

Northern Nevada Correctional Center Saddle-started Wild Horse Adoption



Saturday, October 9, 2021

**Up to 13 Saddle-started Wild Horses and
1 Burro available for Adoption**

9:00-10:00am: Preview Wild Horses and Burro

10:00am: Competitive-Bid Adoption begins



Event location: 1721 Snyder Avenue, Carson City, Nevada 89701



About the Northern Nevada Correctional Center program

The gentling, saddle-training program in Carson City began in October 2000 as a cooperative effort between the Nevada Department of Corrections – Silver State Industries and the Nevada Department of Agriculture to train stray / feral horses removed from lands administered by the State of Nevada. BLM joined the partnership in 2004; through an agreement signed in 2007, and a renewed contract in 2018, the inmates now train only wild horses and burros removed from public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

The BLM and Northern Nevada Correctional Center (NNCC) hosts three to four public adoptions each year and all horses and burros are offered through a competitive-bid adoption process, conducted by an auctioneer. Approximately 60 - 80 wild horses (and burros) are trained and adopted each year through these public events. In addition, the NNCC starts horses for other Federal and state agencies such as the U.S. Border Patrol, state fish and wildlife agencies the National Park Service, Law Enforcement Mounted Units and Military Mounted Units.

Nearly 500 inmates have participated in the program, often coming with little or no experience working with horses. The inmates give each horse (or burro) approximately 120 days of training. The animals are essentially “green broke” and will need additional daily training and handling by an experienced rider when at their new home.

Find out more details on this exceptional program by going to the NNCC page located on the BLM website at <https://go.usa.gov/xEk8t> and stay up to date on the Bureau of Land Management’s Nevada wild horse and burro program, including upcoming events or news, by following the BLM Nevada Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BLMNevada>. In addition, a Facebook Group, called “NNCC Adopted Wild Horses & Burros” was established by and for past adopters to post updates of their adopted horses from the NNCC and use as a resource for questions and tips.



Bids start at \$150

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

Adopters must meet BLM adoption requirements to bid.

Go to <https://go.usa.gov/xmcwS> for BLM requirements

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

From US-395 (Carson Street),

Take Snyder Avenue (NV State Route 518) east for 1.5 miles.

**Turn south (right) at the NNCC sign and look for directional signs at
the far south end of the facility.**

Directions traveling south from Reno:

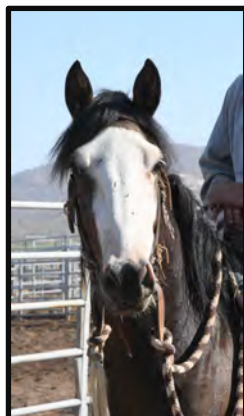
Take 1-580 South to Carson Street and turn north (right).

Take Snyder Avenue (NV State Route 518) east for 1.5 miles.

**Turn south (right) at the NNCC sign and look for directional signs at
the far south end of the facility.**

NO TOBACCO OR CELL PHONES ARE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS DURING THE EVENT!

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**Nevada Department of Corrections – Silver State Industries and the
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Duskee #0974



Freezemark #18890974
Age 3
Sex: Gelding
Height: 14.3 hands
Weight: 1,000 pounds
HMA: Diamond Hills North
(NV0104)
Trainer: Scott Sorensen

"Duskee" is a really good looking 3-year-old Pinto. He is very gentle and well spirited. He takes the bridal and saddle really well and loves to be ridden. Duskee is a very smart gelding that is good with his hooves. He will make a great horse.

Ozzy #0996



Freezemark #16890996
Age 5
Sex: Gelding
Height: 15.3 hands
Weight: 1,075 pounds
HMA: Diamond
(NV0609)
Trainer: Benjamin del Grande

This handsome Pinto is named "Ozzy". He is a gentle horse that takes the bit and saddle well and is easy to halter.

Biscuits #6823



Freezemark #16636823

Age 5

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.2 hands

Weight: 1,075 pounds

HMA: Eagle
(NV0414)

Trainer: Steve Viola

"Biscuits" is a well-mannered 5-year-old Buckskin. He takes the bridle and the saddle very well. Biscuits is very gentle and is a very quick learner. He is always ready and eager to be ridden. He has a nice trot and likes loping around barrels.

