

Purpose: The purpose of this event is to increase the adoption of Mustangs to good homes. The goal is to promote adoption through showcasing Mustangs; and as a tool to build life training skills for youth through competition.

Overview: 12 wild Oregon Yearling Mustangs will be delivered to Black Raven Stable in Arlington, WA on April 25. These Mustangs will be as uniform in size, age and color as possible. Mustangs will have current vaccinations, health papers and hooves trimmed. Colts will be gelded. Yearlings will be assigned through a lottery system – contestants may not select their yearling.

Requirements:

1. Applications must be submitted to Tracey Westbury at

3635 Y Road
Bellingham, WA 98226

Or via email at DesperateHorsewife@gmail.com no later than March 27, 2009.

2. All participants must complete and submit a BLM Wild Horse and Burro adoption application with their essay. This does not mean that participants are obligated in any way to adopt the Mustang they are working with, but we must have the application on file.
3. No substitution or replacement of approved individual will be allowed. The individual accepted must be the individual that competes.
4. Any applicant or selected individual may be removed from the selection process or competition at any time if found to have any alleged history of cruelty to animals or humans. Applicants must meet all BLM Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Requirements.
5. Trailer requirements. **TRAILER PHOTOS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.** You must provide transportation from Arlington, WA to your facility. While someone else may transport the animal, all trailers must meet these minimum standards: covered top, sturdy walls/floors, and a smooth interior free from any sharp protrusions; ample head room; removable partitions or compartments to separate animals by sex and size if necessary. Floor covered with a non skid material; and adequate ventilation. The BLM requires stock-type trailers with rear swing gates to transport adopted animals. Drop ramp, divided two-horse trailers, and trucks with stock racks are not acceptable.
6. Facility requirements. **FACILITY PHOTOS SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE BLM APPLICATION.** Facility can consist of a corral/paddock/stall/round pen. Facility must be a minimum of 400 square feet (20 feet by 20 feet) and at least 5 feet high. Facility must be constructed of materials such as poles, pipes, or wood planks (minimum 1.5 inch thickness) without dangerous protrusions. Barbed wire, large-mesh woven, stranded and electric materials are unacceptable for fencing. You should not release the Mustang into a large open area, such as a

- pasture, since you may not be able to recapture the animal for training or to provide veterinary care. However, once the animal is gentled, you may release it into a pasture or similar area. You must provide shelter from inclement weather and temperature extremes for your Mustang. Shelters must be a two-sided structure with a roof, well drained, ventilated and accessible to the Mustang.
7. Mustang training must be humane and compassionate. "Least resistance" techniques are encouraged.
 8. **Participants are responsible for all care related costs from the day the Mustang is picked up.**
 9. Should the Mustang be deemed untrainable, the trainer must notify Tracey Westbury as soon as possible at (*phone number*)

Rules:

1. Fulfill all requirements related to hauling, stable facilities, care and training.
2. Trainer selection will be made based on experience and content of his/her essay.
3. Trainers are responsible for hauling their horse from Arlington, WA to their training facility.
4. Stalls will be provided, as well as, warm up arenas on the show day.
5. Winners will be announced after the competition
 - a. Participants are required to stay with their yearling until the adoption is completed and are asked to work with potential adopters by answering questions honestly and representing the Mustang they trained.
6. Conduct shall be orderly, responsible, sportsmanlike and humane in the treatment of Mustangs, **so** as to promote the implementation of the event and promote fair competition. Any alleged unsportsmanlike or irresponsible conduct or any other form of misconduct, such as illegal, indecent **conduct** or profane **language**, and/or the inhumane treatment of horses are prohibited and shall be grounds for [] disciplinary action against offending individuals. Further, event management may immediately expel offender(s) from the competition or show grounds in order to preserve the decorum of the show.
7. No person shall administer drugs internally or externally to a Mustang, either before or during the competition or adoption, any medication, drug, mechanical device or artificial appliance, which is of such character, **that** could affect its performance or appearance at the event. ***If a Mustang is receiving medication for therapeutic purposes, the trainer must submit a letter from their veterinarian to the event organizer, Tracy Westbury.***
8. Participants will receive all adoption fees in excess of \$125.00 for the adoption of their Mustang.
9. Should youth trainers elect to adopt their mustang, they may do so for a reduced fee of \$25, provided they notify Tracey Westbury no later than July 14, **2009**.
10. YAY Competition will be held on July 25, 2009, at Black Raven Stables in Arlington, WA.