

THE SPANISH MUSTANG FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

MEET THE SPANISH MUSTANG

The true Spanish Mustang is an important symbol of our country's history and profoundly a creature of the western American landscape. Ever since the Spaniards first brought horses to this Continent in the 17th Century, Spanish Mustangs have naturalized in Mexico and throughout the western United States. Considered the finest horse in the known world at the time of the conquest of the New World, this ancient breed with a background of Jennets and Barbs, left a legacy in its tough, beautiful, hardy descendants that endures to this day. It is a very strong, intelligent and personable horse; versatile and well-equipped to compete in varied fields; and with an innate ability to travel long distances without undue stress.

Around 1600, the Native Americans, until then horseless, discovered the Spanish horses and made them their own. These horses completely revolutionized their way of life, and for 500 years were the prized horses of the Americas, used by the Pony Express and the early American cowboys. Only the hardiest of the breed survived the long, arduous journey to the Americas. Nearly a third of the horses died aboard ships from lack of available drinking water, and their confinement in slings to keep them still during the voyage.

The Spanish Mustangs are not the same horses under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM feral horses have been inbred over time with Morgans, Saddlebreds, Thoroughbreds and Percherons. They do not represent the true Spanish Mustang, preserved by the Brislawn family and other breeders since the 1900s.

On the brink of extinction in the early part of this century, their salvation can be attributed primarily to Ferdinand L. Brislawn and his brother Robert E. Brislawn of Oshoto, Wyoming, who founded the Spanish Mustang Registry, Inc. in 1957. The Brislawn family continue to breed foundation bloodlines in a natural range setting and invite you to visit these wonderful horses at their Cayuse Ranch www.cayuseranch.com

The Spanish Mustang, however, is not out of danger. It has been identified as a critical breed in accordance with the American Livestock Breed Conservancy, which means that there are fewer than 200 annual North American registrations and an estimated fewer than 2000 global population.

“Saving the Spanish Mustang means saving a part of our national heritage”

Emmett Brislawn



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to educate the public about the Spanish Mustang and the need to protect and perpetuate the breed. By expanding awareness of this horse's history through educational activities and preservation practices, we hope to secure its legacy in America.

OUR GOALS

- **Equine Youth Programs**
- **Presentations and exhibits in museums and schools**
- **Production of an educational documentary**



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A warm welcome to...



Muriel Fariello,
our new Vice President!



Yvonne Smith,
our new Executive Director!

We are pleased to announce The Spanish Mustang Foundation's first Newsletter. We are off to a great start in bringing awareness of the Spanish Mustang to the public. To acquaint you with our good work over the past year, we have prepared the following information. We hope this will provide a better understanding of The Spanish Mustang Foundation's goals and objectives. All unattributed photos by Sierra Perkins. Articles written by Yvonne Smith.

SPANISH MUSTANGS AND EQUINE POSITIONAL RELEASE

The Spanish Mustang Foundation and Zarna Carter held an Equine Positional Release Clinic May 9-10 at the Little Cayuse Ranch in New Mexico. A number of trainers attended the clinic – Jack Craddock, Ben McVey, Sandy Bosben and long time Spanish Mustang trainer and advocate, Robin Doughman. Doug Lanham, president of the SMF, was in attendance with his wife Julia.

The aim of the Spanish Mustang Foundation (SMF) holding the EPR clinic was two-fold:

- Firstly, to conduct an educational program focusing on non-force equine body work which has helpful applications to behavior, training and re-education of the Spanish Mustang.
- Secondly, to promote public understanding of the Spanish Mustang, highlighting their unique nature and physiology.

As the SMF continues in it's efforts to understand the nuances of this particular breed, the clinic was a successful endeavor in many ways. It enabled both trainers and equestrians to explore the relationship between the nature of these horses and their behavior and specifically the link between health and behavior. There were multiple examples of foot pain, shoulder and back pain and their affects on behavior in the herd and with people.

Zarna Carter works with mare Moki (above) and with gelding Chaco (below).



KARMEI TIMMONS SHOW – ALTERMANN GALLERIES

Incredible artist, Karmel Timmons, launched her first major gallery solo show with a reception August 7th at the Altermann Galleries, 225 Canyon Road. The show featured twenty new pieces, including a new series focusing on the Spanish Mustang. Proceeds from the sale of one of her works in the amount of \$6,300

was donated to the Foundation for the preservation of the Spanish Mustang Breed. Our sincere thanks go to Karmel for her generous gift and to the Altermann Galleries for their interest in the heritage of this horse. Photos on this page by Andrew Neighbor.



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left to right:
Patti Mitchell,
Muriel Fariello,
Barbara Seiler



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left to right:
Karmel Timmons,
James Robinson



→
left to right:
Doug & Julia Lanham,
Karmel Timmons,
Shanna & Richard
Altermann

left to right:
Sharon Eliashar,
Tony Altermann



←
Peggy Glenn-Summitt
Congratulations Peggy on
your purchase of “Three
Amigos”!



