

The Connecticut Horse Council  
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CHC General Notice:

The Connecticut Horse Council is sharing this notice as a courtesy. Please note, CHC has no affiliation with BLM or the horses available for adoption. All questions should be forwarded to the BLM at the address below.

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Press Release

For Immediate Release

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Celebrate Great Outdoors Month on Horseback!

June is Great Outdoors Month, and what better way to enjoy the outdoors than on horseback. New England's parks and recreation areas offer numerous trail riding and equestrian opportunities, and now you can enjoy them on your very own wild horse or burro from America's western rangelands. Coming to the Hilltop Equestrian Center in Somersworth, New Hampshire, June 6 - 8, 2008, more than 70 wild horses and burros will be available for adoption into good, caring homes.

From the White Mountains to Cape Cod, you can take-in the outdoors on your very own adopted wild horse said BLM-ES State Director, Juan Palma. Your willingness to give these sure-footed, hard working animals a good home helps protect the longevity of western ranges while providing you an incredible companion.

The adoption is a competitive bid starting at \$125 for animals less than three-years-old and \$25 for animals three-years-old and over. Animals not adopted during the Saturday morning bid are available for a flat fee on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the remainder of the adoption. In addition, you can take home a buddy animal for only \$25 when you adopt any animal at the full fee of \$125.

Wild horses that have been gentled are used for western riding events, dressage, and trail riding. They are noted for their endurance and intelligence and make great additions to your farm or ranch. Burros are great companion animals and are sometimes used by farmers and ranchers to protect young stock and sheep from wild dogs and coyotes.

While the adoption process is simple and straightforward, anyone considering adopting a wild horse or burro should remember that the animals are wild and require gentling and training, Palma said.

Prospective adopters must have sturdy corrals that are 20 x 20 (or larger), at least 6 feet high for an adult horse and at least 5 feet high for burros and horses younger than 18 months, and have a shelter directly attached to the corral. Adopters must provide a stock-type, step up trailer (ramps or split two-horse type trailers are not allowed). The BLM staff will halter and load animals onto the adopters trailers.

Applications to adopt will be reviewed throughout Friday and Saturday's adoption. For more information on the application process, call 1-866-4MUSTANGS or visit [www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov](http://www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov) to download an application. Potential adopters are asked to call early to be pre-approved and avoid waiting in line.

Location: Hilltop Equestrian Center, 242 Green Street, Somersworth, New Hampshire, 03878

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#### Background:

All animals available for adoption have been examined by a veterinarian, vaccinated, dewormed, and blood-tested. Since the Adopt-A-Wild Horse & Burro Program began in 1973, more than 219,000 animals have been adopted nationwide.

The BLM manages more land “ 258 million surface acres “ than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate throughout the Nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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