

THE SPANISH MUSTANG FOUNDATION

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Our mission is to educate the public about the Spanish Mustang and the need to protect and perpetuate the breed.



RESCUES

The Spanish Mustang Foundation was alerted to the critical status of the Painter Barb strain of horses when Robert Painter died in March of this year. The herd belonging to Robert and Louise Painter consisted of 67 horses that were evaluated as genetically significant regarding preservation of the breed by Phillip Sponenberg, DVM, PhD Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA; Victoria Tollman of the Equus Survival Trust; Gretchen Patterson, who wrote *The Preservation of the Colonial Spanish Horse* and Robert E Brislawn, Sr; and Dr Gus Cothran, professor emeritus at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM); and Connie Moore and others in support of Louise Painter's desire that the horses be conserved.

The SMF provided hay to help feed the horses on the Quien Sabe Ranch in Idaho where drought conditions robbed the range of grasses that could at one time support the herds. According to Connie Moore this donation "literally kept the horses alive. Without that none of the preservation efforts would have been possible." Every horse was adopted. The Painter Barb strain was preserved. Not a single horse was lost. Many of the Barbs went to

heritage breeders. Additionally, the SMF helped several adoptees with transportation cost and boarding fees.

Robert Painter left behind accurate records showing the genetic influence the Painter Barbs have been. This chain of events and the loss of other breeders and ranchers prompted our research and documentation project that records and preserves the history of the Descendants of the Colonial Spanish Horse on this continent. Iconic images of "the originals" come to mind, the Holbrook and Brislawn families, Gilbert Jones, Ilo Belsky, Wilbur-Cruce, Doty and Virginia Baca at Baca Chica Farms. The list goes on. You can find the first segment, the Historic Strains, on our website under Resources.

By the 1950s, only a few herds of pure Spanish horses remained in the Southeast and the Southwest. They were either owned by traditional ranchers or Native American tribes, or found in isolated free-ranging herds. From these remnants, conservation programs began and several groups of dedicated breeders have been involved.

-The Livestock Conservancy

FROM THE BOARD

The Foundation has been working to help Spanish Mustang horses since 2004. We help where needed in supplying hay, veterinary care, transportation, and rescuing. We have rescued and re-homed horses and paid for others to rescue horses from kill pens in western states. This year we have helped mostly with supplying hay to horse owners having trouble feeding their horses. We want to keep the horses with their families and avoid them being sold into the meat trade. We will help wherever needed to preserve the Spanish Mustang.

Our Board consists of Doug Lanham and Donna Mitchell the founders of the Foundation. It was announced on

November 17th that Ed Walsh of Minnesota will serve as our new President, an experienced business leader, and proud owner of five Spanish Mustangs Ed will succeed Doug Lanham as President. Doug will serve as Vice President and Donna Mitchell as Treasurer.

We deeply appreciate all the support we've received through the years and hope we can count on your continued support to help us preserve the Spanish horse for the coming generations. They are an iconic representation of the freedom our country believes in for all of us. Please continue to help us support the Spanish Mustang!

HISTORIC PHOTOS



Windrift's Jack Dandy - a Yates-Johnson Stallion



Cowboy - a Marsh Tacky Stallion



Christa - Santa Cruz Island Mare



Golden Earth Girl - 100% Book Cliffs - Utah



Captain Walker - 50% Book Cliffs - 50% Brislawn - Cappy Owned By Gretchen Patterson - Grandson Of Four Lane.jpg



Corolla Horses On The Beach - Banker



Black Hawk - SMR 362 - 100% Choctaw Stallion



Chantilly Lace - 68.5% Book Cliffs - Utah - 12.5% Choctaw - 12.5% Hausteca - 6.5% Cerbat



Doc Domino Pride - Choctaw - Gilbert Jones Bred

ANNE-MARIE PINTER AT WINDWALKER RANCH

I would like to say thank you to SMF for their support in helping me rescue 6 starving Painter Barbs. Actually it became 7 with the birth of Santiago, the colt born to an aged mare, Fortuna. This colt is a living miracle, and a genetic treasure. His dam was carrying him through winter in a state of starvation! Fortunately she had six

week of good feed and supplements before giving birth to a healthy stud colt! Thanks to SMF's help with the rescue. SMF is one of the best Non-profit organizations whose mission is to help with the rescue and preservation of all Spanish Colonial breeds, without prejudice! Windwalker Ranch is truly grateful!



Fortuna right after rescue



Fortuna after Santiago is born



Fortuna & Santiago at their new home



Mare before rescue



Mare before rescue



Mares after rescue



Stallion after rescue



Santiago

ADAM EDWARDS AT PAHA PONIES

Paha Ponies Spanish Mustangs has had another epic year for the books. Last October we had a huge blizzard, that thankfully ended the devastating drought that we had to feed year round, on our 500 acres. This year we had a good spring and were able to have the hay harvested on site, at a very reasonable rate so much so that we are also able to support other regional preservation herds with emergency hay as it is extremely expensive this year. Thank you so much Spanish Mustang Foundation for your grant to get the hay field cut and baled. Its really a great thing. We also got three satellite herds established on tribal lands that

Paha Ponies will continue to oversee and coach. One near Calgary Alberta, one near Saskatoon Saskatchewan, and another near Oglala South Dakota. I am very proud of these little projects and thankful for the support of the Foundation, both moral and financial that without, I would be less able to impact these horses and peoples lives in a positive way. Oh and did I mention that we had our first crop of future breed representatives?

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