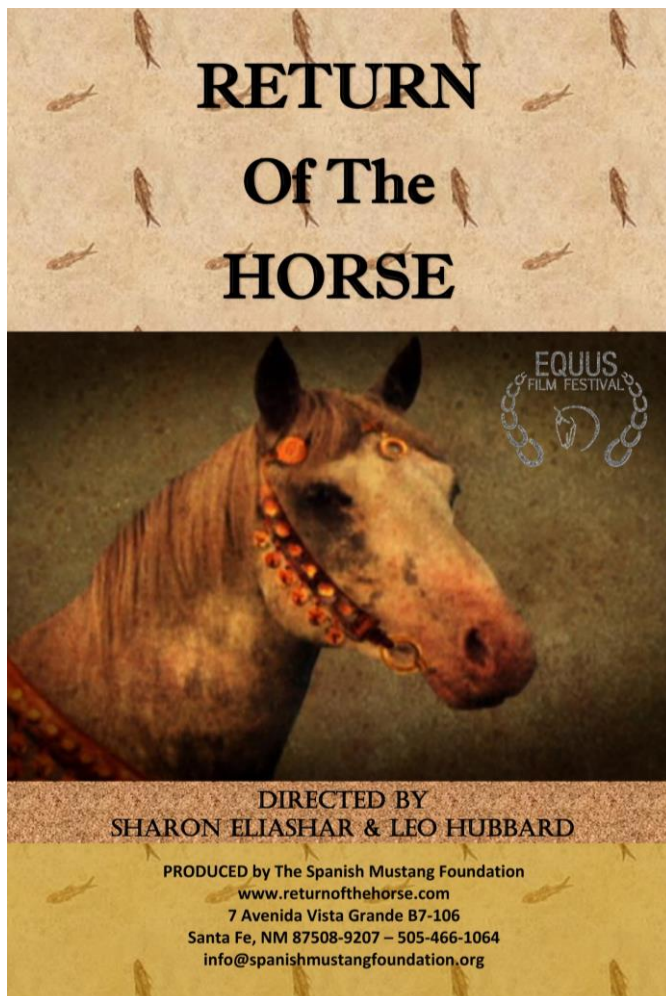
Directed by: Leo Hubbard & Sharon Eliashar

60:00 mins

Produced by the Spanish Mustang Foundation

Return of the Horse is a highly researched Scientific and Historical Documentary about North Americas Native Horse. Spanning over 57 million years, this documentary explores the science and history of the Modern Horse, it's evolution in America and return with the Spaniards in the 15Th Century, impact on Native Americans and finally the Euro-American relationship to the wild horse, from establishment of America until today.

<https://returnofthehorse.com/>



Directors:

Leo Hubbard & Sharon Eliashar



Cultura-Wild Horses WPM

PBS Documentary

20:00 min

New Mexico

Wildlife Protection Management

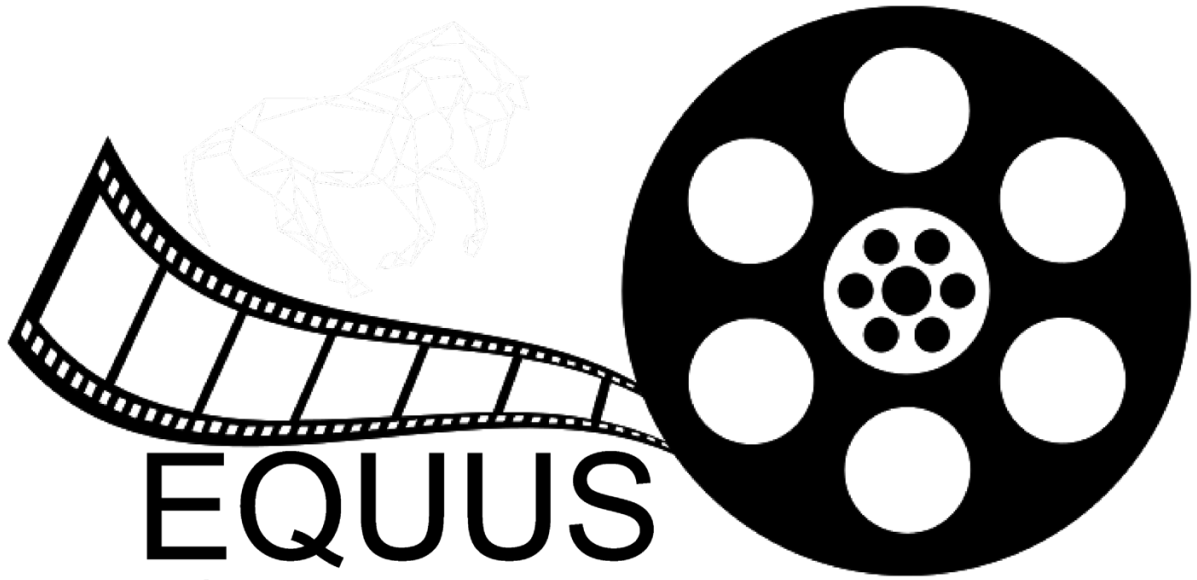
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5000 Miles 5000 Mustang “Project”

Directed by: Julianne Neal

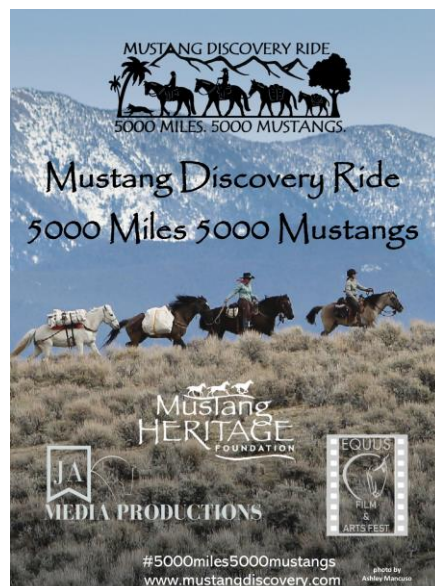
08:00 mins Trailer

Take a young woman with a passion for horses looking for a grand adventure, add American Mustangs and a host of guest riders and you have the ingredients for the “Mustang Discovery Ride.” This documentary project will tell the story of a journey across the United States on the American Discovery Trail (ADT) featuring Mustang TIP trainer, Lianne Fear, along with her Mustangs, dogs and support team. The team is covering 12 states, coast to coast from Delaware to California, riding previously wild Mustangs while packing, camping and speaking about the power of these amazing animals. Lianne rode out from Delaware’s historic Cape Henlopen State Park on September 28, 2021, with members of the team and is continuing her adventures through Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and California. The documentary will detail the struggles and triumphs that she encounters, most attributed to the kindness of strangers met along the journey. We will also feature aspects of the ADT in each state, Mustang adoptions inspired by the project, college and university equine programs utilizing Mustangs, Veterans Programs in existence and other Mustang-related stories. The goal of the ride is to cover 5,000 miles across the country while inspiring the adoption of 5,000 Mustangs into appropriate homes. Through the documentary film, related podcast/vodcast and documentary-series, we are trying to reach as many people as possible to make it happen!

