

# CORRAL NEWS



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## A Note from the President

By Kristen Holden

During this pandemic year, we in the Corral have been put in a position to have to reevaluate how we conduct business. This seems to be a common thread throughout the country. Our last official general member meeting was all the way back in March. And although we have conducted board meetings via Zoom, minimal, if any, activity has taken place with the members.

We are now approaching the last few months of the year, which means that some of the board positions are coming up for reelection. A discussion was held during our September board meeting that without member participation during the year, asking people to run for office and vote would be very difficult. Meetings would need to be conducted on a platform such as Zoom and we would need members to run for office and then a majority to vote.

A suggestion was made at the last board meeting that since conducting a reelection would be almost impossible in this current climate, current board members whose offices are up for reelection, extend their office for one additional year. If this is agreed upon, the board positions that would expire December 2021 would also need to be pushed back one year so that not all positions expire in the same year. These changes were agreed on by a majority of the officers, however a By-Laws change would have to be voted on by the Corral members.

Therefore, I will outline the By-Law changes below and ask for a positive vote. A member vote will take place the last week of October

by email. We are asking you to consider these changes and respond by voting once you receive that email. In order for these changes to take place, we will need a quorum.

### PROPOSED CHANGES:

#### ARTICLE X – Management

Section 2: President, Secretary, Trail Boss and Scribe shall serve a three-year term, ending on December 31st of 2021 for this current term. Beginning January 1st of 2022, these four offices will serve a two-year term, ending on December 31st, of odd years.

Vice-President, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Member-At-Large and Activity Director shall serve a three-year term, ending on December 31st of 2022 for this current term. Beginning January 1st of 2023, these four offices will serve a two-year term, ending on December 31st, of even years. (continued)

The screenshot shows the website header with the logo and navigation links: OUR MISSION, ACTIVITIES, ABOUT US, BLOG, RESOURCES, THE HERD, and EMERGENCY. A dark blue banner reads "For More . . . Visit Our Website". Below the banner is a photo of riders on a beach with a quote: "Horses And Life, It's All The Same To Me." - Buck Brannaman. Another quote below it says: "We ain't skinned!" - Rick Bathasar, Past President. At the bottom are five yellow buttons: HOME PAGE, CALENDAR, NEWSLETTERS, MAGAZINES, and FACEBOOK.

# A Note from the President (continued)

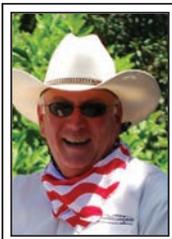
By Kristen Holden

## ARTICLE XII – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or virtual Corral meeting or by email by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting or by newsletter and providing that written notice shall have been given to all members at least ten (10) days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon.

As we have heard so often this year, these are unprecedented times that require a new way of looking at how we live our lives and conduct business. I hope that you will consider these one-time changes and take the time to vote by email.

We hope that things will change for the positive in 2021 and that life can get back to some level of normalcy. Riding with friends, having regular members meetings, enjoying important events like the Fourth of July will all be welcome in our lives once again.



## I Said "Hay" There! - Part 2

By Karen Elizabeth Baril Edited by Rich Gomez

So last month we "talked" about some of the history of hay-style feed. This month, a little more on "21st Century Hay" and what you can do to make sure you're providing the best feed possible to your horse.

Today, hay is the third largest agricultural crop grown in the United States, behind corn and soybeans.

Hay may not be the most glamorous of topics. "But," says Steven Hoffbeck (a history professor at Minnesota State University Moorhead and author of *The Haymakers: A Chronicle of Five Farm Families*) "there is a certain beauty in the commonplace. After the clover has been mowed and the hay harvested, the plant will grow again. There is a time after the mowing when there seems to be nothing there---but the roots are growing deep and the plant is still alive beneath the surface of the ground. When you can take good care of plants and animals you can take good care of people."

So here are some tips for storing and evaluating your horse's hay...



## Three step hay-storage prep

Before you restock your hayloft, make sure it will keep your bales clean and dry.

- 1. Look for leaks.** Rain and snow that gets into a shed or loft will quickly cause mold to develop. To find holes in the roof or walls, close the doors and turn off the lights on a sunny afternoon, then look for bright beams of light in the dark interior. Patch any you find right away, or at least protect your hay with tarps until the repair can be made.
- 2. Deter rodents.** Use a flashlight to look for droppings, holes chewed in the floors and walls, and other signs that mice or rats might be making a home in your hayloft. Your barn cats, owls or even a resident blacksnake may be able to keep a small rodent population in check, but if the infestation is heavy, consult a professional exterminator. Mice can carry the hantavirus --- which can be deadly to people --- as well as other diseases.
- 3. Prepare the floor.** Your impulse may be to sweep the floor clean before bringing in a new load of hay, but it's better to leave an inch or two of chaff---small bits and pieces of loose hay---under stacked

bales to allow for enough air circulation to dissipate moisture and heat. A thin layer of clean straw will accomplish the same thing. Stacking hay on wooden pallets is another option, but the space underneath is inviting to rodents and other vermin.

