



## Rules and Regulations

### 2007 Extreme Mustang Makeover Event

#### Event Overview:

One hundred wild Mustangs from the hills of Nevada will be brought to the Bureau of Land Management's Fallon facilities in Nevada and then Pauls Valley equine holding facilities near Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The 100 Mustangs will be as uniform in size, age and color as possible.

One hundred approved horse trainers will come to BLM equine facilities and select one of the Mustangs through a lottery system. There will be two opportunities for Mustang pick up – at the Fallon, Nevada and Pauls Valley, Oklahoma facilities ( June 6-9, 2007) Trainers must meet all requirements listed below for hauling and stabling their Mustang. The trainers will then take the Mustang home and have until September 22, 2007, to return to Fort Worth, Texas at the Will Rogers Equestrian Facilities. At that time the trainers will compete in three areas – conditioning, citizenship (ground work) and riding the “Horse Course” (trail riding with obstacles). A panel of three accomplished horse trainers will determine winners. **More than \$25,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded.**

The participating Mustangs will then be up for adoption through a live bid process on September 23 at the Will Rogers facilities. In addition to prize money, trainers will receive up to \$500 in reimbursement for reasonable training and veterinary expenses and 15% commission on horses adopted for \$200 or more. The competition and adoption will be held at the world-renowned Will Rogers Equestrian Center in Ft. Worth Texas.

#### Requirements:

1. All trainers must complete application and submit by mail or through the website by April 15, 2007.
2. Trainers must be 18 years of age or older and have no prior conviction for inhumane treatment of animals or for violations of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act;
3. Trailer requirements. You must provide transportation for your Mustang from the Pauls Valley facility to your facility. While someone else may transport the animal, all trailers must meet these minimum standards: covered top, sturdy walls/floors, and a smooth interior free from any sharp protrusions; ample head room; removable partitions or compartments to separate animals by size and sex, if necessary; floor covered with a non-skid material; and, adequate ventilation.  
The BLM requires stock-type trailers with rear swing gates to transport adopted animals. Drop ramp, divided two-horse trailers, and trucks with stock racks are not acceptable.
4. Facility requirements. You must provide a minimum of 400 square feet (20 feet x 20 feet) for each Mustang. Fences must be at least 6 feet high. You should not release the Mustang into a large open area, such as a pasture, since you may not be able to recapture the animal for training or to provide

veterinary care. However, once the animal is gentled, you may release it into a pasture or similar area.

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

Posts should be a minimum of 6 inches in diameter and spaced no farther than 8 feet apart. Horizontal rails should be 3-inch minimum diameter poles or 2 x 8 inch dimension planks. If you use poles, there should be a minimum of five horizontal rails, and when you use 2" x 8" planks, there should be at least four rails. No space between rails should exceed 12". You should fasten all rails to the inside of the post with either heavy nails or lag screws.

You must provide shelter from inclement weather and temperature extremes for your Mustang. Shelters must be a two-sided structure with a roof, well-drained, adequately ventilated, and accessible to the Mustang. The two sides need to block the prevailing winds and need to protect the major part of the bodies of the horse or burro. Tarps are not acceptable. Contact your administering BLM office for shelter requirements in your area.

5. Mustang training must be humane and compassionate. "Least resistance" techniques are encouraged.
6. Trainers are responsible for all care related costs from the day the Mustangs are picked up (June 6-9) through Sunday, September 23, 2007. Trainers that complete the training and compete in the Mustang Makeover Contest will be reimbursed up to \$500 for veterinary, farrier, hauling or feeding costs. Receipts must be submitted in order to receive reimbursement.
7. Should the Mustang be deemed excessively dangerous by the trainer, the trainer must be responsible for returning the Mustang to the BLM facility nearest the trainer or a centrally designated location in Texas. Trainers will be eligible to be reimbursed up to \$500 for reasonable veterinary, farrier, hauling or feeding costs. Receipts must be submitted in order to receive reimbursement.
8. Should the trainer choose to not participate in the competition – the Mustang must be returned to the BLM facility nearest the trainer or a centrally designated location in Texas. Trainers will be eligible to be reimbursed up to \$500 for reasonable veterinary, farrier, hauling or feeding costs. Receipts must be submitted in order to receive reimbursement.
9. Trainers will be asked to sign releases so that all photos and filming may be used to promote the event.