There are currently 53,000+ wild horses in holding pens across America. Each and every one deserves a loving home. Have we inspired you to want to adopt one of these living legends? Join us if you’re inspired to adopt and want to find out more!

Julianne Neal, JA Media Productions, will direct a Documentary and Docuseries as the journey progresses. A team of EQUUS photojournalists and videographers will contribute to the film, each adding individual creative perspective of the ride. Sponsors Mustang Heritage Foundation, Espana Silk, Crypto Aero Feeds and Omega Fields are joining the Mustang Discovery Foundation in supporting the team along the way. Follow the team's progress on social media or visit www.mustangdiscovery.com to learn more about the ride. To keep up with progress on the film project, visit www.jamediaconnections.com www.equusfilmfestival.net/mustang-discovery-ride.html

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/n38CtylRlcw>





E.E.T.

Equine Retreat for Veteran Couples

Directed by: Kristen Ferrell, Robin Voss, Michael Dunne

04:00 mins

Mustangs Helping Veterans!

If one family member has PTSD or is struggling, it takes a family effort to work through it. That's why EET has developed its Horse Sense program and retreats for veteran couples. Horse Sense is the frequency and rhythm of couple's communication. Genuine "horsepower" for veteran couples embraces the nature of the horse to support and accelerate growth, inspiration and partnership. EET protocol is a non-confrontational approach with no questions asked that relate to combat or service-related trauma. A couple experiences intimate horse communications and interactions on the ground (no mounting or riding required).

There are myriad ways to address marriage and couples counseling these days... and then there is Horse Sense- simple, natural and effective. When each partner embraces horse communication, it opens new levels of human communication that include trust, awareness and presence.

<https://www.equineempoweredtherapy.com/>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/M54nhmKsDF4>

E.E.T. partners with horse ranches, horse rescues and equine professionals around the Southern California area to provide a variety of veteran programs for life enrichment, as well as occupational training programs for veterans who want to work in the equine industry.

These programs allow the veterans to experience the healing nature of horses, learn the therapeutic lessons a horse can teach in order to apply it to the stresses of their daily lives, and improves the lives of the horses we work with.

EET's programs are 1-day experiences or weekend retreats that allow veterans to spend time with the horses and live in the moment the way a horse does. EET protocol is a non-confrontational approach with no questions asked that relate to combat or service-related trauma. Veterans experience intimate horse communications and interactions on the ground (no mounting or riding).



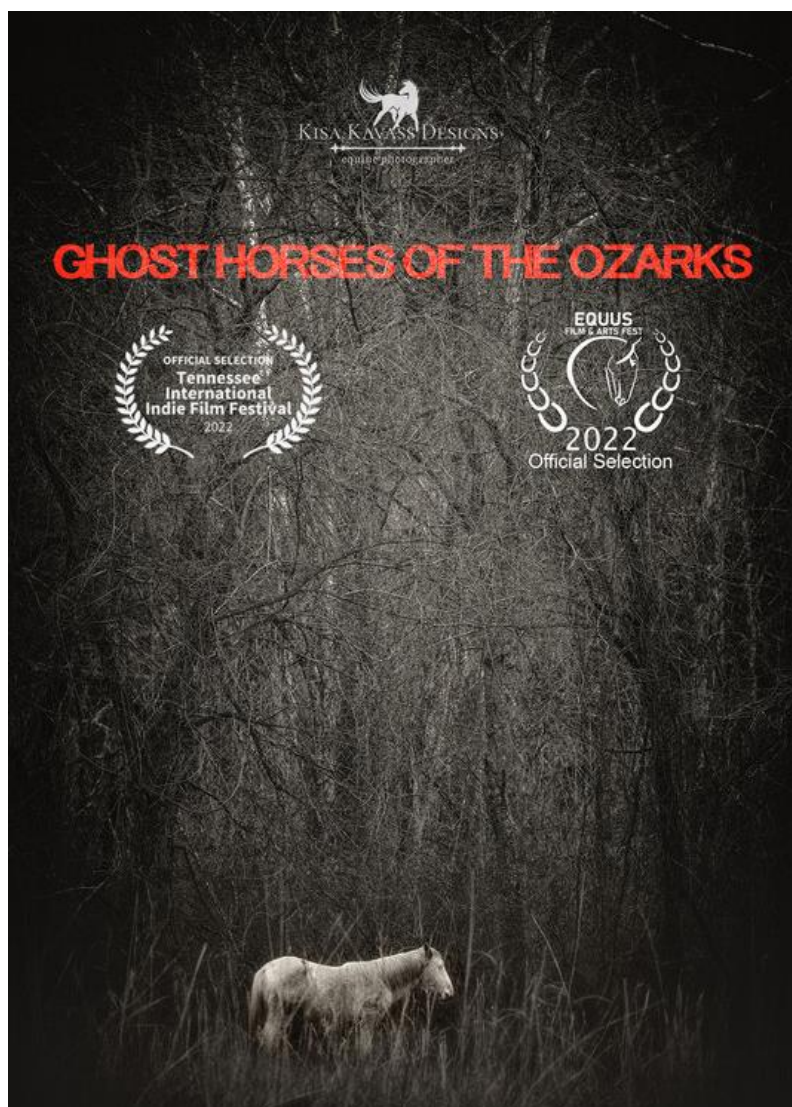
Ghost Horses Of The Ozarks

Directed by: Kisa Kavass

14:00 mins

The horses are descended from farm horses that were abandoned during the Great Depression in the 1930s. Many families couldn't make a living in the rugged Ozark hills, so they moved away to look for jobs. When the families moved away, many of them abandoned their livestock, including the horses. Left on their own for survival, the horses turned "feral" — a term for domestic animals that become wild. They stayed away from people and banded together in herds. Their numbers grew.

