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We are so excited to bring you the Mustang Heritage Foundation's Inaugural Newsletter! This publication will serve as a positive information source for our supporters. We encourage you to contribute an article, important dates or fun pictures! Enjoy!

Extreme Mustang Makeover- \$25,000 Challenge

September 22-23, 2007

Horse trainers come in all sizes and shapes along with a variety of experiences and capabilities. In 2007, every horse trainer in America will be invited to participate in the Extreme Mustang Makeover, an event that will be a true test of basic horsemanship and an opportunity to win \$25,000 in prize money!

Mustangs represent the spirit of America. The goal of Extreme Mustang Makeover is to promote the quality and value of mustangs. The event also provides trainers an opportunity to showcase their ability to transform wild mustangs into suitable horses for ranch work or recreational riding.

The Mustang Heritage Foundation, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management and the Nevada Wild Horse and Burro Commission, will bring one hundred (100) wild Mustangs, gathered from the Nevada hills to the Fallon BLM holding facility in Nevada and the Paul Valley facility outside Oklahoma City. The Mustangs will all be sorrel or bay and similar in age, size and condition.

Trainers from across America are invited to participate in the "Extreme Mustang Makeover". Trainers will pick up the Mustangs at either the Fallon Facility in Nevada (tentative date May 17-20) or the Paul's Valley facility near Oklahoma City (tentative date June 6-9). They will have the Mustangs in training until Saturday, September 22, 2007. On that date trainers will compete with their Mustang at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center in Fort

Worth, Texas. The trained Mustangs will be judged on conditioning, groundwork and a "Horse Course" which represents maneuvers and obstacles found in trail and recreational riding situations.

All Mustangs that participated in the Extreme Mustang Makeover event will be available for adoption through an adoption auction held at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center on Sunday, September 23, 2007. Interested adopters will be able to watch the horses compete on Saturday, then bid on the trained Mustangs on Sunday!

In addition to \$25,000 in prize money, trainers will be reimbursed up to \$500 for costs related to hauling, training and medical expenses related to the Mustang they have in training. Trainers will also receive 15% commission on the amount of the adoption bids exceeding \$200.00

Trainers must meet the Bureau of Land Management requirements for trailers and facilities in order to participate in the contest. Rules and regulations for the event can be found on the Mustang Heritage Foundation's website at www.mustangheritagefoundation.org or by calling 512-355-3225.

Working With Wild Horses- The Basics

By Lesley Neuman

I don't think there is an exact way to instruct someone to work with a wild horse. You need to see what is going on between the horse and handler before you can give specific directions. Every horse/human relationship is different. I've accumulated some thoughts and suggestions from my experience with wild horses in hopes that anyone working with a wild or unhandled horse will be able to get a sense of how the process COULD work and perhaps how "to be" when working with a wild horse.

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Awesome Adoption!

Falling in Love with Carson

Reka Maximovitch is a horse lover and always has been. She wasn't a horse owner until she went to the Western States Wild Horse and Burro Expo in Reno, Nevada this past August. "I had followed BLM adoptions for a few years on the internet, and I decided to treat myself and go to a demo with Leslie Neuman." Leslie was working with a green mustang; it was her second day with the animal. Reka and her husband, Rodrigo, watched her work with the mustang soon to be called "Carson". Reka hadn't planned on adopting a horse going into the event, but she loved what she saw. "My husband was very encouraging," says Reka. "He really liked the way Carson moved, and I really liked the way he interacted with Leslie."

It was when the Mustang Heritage Foundation executive director, Patti Colbert announced that the adoption fee had been donated that she made her decision. She adopted Carson, and everything fell into place after that. Kim Cook, of Sunset Stables in Minden, Nevada, offered to take Carson to her facility and have her trainer, Gene, work with him. "Everyone at Sunset is wonderful! They have other mustangs on site and they are experienced in working with them," says Reka. "Kim says that Carson is such a gentleman and is great with his stable mates."

Reka and Rodrigo would visit Carson from the Bay Area at least every couple of weeks. But, says Reka, "I really want to be part of his gentling process and establish a relationship." So after 8 weeks at Sunset Stables working with Gene, Carson is going to make his way to California, where he'll live at Fox Ridge Farm only a few miles from Reka's house. "Therefore Rodrigo and I will be able to spend time with him on a daily basis. Fortunately, Rodrigo has a lot of experience with horses since he spent 23 years on a ranch in Chile." She has purchased some instructional videos, including Leslie Neuman's "The First Touch - Gentling your Mustang," and has contacted several trainers in case they need some assistance.

"I am completely and totally in love with Carson. It is an incredibly powerful experience to stand before him and have him allow us to pet his head, neck, and to look into his calm and gentle eyes. I am completely taken by his gentleness and magnificent beauty!"

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