The following day, Foundation President Doug Lanham and his charming wife Julia held a special, promotional event, western barbeque at their Santa Fe ranch, which included

a brief program about the Spanish Mustang breed. Riding demonstrations with the horses were given by trainer, Elsa Kloess. The six photos below by Richard Altermann.



Elsa Kloess



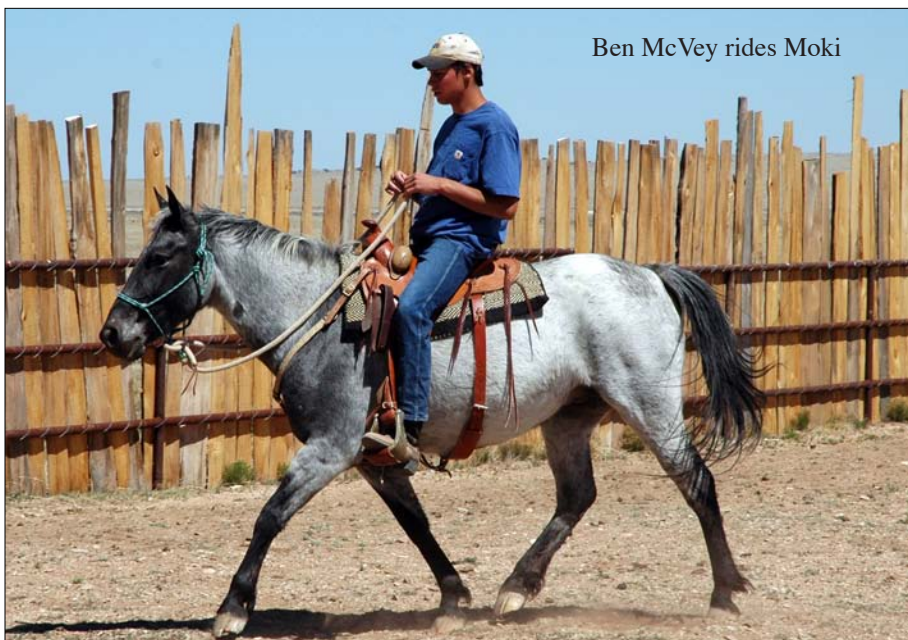
Will Altermann



ARIZONA TRAIL EXPEDITION

A Centaur's Journey – Pam McPhee and Paul Smith came to the Little Cayuse Ranch in June of 2009 to look for riding horses for their Arizona Trail Expedition. These two instructors from Prescott College, guiding eight students, eight horses and two mules, are following the Arizona Trail from the Utah border to Mexico. They felt the Spanish Mustangs would be the perfect horse for their ride in exploring partnership with the horse.

They chose Moki and Crow Feather to take part in this unique ride. Participants will study relational horsemanship, leave-no-trace horsepacking, natural hoof care, local natural history and ecology and the psychology of sustainable choices.



Ben McVey rides Moki



Crow Feather

YOUTH CLINIC WITH ROBIN DOUGHMAN



The Spanish Mustang Foundation and trainer Robin Doughman held their first youth clinic in Lamy on Saturday 26th September. The focus of these clinics is to educate students about the Spanish Mustang's role in history as well as the joys of horsemanship.

Our thanks go to David and PR Marks for their wonderful generosity and hospitality in allowing us to use their beautiful facilities.

Robin uses natural horsemanship, a technique which affords his students

opportunities to build self worth, confidence and patience. At the core of the program is the self-realization and healing power of horses. The curriculum for the clinic focused on the proper use of communication with the rope and the five basic ground work principles that contribute to safety and leadership:

- Leading
- Backing
- Turning the front end
- Disengaging the hind quarters
- Moving the shoulders

Scholarships were awarded to four students –

- Lillawah Andes
- Rhiannon Doughman
- Tovah Strong
- Sofia Bomse



Robin (above) demonstrating with mare Tundra



Sofia Bomse (upper left) working on lunging with mare Sapupe, Tovah Strong (upper right) working on picking up the hoof with mare Nagi Ska, Rhiannon Doughman (lower right) working on bending the head with mare Noe & Lillawah Andes (lower left) working on dropping the head with mare Nahpi.



AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO...



DAVID & PR MARKS for letting us use their facilities for our first clinic!



We would also like to thank our volunteers Sandy Bosben (above) and (right) Elsa Kloess!



The clinic begins in a circle with Robin giving instruction to each student and their horse.



Thank you Robin! The clinic was enjoyed by all!

Robin Doughman gives private and group lessons, and presents clinics on horsemanship that increase safety and promote a deeper understanding of and communication with horses. Call 505.466.1549 or email robindoughman@aol.com

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