<https://www.wildhorsefineartphotography.com/> Trailer: <https://youtu.be/EWFsQ77eLy4>



Director – Kisa Kavass

Kisa Kavass was born in Adelaide, South Australia. At the age of five her family relocated to the United States and spent years living in and exploring various states before finally settling down in Nashville, Tennessee. Their travels imparted in her a strong curiosity about the world, nature and art, and the understanding that they all are intertwined. Her passion for creating and art led her to photography and she has worked as a professional portrait and fine art photographer for over twenty years. She has taught workshops on bookmaking, oil hand-tinting and alternative Polaroid film processes. Her fine art work has been featured in magazines and she has had photographs selected for many group and solo shows across the United States.

As the years have progressed her work has evolved and her themes have changed except for the deep connection with the natural world and the subjects within it. She added filmmaking to her resume and has had her videos shown on Equus Television.

For years Kisa has volunteered with animal rescue groups as both a foster for dogs needing adoption and as a photographer. This love of animals led to her travels to the western United States in search of America's wild horses. The experience was even more impactful than she expected and she was impressed with the raw beauty of the lands and the magical wild mustangs. Since the first trip out to see the wild mustangs she has returned many times and has become well acquainted with the members of the herds and their stories. The wild horses are forever being threatened by round ups from the Bureau of Land Management despite protections that were in place since 1971. Kisa hopes that her images will inspire everyone to become more engaged in the plight of the herds and their family bands and appreciate the importance of protecting our wild lands.

Herstory- Side Saddle

Directed by: Victoria McFadyen

22:00 mins

A short film on the side saddle, the history and the modern women bringing the sport back

<https://www.atomic10.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/realcowboyfilms>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/kUpkZ3csck0>



Director – **Victoria McFadyen**

I have been directing and working behind the camera for over 2 decades. I specialized in filming high goal horse polo around the world. I moved back to Canada to raise my daughter. I am focusing on directing and producing compelling, educational, entertaining and fresh content for audiences in broadcast and documentary film.

I feel as a film maker and content creator I have a responsibility to audiences to speak honest, compelling stories that entertain, educate, surprise and are cinematically beautiful

Rescued Hearts Film

Directed by: Krisanna Sexton

Produced by: Dana Croschere

20 minute teaser

A new documentary about the miracles, the mystery, and the science of healing with horses.
The Inspiration Behind Rescued Hearts

I once witnessed a miracle when a 7-year-old boy with autism spoke his very first words while interacting with a horse, and it forever changed my life.

After hearing countless stories of people who have experienced miraculous transformations in the presence of horses, I began to wonder, "Why are horses so healing to humans and what are they here to teach us?"

My partner, Krisanna, and I are award-winning filmmakers, and together we are embarking on a journey to better understand the horse-human connection.

Our film will share powerful stories from those who have experienced incredible transformations and those who have dedicated their lives to equine-assisted work. We'll highlight researchers who can speak to why this connection is so powerful and share tools to help us access our healing power within.

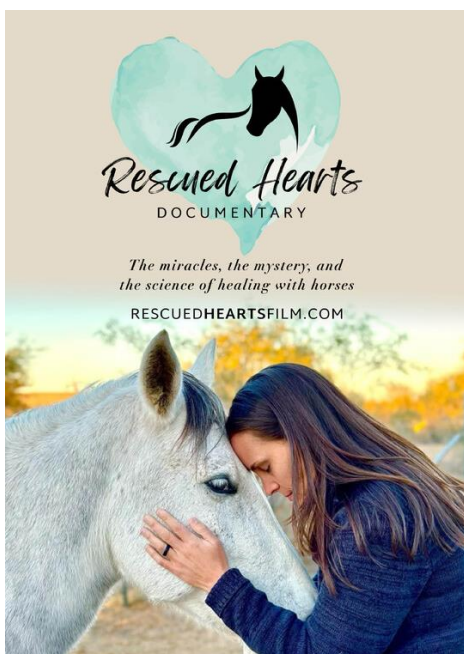
Rescued Hearts isn't just the story of horses; it's the story of all of us and the power that lies within to create healing and transformation in our lives.

- Dana Croschere, Producer

Here's a short clip about why we're making this film:

<https://youtu.be/U99LnW30cfA>

<https://www.rescuedheartsfilm.com/>



Krisanna Sexton is an award-winning Director with Live Wild Films who is passionate about spreading hope and healing throughout the planet. Although she doesn't have a ton of experience with horses, she believes in sharing alternative modalities for healing and is excited to be on a journey of discovery in the filmmaking process. Her most recent documentary, Love Heals, is receiving worldwide acclaim and will be nationally broadcasted on PBS in July 2023.

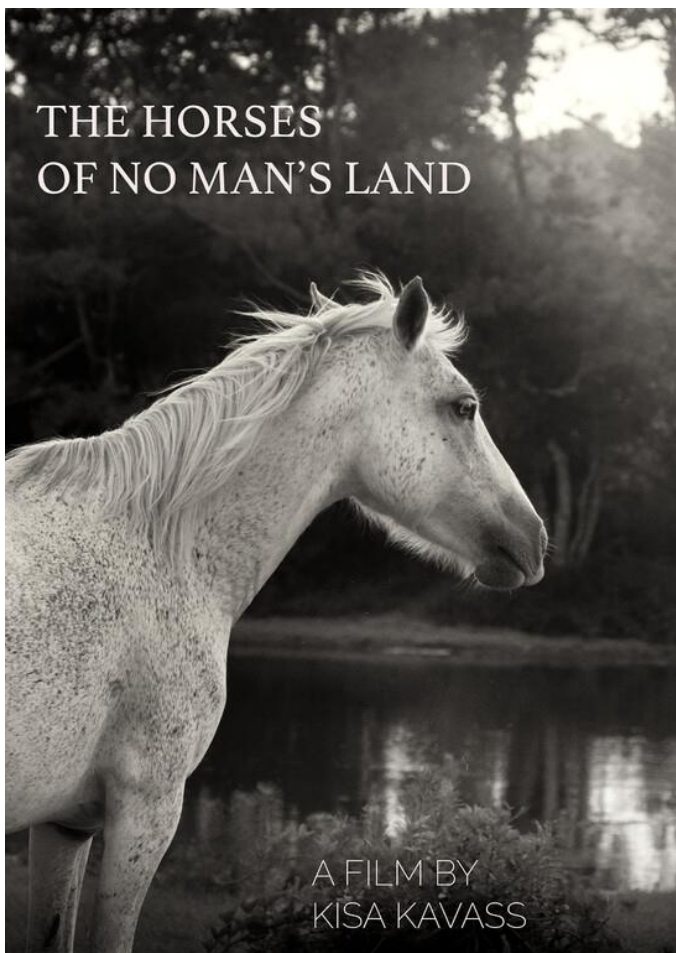
The Horses of No Man's Land - USA

Directed by: Kisa Kavass

08:00 mins

In the enchanting wilderness of Louisiana, a woman embarks on a courageous mission to rescue and protect the endangered wild horses that roam the vast pine forests. Drawn to their majestic beauty and fascinated by the untold stories they carry, she becomes determined to shed light on the history of these magnificent creatures and the mystical place they call home.

