

Welcome from the President

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The USWHBA is open to all of America's wild equine. We have worked primarily with the BLM animals and would love to have other wild breed enthusiasts contribute their knowledge, and become officers, mentors, and trainers of the USWHBA as the specialists on their breeds.

I have been involved in the mustangs since 1989 when I adopted Reno, my first mustang. A woman I used to see out riding, who was just a blur most of the time, was riding a gorgeous black horse with a strange marking on her neck. One day I stopped her and asked about the mark. She told she was a mustang and her name was Twinkles. Several months later I was looking for a new barn, and knocked on a door in our area, that same woman, Lyn Kamer, opened that door, and many more. She had available stalls in the barn, and at the time I was looking to get another horse. We talked about the mustangs and I decided that was what I wanted. I was so excited to train a horse from scratch and not fix the problems that come with other horses. I had already retrained a Standardbred from the track, a runaway Arabian, a bratty Quarter Horse, and an older Tennessee Walker who knew all the tricks, and I was currently working with a yearling Thoroughbred that I was considering buying.

Reno was 5 years old when I adopted her. She was not easy to work with in the beginning. I had a lot of moments when I wondered why I did this, but I was also determined not to give up. That determination paid off in so many ways. Reno taught me a lot about myself, and even more about training horses. We became a team, and still riding her at 25. Because of Reno, we have been steadily making more progress in promoting, training, mentoring, fostering and educating the public about these fantastic animals.

The reason several of us decided to start the USWHBA, was we felt a bigger need to be a "think outside the box" organization. We want to be of assistance for everyone with wild equine and not to be selective; the exception that the animals need to be wild caught, not purpose bred for all of America's wild ones. We have adopted a non-political policy that will be strictly enforced. We have enough to do to promote, train, mentor, attend events, shows, parades, etc. the list is endless, if we are going to show the public the positive results of these wonderful animals.

We have several events already planned and the announcements will be sent out shortly, as well as posted on our Web-site www.uswhba.org. It has been a long hard road to get this organization up and running. Hans Shull our Vice-President, has done an immense amount of work for this organization, and I still have him piled high with work. Hans thank for everything, we couldn't have gotten here as fast as we did without you. Kim Dore our Treasurer or "National Treasure" as I like to call her, or the N-abler, as she is best known, many thanks to you for always going above and beyond. My husband

Mike Yodice our Secretary of the organization, our Web master, site designer, and my biggest supporter.

We are very dedicated to the animals and the organization. We need everyone's help, even a little bit is greatly appreciated, and can go a long way to making a difference helping the animals.

Sincerely,

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