Chocolate Thunda #6970



Freezemark #16636970

Age 5

Sex: Gelding

Height: 16.0 hands

Weight: 1,125 pounds

HMA: Eagle
(NV0414)

Trainer: Keith Garcia, Jr.

"Chocolate Thunda" is a 5-year-old Chestnut that is 16 hands tall. This horse right here is a fine example of a mustang. He will make a good ranch horse even though he has never worked cows. I have thrown a rope from him and was able to drag several objects. Chocolate Thunda flexes his neck real nice when asked and a soft handle was put on him the buckaroo way. He is a real smooth ride and has a good back up and stop.

Nitro #6750



Freezemark #16636750
Age 5
Sex: Gelding
Height: 16.2 hands
Weight: 1,200 pounds
HMA: Eagle
(NV0414)
Trainer: Benjamin del Grande

This 5-year-old Sorrel is a big and gentle gelding and his name "Nitro". He likes to be rode and is very fun to ride. He is great with the bit, saddle, and halter. Nitro is great with his feet and is good at trailer loading. You can throw a rope off of him and he know all of his ques. Nitro is a nice horse all the way around and will make a great horse. Nitro was gathered on February 15, 2020.

Dude #0985



Freezemark #17890985
Age 4
Sex: Gelding
Height: 15.2 hands
Weight: 1,125 pounds
HMA: Diamond Hills North
(NV0104)
Trainer: Austin Miller

"Dude" is a beautiful 4-year-old Red Roan that is easy going and has a mellow attitude. He is pretty cold blooded and does not overreact. Dude runs well in a snaffle bit or a hackamore. He is light and responds well to foot and seat cues. He has a good stop and back up as well as a good start on him. Dude is not afraid of water and has been rode through the Carson River. All in all, this horse is ready to progress into whatever job or discipline you have in mind. Dude was gathered on September 16, 2020.

Spinner #7021



Freezemark #15637021
Age 6
Sex: Gelding
Height: 15.2 hands
Weight: 1,075 pounds
HMA: Eagle
(NV0414)
Trainer: Jeff Gaskin

"Spinner" is a high-spirited Dun. He is an easy learner that halters well and also trailer loads. He is gentle but a little nervous. Spinner is very enjoyable to ride. Spinner was gathered on February 20, 2020.

Frank #8542



Freezemark #17638542
Age 4
Sex: Gelding
Height: 15.1 hands
Weight: 1,075 pounds
HMA: Antelope
(NV0401)
Trainer: Eric Cross

"Frank" is a calm gelding that rides well. He is good at the usual cues such as walk, stop, and back up and he is calm under most situations. Frank is affectionate and is a fast learner. Don't let this handsome Sorrel pass you by! Frank was gathered on September 9, 2019.

Clyde #7035



Freezemark #18637035

Age 3

Sex: Gelding

Height: 14.3 hands

Weight: 975 pounds

HMA: Eagle
(NV0414)

Trainer: Cody Cahill

"Clyde" is a young and gentle Gray. He loves to be petted and has a good demeanor. Clyde has a smooth trot and has a steady lope. He easily picks up his feet and has a nice side pass. Clyde was gathered on February 20, 2020.

Phoenix #6822



Freezemark #15636822

Age 6

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.2 hands

Weight: 1,050 pounds

HMA: Eagle
(NV0414)

Trainer: Craig Kenison

"Phoenix" is a great looking Buckskin gelding that is very willing and always loving. He rides well and has taken care of me. Phoenix looks for leadership from his rider. He moves well to foot cues and is very giving to pressure for the bit and reins. He has done everything I have asked of him including small jumps, loping, and running barrels. He is a really fun horse to ride. Phoenix was gathered on February 16, 2020.