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Woodrow and My Dad

Directed by: Ivy E Schexnayder

06:13 mins

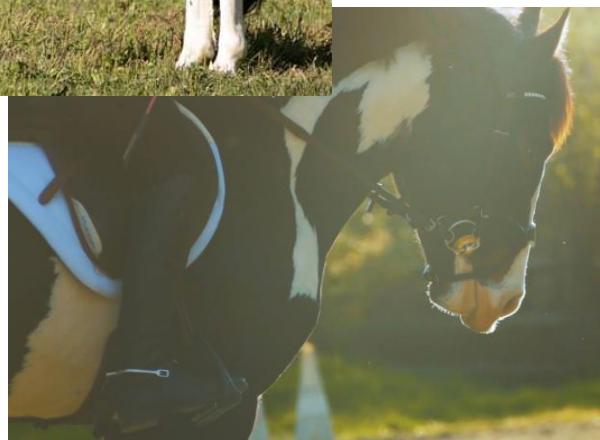
Maryland

Woodrow the Mustang helps a woman feel closer to her dad.

Hi, my name is Ann Hanlin, and I am the owner of SBF Mustang Eventing and the host of the Maryland Mustang TIP Challenge. My journey with mustangs began in February 2018 after winning the bid of a black and white pinto Mustang named Woodrow. Now, I'm proud to say I've personally gentled 1 Mustangs (#20 coming end of April) and helped over 60 get out of holding and into forever homes. This journey has been life-changing and has set me on a mission to help as many of our American us Mustangs as possible! So, that's why I decided to host the Maryland TIP challenge!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/775340236733053>

<https://mustangheritagefoundation.org/tip/>



Director: Ivy E Schexnayder

The Mustang Speaks Documentary

8:00 mins

Trailer

In July 2023, Sky Epperson and Annamaria Sims combined Sky's Brain-Based Horsemanship training and Annamaria's Neuro-Pathway Body Work to help 3 untouched Mustangs. We filmed over 6 days of work at the Mustang Adoption Academy and now would like to bring this story to the world. Meet Ambiente MAA and her 5-month foal, Amore MAA, both adopted by Patricia Cross and transported into Indiana for the project. Meet Ajax MAA and Atlas MAA, both found at a nearby long-term holding facility. Follow their stories over the 6 days to see just how well the brain and body collaboration worked for these Mustangs and can work for your horse as well! From first touches to halters, feel good healing to licking and chewing, holding tags on to tags off, see for yourself how this work is making a difference. Now we need your help. The Production phase is expensive. Postproduction is even more so.

By supporting this project, you can help make the difference in bringing The Mustang Speaks to the big screen, and to an audience that may be able to make a difference in the life of a Mustang. Please visit www.mustangadoptionacademy.com for more information about Mustang adoptions. Please visit www.amustangstory.com for more information about The Mustang Speaks, The Mustang Discovery Ride Documentary and A Mustang Story, the docuseries. Thank you for your support!

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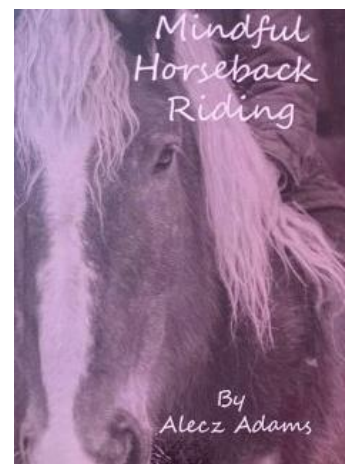
Mindful Horseback Riding

Colorado

Alecz Adams, President and Director of Equine Operations. Ms. Adams has been working professionally with horses for over 30 years. A successful competition and professional rider in a variety of disciplines: Hunters, Jumpers, Eventing, Reining, Trail, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, and many Gymkhana Events, she also works as a horse trainer, private riding instructor, and ranch manager. Ms. Adams spent several years designing, creating and training both horses and staff for several companies, including the number one equestrian tour in Peru, Mountain Lodges of Peru. Ms. Adams also founded Destination Rescue, a program created to help small equine 501(c)3s grow and integrate into their communities, by helping each rescue find their niche and create their own programs in their area. Ms. Adams has been providing Equine Assisted Therapy to Veterans, children and families for over a decade. She has developed a new therapeutic method known as Equine Fusion Therapy that has been very successful in her practice. Ms. Adams is one of Eagle County's original Health and Human Services Equine Assisted Therapy and Therapeutic Riding providers.

The following is an excerpt from Alecz's book, *Mindful Horseback Riding*: "The idea of establishing a deep connection between a horse and its rider is not a new concept. Fine-tuning that connection has been pursued all around the world. From the finest Spanish and Austrian riding schools to India's horse yogis and the innumerable indigenous people who have developed very unique and connected relationships with not only horses, but all kinds of animals, worldwide." Mindfulness, in very simplified terms, is meditating in motion, and one might say that it is very much the practice of being present. Being present means thinking only about what is happening at this very moment, not allowing your mind to try to multitask, to wander, day dream, or focus anywhere other than right where you are at that very moment. Not planning for the future and not assessing the past. Horses are a phenomenal conduit for this practice, as they themselves, as animals – and particularly prey animals – are so much more present in their daily experience of existence than humans are. When we humans can focus our exemplary observation skills on just what is happening with the horse and its environment, we can learn a lot. First, one must quiet the incessant chatter that occupies space in most of our own minds.

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The Horse Wins The Kingdom

Written by: Kisa Kavass

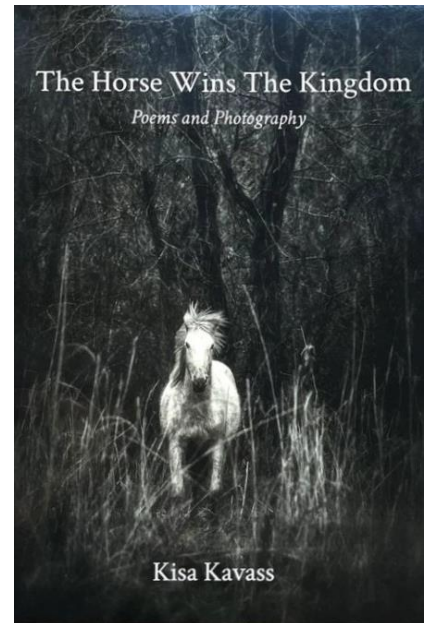
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Words created during a year when the world was hit by a virus. About love, life and horses. With my images and words, I give you my heart filled with gratitude for all the kind, loving creatures breathing life on this spinning earth.

