

MUSTANGS





TM
Wild
Horse
and
Burro
Program
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

Mustangs -The Breed

Mustangs are feral horses living in the wild. They are descendants of the domesticated Spanish horse. The breed has mixed with the Quarter Horse, the Thoroughbred and many Draft Breeds. Typically they stand 14-16 hands. They come in many different colors. They are mostly found out west. Their characteristics vary greatly.

The Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

BLM manages 1/10 of our nation's surface area.

BLM also manages the Mustang and Wild Burro Population in the US.

In 2018 there were approximately 82,000 Mustangs and Burros.

Appropriate Management Levels

The BLM determines what the number of Mustangs and burros should be or what the Appropriate Management Levels(AML) are for each herd across 10 states.

Then the excess horses are moved to holding pens.

After they have received shots and been evaluated some will be available for adoption through many sales across the country.

Stallion
Mustangs
fight to
maintain
their standing
in the herd.



Herd Management

Herd size is managed through a variety of methods

- Birth Control
- Limiting Reproduction
- Removal of excess horses

Mustangs and Burros can not be hunted and have very few predators.

If the numbers were not curbed the herds can double in 4-5 yrs.

If the herd size is not managed they would outgrow their food supply.

Mustangs stay
in holding pens
before they are
adopted.



Mustangs Come to EquiCenter

The EquiCenter's Mustangs came from Wyoming and Nevada.

They were gathered in holding areas and held there for several months or even years.

They received hay and water there.

They received immunizations, were gelded if stallions and had their hooves trimmed.

Mustangs Get a New Home

Since 1971 240,000 Mustangs and Burros have found new homes.

So many Mustangs are awaiting adoption...

EquiCenter has brought 8 Mustangs to the farm so far.

They have ranged in age from 1-4 years of age.

EquiCenter's Mustangs

The Mares



Liberty



North Star

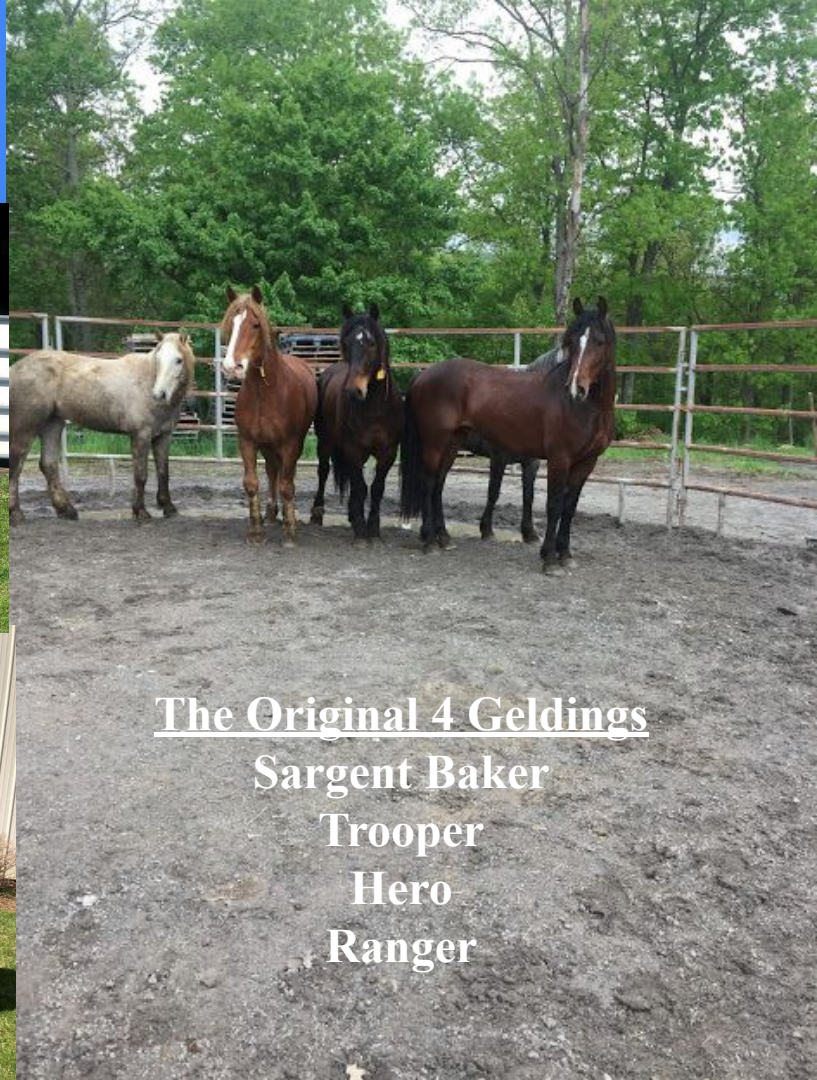


Freedom



Tango

The Yearlings



The Original 4 Geldings

Sargent Baker

Trooper

Hero

Ranger

Freeze Brands

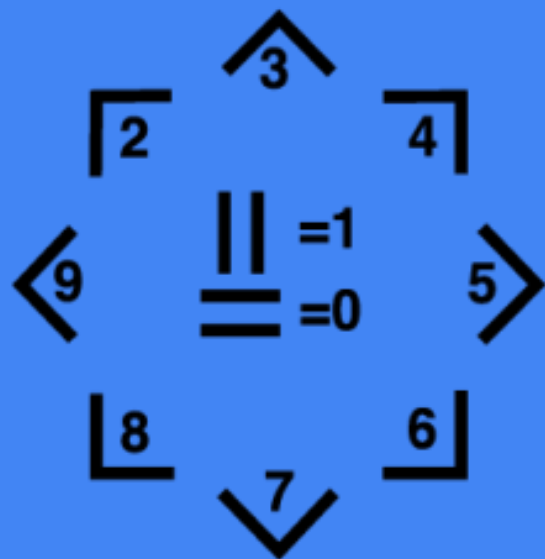
Each Mustang that is added to a holding area receives a freeze brand.

This freeze brand is unique to that horse.

It is found along their crest on the left side of their neck.



ALPHA ANGLE CODE FOR FREEZE MARK INTERPRETATION



Wild Burros

Wild Burros are plentiful in the US as well.

The BLM is responsible for these animals too.

Burros are also available for adoption.



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<https://www.blm.gov/>

We Love Our Mustangs!