Wiley #8104



Freezemark #16638104
Age 5
Sex: Gelding
Height: 15.3 hands
Weight: 1,225 pounds
HMA: Clover Mountains
(NV0516)
Trainer: Austin Miller

"Wiley" is extremely athletic and a heck of a mover. He will jump or run barrels and has a slide stop. I have recently started roping off of him and introduced him to a roping dummy which he tracks very well. Wiley is a horse for an experienced rider and is very sensitive to foot cues and seat movements. You will need to have a subtle touch but a firm hand with this horse. He is good with his feet and has been trimmed multiple times, so he is familiar with the farrier routine. All in all, Wiley is ready to be put to work. Wiley was gathered on August 16, 2019.

Galaxy #1020



Freezemark #15871020
Age 6
Sex: Gelding
Height: 16.0 hands
Weight: 1,220 pounds
HMA: Diamond
(NV0609)
Trainer: Vincent Spottedcalf

"Galaxy" is an intelligent Red Roan with a calm demeanor. He has excellent potential to become a good work horse. He has only ridden with a small snaffle bit and although stout and strong, this Red Roan easily lifts front and hind hooves. Galaxy responds well to front quarter and rear quarter cues from his rider and gives to rein pressure. Galaxy is looking forward to meeting you so you can learn more about him as he will be an investment well spent. Galaxy was gathered on September 17, 2020.

Snickers #0983



Freezemark #16890983
Age 5
Sex: Gelding
Height: 14.3 hands
Weight: 1,025 pounds
HMA: Diamond
(NV0609)
Trainer: Terry Jones

"Snickers" is a very gentle Pinto. He moves nice and moves well off of your feet cues. He walks out nice as well as having a nice trot and lope. Snickers really loves to be scratched and will make a great gentle horse. Snickers was gathered on September 16, 2020.

Jack #3274



Freezemark #16890983
Age 5
Sex: Gelding
Height: 11.0 hands
Weight: 600 pounds
HMA: Seven Troughs
(NV0216)
Trainer: Austin Miller

"Jack" is a mellow burro who is very fond of apples and any other snacks that you may have for him. He leads well and is learning to pull a cart. Jack is friendly for the most part but sometimes it takes a few days to warm up to someone new - giving Jack snacks is a great shortcut to earning his love. Jack was gathered on June 29, 2019.

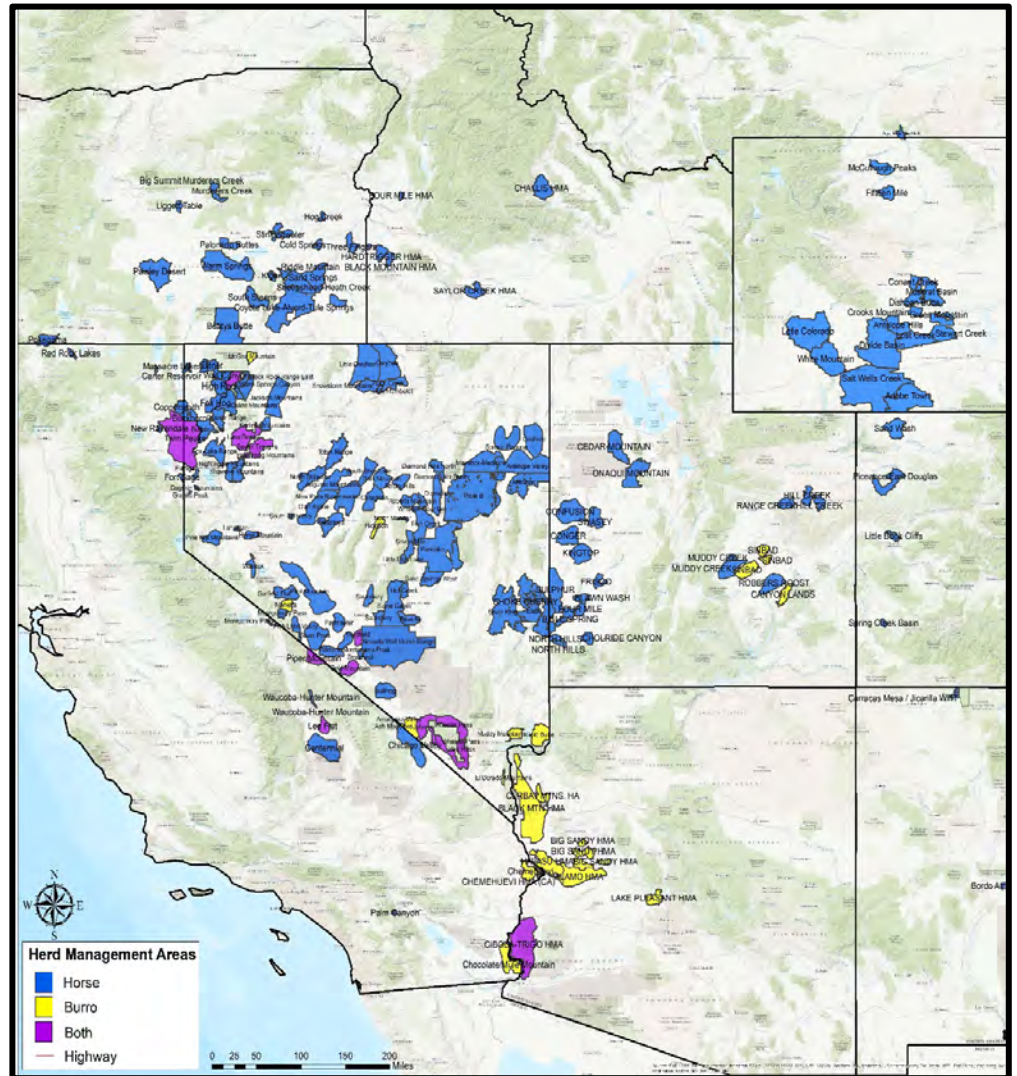
Bureau of Land Management Herd Management Areas