<https://www.wildhorsefineartphotography.com/>



Author: **Kisa Kavass**



Kisa Kavass was born in Adelaide, South Australia. At the age of five her family relocated to the United States and spent years living in and exploring various states before finally settling down in Nashville, Tennessee. Their travels imparted in her a strong curiosity about the world, nature and art, and the understanding that they all are intertwined. Her passion for creating and art led her to photography and she has worked as a professional portrait and fine art photographer for over twenty years. She has taught workshops on bookmaking, oil hand-tinting and alternative Polaroid film processes. Her fine art work has been featured in magazines and she has had photographs selected for many group and solo shows across the United States.

Kisa Kavass is a traveling equestrian and wild horse photographer currently located in Franklin, Tennessee. She offers a wide variety of photography services to fit the needs of clients desiring creative horse and rider sessions and equine portraits to individuals collecting fine art horse prints and mixed media art and enthusiasts of the wild horses still roaming certain locations of the United States.

As the years have progressed her work has evolved, and her themes have changed except for the deep connection with the natural world and the subjects within it.

Mustang Camp

Peabody Gets Adopted



<https://amzn.to/3Dqg1rF>

Peabody, the baby burro, tells the story of his young life at Mustang Camp. His mother was captured in the wild and they are learning the ways of people and looking forward to being adopted. Based on real animals, Peabody's story raises awareness of animal adoption.

<https://www.mustangcamp.org/>

Author: **Mustang Camp**

Mustang Camp is a New Mexico non-profit organization training wild and rescued horses for adoption. We promote training without trauma.

We take captive wild horses from U.S. government holding facilities, other New Mexico rescues, and state agencies. We bring them to Mustang Camp to be trained and socialized using our 26-step criteria program. An approachable and trained horse is 100 times more likely to get adopted.

- We use the science of learning to gentle and train wild horses and burros for adoption
- We teach them how to actively engage with us in the most humane ways possible.
- We build relationships.
- We want to help other people learn to use these well-tested methods.

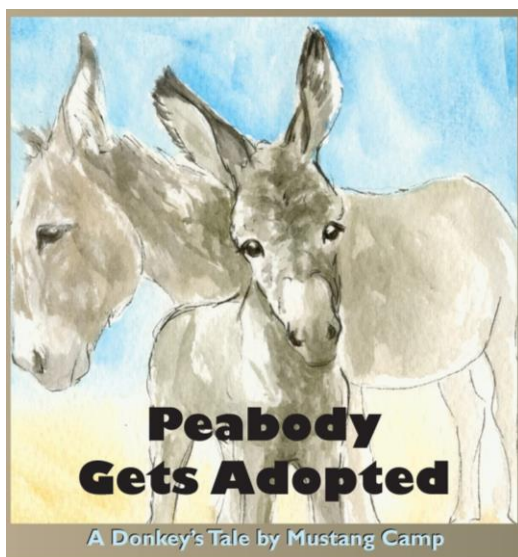
Patricia Barlow-Irick, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Mustang Camp

The Founder of Mustang Camp, Dr. Barlow-Irick, developed rational training methods to help the American mustang. Since 2009, she has gentled more than 500 mustangs for government agencies and worked with more than 40 interns. She is the author of the book "How to Train A _____ (fill in the blank)". She has also written a manual on the care and gentling of wild horses. Her goal is to spread a humane training system to make animals adoptable, while minimizing suffering. She has a PhD from the University of New Mexico.

<https://www.mustangcamp.org/>

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The Wild Horse Refuge is a private sanctuary that was created entirely for rescued Wild Mustangs that were taken from BLM Herd Management Areas (HMA) located within Colorado. The Wild Horses living on this special property are now protected and have regained the freedom and independence they had prior to government interference.

With more than 29 square miles of contiguous land to run free, their wild and free spirit has been restored. With the Refuge being located just 30 miles from the Sand Wash Basin, the horses feel right at home as they roam freely across the vast open spaces of the Refuge!

There are no paddocks, stock pens, fenced pastures, or other smaller and more restrictive spaces in use here. Instead of being relegated to pens or smaller pastures where they might have an occasional opportunity to run one or two hundred yards - or possibly even a few thousand feet... the wild horses living at the Refuge continue to run until they choose to stop.

It is truly a beautiful sight to see when these wild horses are able to regain control of where they go and what they do completely on their own!

The Wild Horse Refuge is a completely new facility that was acquired in order to create a special home for Colorado's native Wild Horses.

Wild horses (Mustangs) are allowed to roam freely within the Refuge - which has more than 22,500 acres of land for the horses to roam freely.

<https://www.wildhorserefuge.org/>



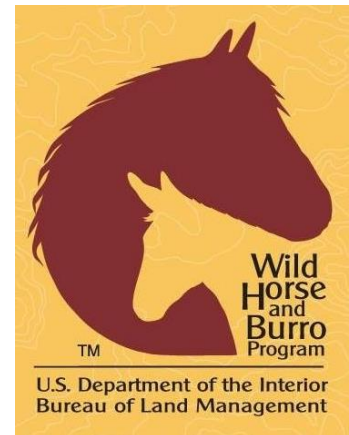
Bureau of Land Management

The BLM works to place excess animals into private care through its Adoption and Sales Programs as well as [successful partnerships](#) with organizations across the nation. Many have found it personally challenging and rewarding to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro. It is a chance to care for, and then own, a part of America's heritage.

The BLM has placed more than 240,000 wild horses and burros into private care since 1971. Many of those animals have become excellent pleasure, show, or work horses.