**Rules:**

1. Fulfill all requirements related to hauling, stable facilities, care and training.
2. Trainer applications must be received in the Mustang Heritage Foundation's office on or before April 15, 2007. Applications may be completed and submitted online at [www.mustangheritagefoundation.org](http://www.mustangheritagefoundation.org).
3. Trainer selection will be made based on experience. There will be 100 trainers selected. Alternate trainers will also be notified should one of the selected trainers be unable to pick up their Mustang.
4. BLM and Mustang Heritage Foundation employees are not eligible to compete.

5. Trainers are responsible for hauling the Mustang from either the Fallon Facility or the Pauls Valley Facility to their training stable and from their training stable to the competition at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center in Ft. Worth, Texas for the September 22 event. Mustangs should arrive at the facility on September 21.
6. Stalls will be provided for Mustangs at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center.
7. Arena will be available on Friday, September 21 for practice from noon until midnight. Warm up arenas will be available on September 21 and 22.
8. Competition will begin at 8 AM, Saturday, September 22, 2007.
9. Winners will be announced following the competition on September 22.
10. Trainers are asked to demonstrate their Mustangs during the adoption event on Sunday, September 23, starting at 12:00 Noon.
11. Trainers will receive 15% commission of the adoption price if the Mustang they trained is adopted for \$200 or more. Commissions will be mailed.

### **Competition Rules:**

1. **Twenty (20%) of the overall score will be based on conditioning.** Conditioning – weight, conditioning, hair coat, overall appearance. Trainers may clip or trim horses, or leave mane, tail, ears, muzzle and fetlocks natural. Judges will be given photos of the Mustangs at the time of pick up from Pauls Valley facility for comparison.
2. **Thirty (30%) of the overall score will be based on groundwork and manners.** Trainers will be asked to present their horses in hand or haltered. They will be asked to maneuver Mustangs through a series of obstacles in the arena. Mustangs will also be asked to load and unload from a stock trailer and pick up all four feet.
3. **Fifty (50%) of the overall score will be based on the Mustang Horse Course.** A course will be set in the arena that will represent basic challenges faced while riding. Mustangs will be asked to exhibit three gaits (walk, trot and canter or lope) within the course. Other obstacles will require skills that include stopping, backing, the rider picking up items, circles to the right and left. Mustangs may be exhibited in English, Western or other appropriate equine equipment. Any bit or equipment determined severe by the judges will not be allowed. Tie downs and mechanical hackamores are discouraged. Mustangs may be shown with two hands.
4. In case of tie the highest score in the Horse Course section will break ties. If horses remained tied - there will be a "Run Off" where tied horses and trainer compete against each other in the Horse Course.

### **Awards:**

1. All trainers competing will be eligible for \$500 in reimbursed expenses and 15% commission on the adoption fees of the Mustang they trained if the adoption amount is \$200 or more.
2. **OVERALL WINNER**  
The trainer scoring the highest points in the overall competition will be awarded \$10,000, the reserve (second place) trainer will receive \$5,000 and third place will receive \$3,000, \$1,000 to fourth place and \$1,000 to fifth place.
3. **MUSTANG MAKEOVER**  
\$1,000 award will be presented to the Mustang trainer that has created the

most extreme “Mustang Makeover” – or most positive physical changes to their horse – hair coat, muscling, conditioning and physical presentation.

**4. MUSTANG CITIZENSHIP**

\$1,000 award will be presented to the Mustang trainer that scored the highest in the groundwork and manners division.

**5. TRAINER AWARDS**

*These awards will be determined by trainer voting.*

Non Pro Mustang Trainer of the Event Award - \$1,000

Professional Mustang Trainer of the Event Award - \$1,000

**6. MUSTANG. CONGENIALITY AWARD**

*This will be determined by spectator voting.*

\$1,000 Awarded to the most popular Mustang of the Event

**For more information on the event, please contact the Mustang Heritage Foundation at 512-355-3225 or email Executive Director, Patti Colbert, at [plcolbert@aol.com](mailto:plcolbert@aol.com).**