The BLM manages wild horses and burros in 177 herd management areas (HMA) on nearly 26.9 million acres of public land across 10 western states. Each HMA is unique in its terrain features, local climate and natural resources, just as each herd is unique in its history, genetic heritage, coloring and size distribution.

Wild horses and burros are managed as *part of the* BLM's multiple-use mission, with the goal of supporting healthy wild horses and burros on healthy public rangelands. To protect the health of the land and to support healthy horses and burros, the BLM works to achieve in HMAs what is known as the Appropriate Management Level (AML). AML is the point at which wild horse and burro

populations are consistent with the land's capacity to support them and other mandated uses of those lands, including protecting ecological processes and habitat for wildlife and livestock. The AML for each HMA ranges from a minimum population level to a maximum population level in order to allow for population growth over a four- to five-year period. The BLM establishes AML through the evaluation and analysis of rangeland resource and population data spanning several years, including data relating to vegetation and soil types, weather and water. The AML for each HMA is set in an open, public process through field office planning efforts.

How wild horses and burros are managed differs from how most other species are managed on public lands. Wildlife species, such as deer, are usually controlled through a combination of hunting and natural predators. Livestock use on public lands is intricately managed and controlled through grazing permits. Because wild horses and burros are protected from hunting, and because of a lack of natural predators, if left unmanaged herds can double in size in just four to five years and quickly outgrow the ability of the land to support them. Maintaining herd size at the appropriate management level is the best way to ensure healthy horses and burros on healthy rangelands. The current nationwide, maximum population level is 26,690 animals. For more information about all the BLM's HMAs, visit the BLM website's herd management areas section at <https://go.usa.gov/xm3p9>.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is prohibited on the grounds and are cameras allowed?

- No tobacco products or cell phones are permitted on the grounds during the event.
- No photography is permitted without Media Credentials or prior approval is granted.

How much training do the animals actually have?

- The animals are “green-broke” which means they have received up to 120+ days of training by the inmates. They will continue to need daily training to reinforce the basics they have learned. Most saddle-started horses will initially need an experienced rider.

Can we preview the animal available for adoption before the adoption date?

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

What is the average sale price of saddle-started horses trained by prison inmates?

- Prices vary widely. The bids have gone as high as \$15,000. However, the average price is between \$1,500 to \$2,500 per animal. It really depends on how many people are interested in one particular animal.