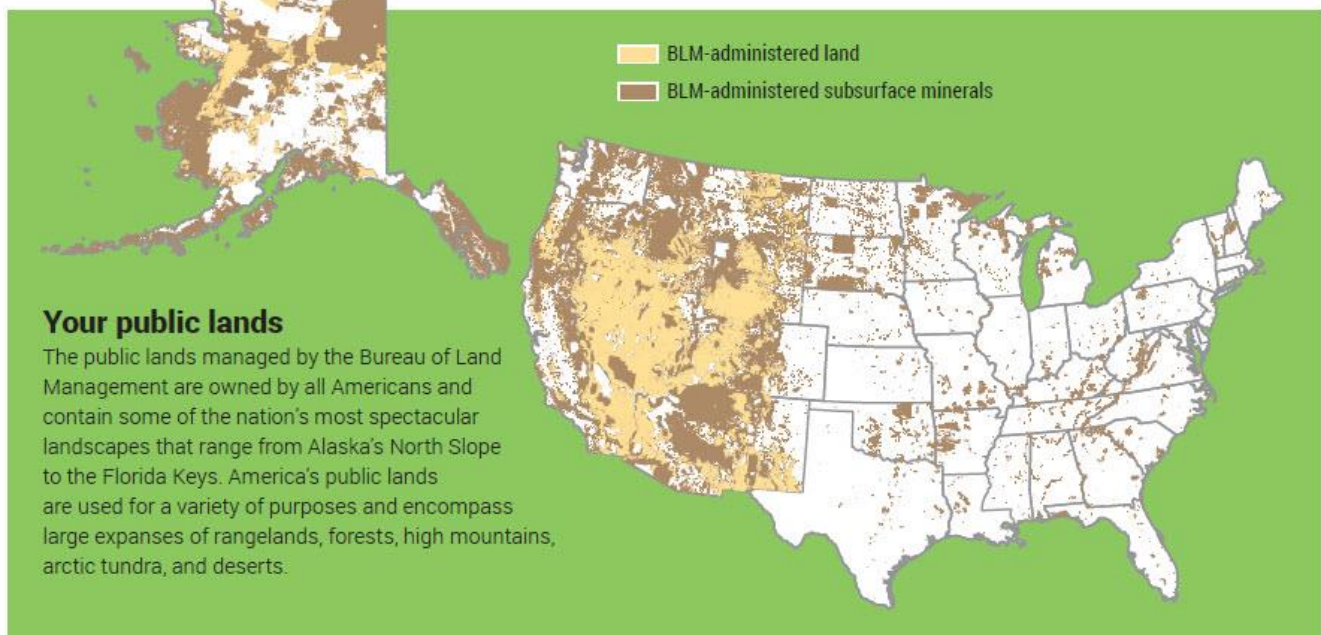
Learn more about:

- [How to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro](#)
- [Adoption Incentive Program](#)
- [Off-range corral adoption and purchase locations](#)
- [Wild horse and burro adoption and sale events](#)
- [Visiting and adopting or purchasing from a public off-range pasture](#)
- [Sale Program](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)



The Bureau of Land Management

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<https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management>

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Welcome to Equine Network.

We provide the equine community with best-in-class competitions, content, products, and services that deepens their love for horses and horse sports.

Our award-winning brands present innovative content, engaging digital experiences, and live equestrian events designed to inform and entertain our target audiences. We attract and retain subscribers and users who are serious equine enthusiasts and industry professionals, and who have both the resources and commitment to provide the best for their horse-related pursuits and upscale lifestyles.

Our Team We're a team of problem solvers, innovators and creators. We're data analysts, marketing strategists and video producers. We're also team ropers, barrel racers, dressage competitors, eventers and trail riders. You'll frequently find us working with hay on our clothes and some mud on our boots. We don't just talk the talk; we ride...



Pat Towbridge
Equine Network | Horse Week



Freedom Reigns Sanctuary

California

Freedom Reign Foundation is a non-profit 501C (3) that is dedicating to improving the lives of horses by rescuing those that are destined for slaughter and providing them a safe haven; backing legislature that improves the quality of life for horses in many industries; and educating the public on the plight of so many horses in need.

Freedom Reigns Sanctuary is a place to observe these beautiful creatures in their natural social circles and as close to natural habitat as we can create. We provide them with the basic care of semi-annual vaccines and hoof trimmings as well as any emergency care deemed necessary as long as their future quality of life will remain adequate for this setting. The equines are given ample freedom to select the friends and companions they connect and build bonds with which usually creates mini herds with like groups. Most of the horses are naturally grazing and moving about on over 3000 acres. Several smaller groups are temporarily homed in smaller pastures either as families, mares with new babies or horses needing temporary rehabilitation. Incoming horses are always quarantined for 4-6 weeks depending on where they are coming from. Any horses not grazing in our large pastures are fed daily our farmed at the ranch, high quality oak/wheat/barley hay.

Freedom Reigns is not open to the public but visitors are welcome to contact us for a private tour if in the San Juan Bautista area. We are a working ranch in which the horses welfare is our main focus

<https://www.freedomreignsequinesanctuary.org/>

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**HORSES FOR
MENTAL HEALTH**

Who We Are

Horses for Mental Health is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to increase awareness, public engagement, funds, and access to programs incorporating horses for mental health and personal growth.

We partner with nonprofit organizations, philanthropists, celebrities, influencers, and companies to realize our collective vision of a world where all mental health needs are met – together.

We seek to strengthen engagement to create a community of inclusivity and diversity while increasing access to quality mental health programs incorporating horses that serve all groups of people..

Our Team

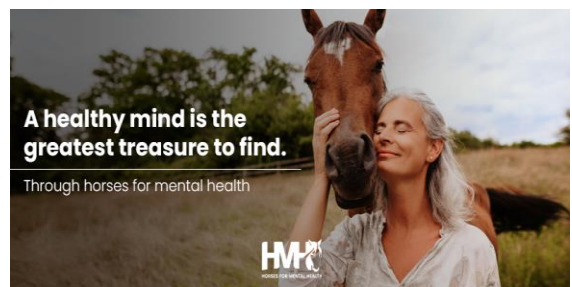
Our team consists of world-class thought leaders with expertise in varying disciplines ranging from: mental health, horsemanship, brand development and strategy, fundraising and awareness modeling, talent acquisition, sponsorship consulting, creative scripting and design, program management, impact reporting and analysis, among other engagements in the social impact realm.

Our team involves and engages with experts and leaders in the equine-assisted services industry, and specifically with psychotherapy and counseling incorporating horses, who help advise our work.

Horses for Mental Health (HMH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to expand the role horses play in mental health and well-being to realize our vision of a world where all mental health needs are met.

At our foundation is our heart for the welfare of both horses and humans, and how they can impact each other to heal and thrive in incredible ways.

<https://horsesformentalhealth.org/>



Lynn Thomas, Co-Founder/President

Espana Silk Products

Trudy Midas, Co-Founder/President

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The story of Espana natural grooming products goes back to 1999 and an accident in an indoor arena. Trudy Midas, co-owner of the company with husband, Bob Hansen, was thrown from her horse and broke her back making it impossible to ride again for four years. After three surgeries and years of extensive rehabilitation she was still only able to provide daily grooming and maintain the all-important animal/human bond.

