

From the Treasurer

Kim Dore

I can't remember a time in my life that I didn't have a horse or pony. My dad brought my first pony home when I was about 2 or 3 years old. It was the start of a lifelong addiction (I currently share 7 horses and 6 burros with my husband and youngest son). I've probably read *Mustang, wild spirit of the west*, by Marguerite Henry at least a million times. When I heard about the adoption program it became a goal for me to adopt one of America's Living Legends. In May 1999 my dreams became a reality. I adopted my first mustang, Johwye at the Springfield, MA. adoption. I was given my first BLM burro in 2000 and ended up buying him a domestic girlfriend(to help overcome his shyness issues) then my youngest son twisted my arm in May 2001 and I adopted 2 more burros from the VT adoption...then 2 more mustangs in August 2001 at the NJ adoptions. In 2007 I adopted another mustang at the Storrs, CT. adoption (thanks to my youngest son again!). I began volunteering with BLM in November 1999, when I brought Johwye to the Equine Affaire in Springfield, MA...the same place the adoption was held just 5 ½ months previously. Johwye and I, along with one of our favorite burros, Swiss Mocha Miss, have made repeat visits to Equine Affaire in MA as well as going to horse shows, county fairs, adoptions and schools to teach others about the adoption program. Since adopting in 1999, I have also provided long and short term boarding at my farm in CT. for complete strangers I've met at the numerous New England adoptions as well as trucking services and mentoring and a little bit of training. Within the last couple of years I have fostered mustangs, provided temporary care for adopted animals that needed to be reassigned, provided overnight security at adoptions and I've also become a volunteer compliance inspector with BLM (After so many years they realized I wasn't going away, so they decided to give me something to do!). I am best known in the New England mustang community as The Enabler. If you're even THINKING of adopting, I'll do almost ANYTHING to make it happen! Our goal in creating USWHBA was to do all we can to make 'just one more' adoption of a wild horse or burro a success. Join us in making a difference in the lives of an American icon.

Hope to meet up with you at the adoptions!

Sincerely,

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