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

- You must be present to adopt a wild horse or burro. You cannot send a family member or a friend. The person signing the “Private Maintenance and Care Agreement” will be the legal adopter and the only person that can apply for title after a year of proper care.

What are the facility requirements?

- The minimum size corral is 20' x 20' which is also the recommended size until the adopted animal becomes easy to catch. Even though the horses are green broke, they may still startle easily and attempt to jump over the corral; therefore, a minimum corral height of 5' made from heavy duty construction materials using poles, pipes, or planks with at least 1 ½ inch thickness, and without dangerous protrusions, is required. Barbed wire, large-mesh-woven, stranded, and electric materials are unacceptable for fencing.
- Some form of shelter must be available, within the corral area, to mitigate the effects of inclement weather and temperature extremes; examples of acceptable shelter may be of natural cover (tree, etc.) or man-made structure.

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

- The BLM prefers that you take the horse or burro home the day of the adoption, but special arrangements can be made with the prison to pick up the animal in a couple of days.

What are the BLM's trailer requirements for hauling my animal home?

- The BLM recommends stock type trailers; three-horse slant load trailers are acceptable. Other types of trailers will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. BLM requires trailers meet the following minimum requirements:
 - a. Covered top, sturdy walls and floors, and a smooth interior, free from any sharp protrusions.
 - b. Ample headroom, adequate ventilation and floors covered with a non-skid material.
 - c. Removable partitions or compartments to separate animals by size and sex, if necessary.
- BLM personnel will inspect the safety of each trailer and reserve the right to refuse loading if the trailer is unacceptable.

Adoption Application, Requirements and Payment Information

To download a BLM adoption application for a wild horse or burro (Form 4710-10), please go to <https://go.usa.gov/xEkhV>.

Adoption Requirements at a Glance

- Must be 18 years old. Parents or guardians may adopt and allow a younger family member to care for the animal.
- Have no prior conviction for inhumane treatment of animals or for violating the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act.
- Have adequate feed, water and facilities (at least 400 square feet for each animal) to provide humane care for the number of animals requested.
- Provide a home for the animal in the United States until you receive Certificate of Title from the BLM.

What types of payments are accepted?

- The BLM would prefer payments made on Credit Cards such as VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover, although;
- The BLM also accepts personal checks, money orders, travelers' checks, and cash as payment for adoption fees.

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

- In spite of efforts to provide adopters with healthy animals, situations arise where unrecognized lameness or health problems surface following adoption. Upon request, an adopter may receive a credit for the amount of the original adoption toward the adoption fee for a replacement animal if the following conditions apply:
 - a. Within six months of the original adoption, the adopter provides a signed statement from a veterinarian that the animal died, had to be euthanized, or was diagnosed with an incurable illness or lameness attributable to a condition that already existed at the time of adoption.
 - b. The death, development of the illness, or lameness of the animal must not have been preventable by proper care from the adopter.
 - c. The request for replacement, with the substantiating veterinarian's statement, must be received by the BLM no later than 30 days after the animal's death or diagnosis.
 - d. Adopters shall return live animals to the BLM; should the animal have been euthanized or succumbed, the adopter is responsible for the disposal of the carcass.
- BLM will issue the original adopter an adoption fee voucher with the following stipulations:
 - a. The voucher will be the same amount paid at the time of the original adoption.
 - b. Valid for 1-year from the date issued.
 - c. Redeemable toward the fee to adopt another animal at an upcoming satellite adoption event, Internet adoption, or during a regularly scheduled Northern Nevada Correctional Center adoption.
 - d. The voucher cannot be used at an event sponsored by the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF).
 - e. The voucher is only good for one animal.
 - f. If the fee for the replacement animal is more than the original adoption fee, the adopter will be required to pay the balance. If the fee for the replacement animal is less than the original adoption voucher amount, the remaining balance will be forfeited.
 - g. No other refunds or exchanges will be approved.

The next Saddle-trained Wild Horse Adoption is tentatively scheduled for February 26, 2022