During this time Trudy used virtually every grooming product on the market. The harsh chemicals in some made Bob wonder if these ingredients could be harmful to Trudy and/or her horse. The owners of seven racehorses and two pleasure horses at the time, Trudy and Bob began investigating better options. Their research indicated that a new all-natural equine grooming line would be a welcome addition in the stables.

They then set out to develop the line of all natural products that would be effective and safe for humans and animals. This process included consultations with chemists, and additional research and development which led to the inclusion of silk proteins as a key ingredient and to the pleasant signature cucumber-spa fragrance of all Espana SILK products. Finally, in 2006, the husband-and-wife team found an experienced, quality manufacturer to produce their all-natural line of grooming products.

<https://www.espanaproducts.com/>

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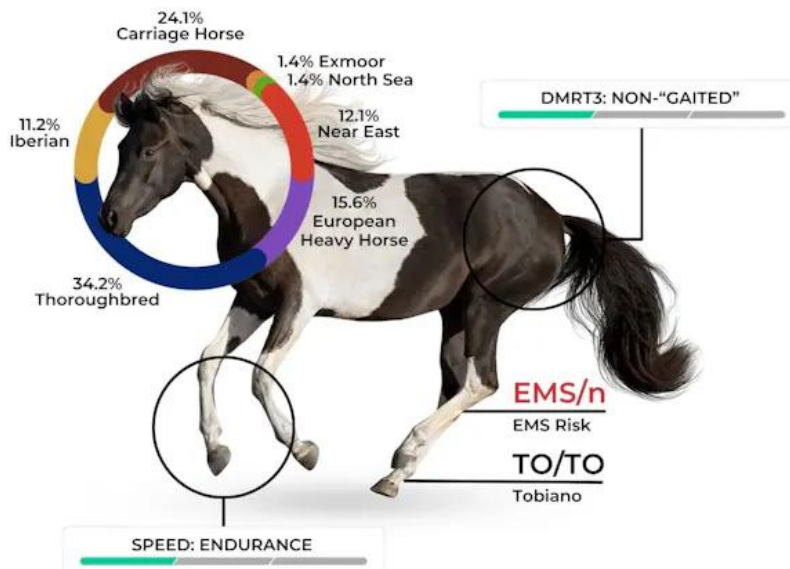


We created this company to help decode the meaning of equine genetics and how it relates to horse health. Our mission is to make this powerful tool easy to use and accessible to all horse people.

Team Etalon includes top scientists, geneticists, biologists, tech experts, professional equestrians, and animal lovers anchored in Silicon Valley, esteemed universities, and laboratories around the world. We strive to create meaningful, useful, and scientifically valid methods for improving the lives and health of our valued performance, service, and companion animals.

Our genetic diagnostic platform provides comprehensive panels of commercially available genetic diagnostics you may have seen offered elsewhere as single-horse DNA genetic tests. Additionally, we have included many new genetic markers and diagnostics you may not have seen and may not have been aware are now available. Not only have we included numerous new equine traits and markers for health diagnostics, but we have placed them on comprehensive panels for an affordable price.

While the genetic testing panels are cutting-edge, they are only the tip of the tail, and we can't wait to reveal to you and your horses what's next!



<https://etalondx.com/>

Maryland Mustang Mission

Maryland



MARYLAND MUSTANG MISSION

Maryland Mustang Mission is a newly formed nonprofit 501(c)(3) that is devoted to spreading mustang awareness and education on the east coast by showcasing the American Mustang's versatility and ability to go from wild to mild.

Picture

Did you know that there are over 58,000 wild mustangs in holding facilities across the United States?! We need your help to successfully accomplish our mission and help get these amazing horses out of holding facilities and into forever homes! With change comes new beginnings and we are taking a leap of faith with establishing this 501(c)(3) to keep these events going. Let's make the Maryland Mustang Extravaganza and Open Show a huge success in 2024! We cannot do either of these events without you. You can help make them possible by becoming a donor, prize sponsor, competitor, and spectator. Please click the tabs to learn more about the events that will be offered. You can also find lots of great information on our Facebook page, Maryland Mustang Mission, so be sure to pop over there when you get a chance.

<https://mdmustangmission.weebly.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/775340236733053/>

Mustang Leadership Partners

Tennessee Youth & Mustangs



Mustang Leadership Partners (MLP) was established in February 2009 to provide girls and young women with an opportunity to develop, practice, and improve relationship skills, responsibility, social accountability, self-awareness and self-confidence—all of which are mirrored in the mustang's behavior. Providing hands-on science experiences and equestrian training, the MLP program is grounded in the belief that horses are mirrors to our energy systems and teach us important life lessons. The MLP program requires a year-long commitment and dedication to several academic and citizenship standards.

To participate in the MLP program, CGLA students must complete an application and are selected based upon their commitment to the MLP standards and their current academic standing. The program serves up to sixteen students (eight middle school and eight high school).

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Chattanooga, Tennessee 37405

<https://www.cglaonline.com/student-center/mustang-leadership-partners>



Mustang Champions

Texas

Mustang Champions is a nonprofit dedicated to the adoption and sale of American mustangs in BLM holding.

We share a deep belief that we can make a difference in the lives of American mustangs. Mustang Champions is a nonprofit dedicated to the adoption and sale of mustangs that have been gathered and are currently in BLM holding.

As a 501(c)(3) working in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro Program we can help to transition mustangs in holding into private care to lessen the burden of an abundance of animals, reduce the cost of care to the American taxpayer and help protect rangeland. Mustang Champions will create and manage programs and events that showcase the ability and diversity of mustangs with the sole purpose of getting mustangs adopted.

We are dedicated to the proper gentling, training, and treatment of mustangs. By enlisting qualified trainers, potential adopters, owners, and all Americans who want to support our efforts, we will prepare mustangs for homes outside of government holding. We provide educational and training resources to help those interested in and working with mustangs improve their skills and knowledge to ensure better handling and care of mustangs.

Mustang Champions will help educate the American public about wild mustangs, raising positive awareness for the BLM and the WH&B Program staff.

Our hope is that with our combined efforts and talents we can give American mustangs in holding an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities as a companion or a champion.

We want to hero the American Mustang.

We are Mustang Champions.

Mustang Champions is proud to be a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit.

www.mustangchampions.org



Mustang Heritage Foundation

Texas

www.mustangheritagefoundation.org

The Mustang Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to facilitating successful placements of America's excess wild horses and burros through innovative programs, events, and education.

**25,000 BURROS & HORSES PLACED IN HOMES AND PRIVATE CARE
SINCE 2007 THROUGH MUSTANG HERITAGE FOUNDATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.**

TRAINER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)

- MORE THAN 16,000 ANIMALS PLACED THROUGH TIP
- TRAINERS IN 40 STATES

The Trainer Incentive Program (TIP) is a training and adoption program that engages talented horse trainers nationwide. Approved TIP trainers gentle and halter train a Bureau of Land Management-branded wild horse or burro, then market and find a new home for the animal. Once a home is approved by BLM the TIP trainer is reimbursed for their training and marketing services.



WHAT WE DO

Nearly 50,000 wild horses and burros have been removed from public lands and are currently in holding pastures and corrals managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). They need our help!

Mustang Heritage Foundation helps find forever homes for thousands of these horses and burros each year. We're dedicated to removing these animals from BLM holding pens and placing them into homes and private care through innovative programs, events, and education.



We have saved taxpayers an average of \$162 million each year. A wild horse or burro costs the federal government \$25,000 during the lifetime of the animal. Mustang Heritage Foundation not only saves the taxpayer money but most importantly helps provide loving homes for our national treasure – the American Mustang!

Mustang Adoption Academy

Our Mission:

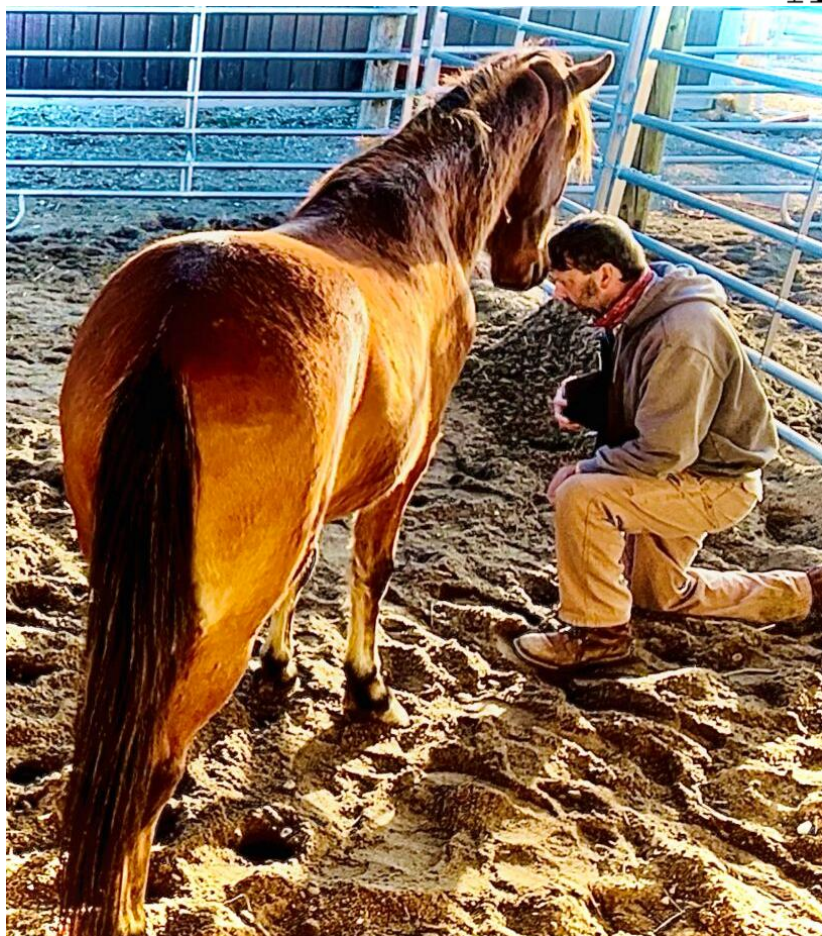
Successful Mustang Adoption and helping humans and mustangs have better relationships.

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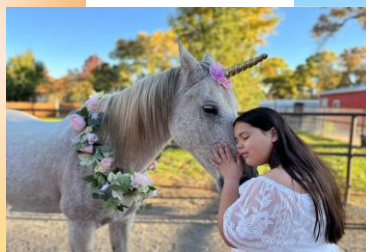
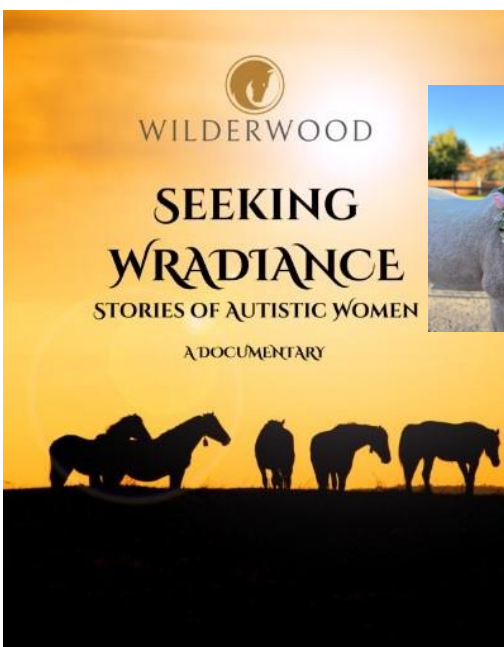
Wildewood was started in 2018 by Dr. Rebecca Evanko, an autistic Ph.D, equestrian, and educator and Dr. Mark Evanko, an osteopathic physician and equestrian. Committed to making a difference in the live of autistic people, Rebecca and Mark started looking for programs they could adapt as their life's work. Finding none that fit their ideals and aspirations, they worked with other specialists and professionals to create their own. The result is Wildewood.

The program continues to evolve, responding to the experience of teaching, learning, and listening to the participants and autistic mentors who are part of it. In all that we do, Wildewood continues to embrace its mission to provide equine-based and facilitated programs for autistic adults and youth, the broader community, and to educate about horses and autism.

Wildewood's programs are designed, led, and delivered by appropriately qualified faculty. This includes personnel trained in osteopathy, cognitive linguistics, Parelli training, basic principles of Légèreté dressage, PATH-certified instructors, physical therapy, and social work. Dr. Rebecca Evanko is currently completing a second Master's degree in clinical mental health counseling.

There's more on our story in the award-winning documentary, Hautism and Wildewood, which can be viewed below. The documentary outlined Wildewood's original program, which was a nine-month curriculum. Though Wildewood's programs have now expanded and adapted to the needs of our participants and community, the philosophy of Hautism remains at the heart of our program and all that we endeavor to achieve.

<https://wilderwoodequinetherapy.org/>



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