### When your hay arrives

Be sure to stack your bales to maximize air circulation. To allow plenty of air to move between your bales, place the bot-tom layer of new hay with the “cut” end down and the twine facing outward on each side. Place the next layer perpendicular to the first, and with each bale rotated so the “twine side” is toward the ceiling. Orient the third layer the same way as you did the first and continue an alternating pattern.

Also place older bales in line to be used first. Nutrients degrade and the chances of molding and spoilage increase the longer hay remains in storage. If you have bales left over from your last shipment, pull them out and place them where they will be used first.

### Quick and easy hay-quality check

#### Do these five tests to evaluate your horse’s hay and screen for harmful bales.

Bad hay is more than unappetizing for your horse. Moldy, dusty or spoiled roughage can trigger respiratory allergies or cause colic in horses. Buying your hay from a reputable

supplier reduces your chances of getting an unacceptable lot, but an occasional bad bale can slip into any shipment.

To screen out potentially harmful hay, give each bale you feed the following five tests. Failing any one means the bale is moldy or otherwise spoiled and needs to go straight to the compost heap.

- 1. The bounce test:** Drop the bale from waist level or higher. Acceptable hay has some spring and bounces when it hits the ground.
- 2. The bend test:** Pick up the bale by the twine. A good bale has some flexibility and sags a bit when you lift it. The degree of sag depends upon how tightly pressed the hay was during baling.
- 3. The “poof” test:** When you release the twine, good-quality hay “poofs” out and expands because of its springiness.
- 4. The color test:** Any shade of green is a hallmark of good hay. Yellow or brown hay is sunburned and, while generally safe, probably has lost nutrients along with the color change. Reject any gray or black colored hay.
- 5. The sniff test:** Take a close-up whiff. Good hay smells sweet and grassy, without the slightest hint of breath-catching mold or dust.





# Wild and (nearly) Free – The Story of the American Mustang By Mike Wallace

In the last installment, I discussed the various Herd Management Areas (HMAs), herd population, and steps that have been implemented to help keep the Mustang living in their nature habitat. This month, I'd like address the subject of BLM (Bureau of Land Management) Long Term Holding facilities and BLM Mustang adoption events and programs that help to provide forever homes for those Mustangs that are available to the general public.



## Long Term Holding Facilities

The BLM currently has several long term holding facilities. These contracted pastures provide a natural free-roaming environment for hundreds of wild horses gathered from overpopulated public rangelands. Each facility provides educational opportunities and offers wild horses for adoption or sale on site. Additionally, BLM has contracted for short-term holding facilities as Mustangs are transported from their original habitat to long term holding. These strategically located short term "stop overs" are there to provide a natural "rest area" for the Mustangs as BLM will not transport the Mustangs for more than ten hours a day. The long term holding facilities are; Deerwood Ranch (4,700 acres), West of Laramie, WY., Mowdy Ranch (3,500 acres) in Southeast Oklahoma, Svaty Ranch (1,700 acres) near Ellsworth, KS., and Wind River Ranch within the boundaries of Wild River Indian Reservation).

## Short term off-range Corral Locations

The BLM maintains a large network of permanent off-range corral adoption and purchase centers to facilitate the placement of wild horses and burros into private care through the Adoption and Sales Programs. Each off-range corral varies in its operating hours and how it conducts an adoption. Some corrals are located within a correctional facility and only conduct periodic public adoption events, while others are open for walk-up visitation during open hours and some are appointment-only.

### Arizona

Florence Wild Horse and Burro Training and Off-Range Corral

### California

Litchfield Wild Horse and Burro Off-Range Corral

Ridgecrest Regional Wild Horse and Burro Corrals

R3C (Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center)

### Colorado

Cañon City Wild Horse Inmate Program

### Idaho

Boise Wild Horse Corrals

### Illinois

Ewing Wild Horse Holding Facility

### Kansas

Hutchinson Correctional Center

### Nebraska

Elm Creek Wild Horse and Burro Corrals  
BLM Adoption Events and Programs

## Nevada

Northern Nevada Correctional Center  
Palomino Valley Wild Horse and Burro Adoption  
Center

## Oklahoma

Pauls Valley Off-Range Corral

## Oregon

Oregon Wild Horse Corral

## Utah

Delta Wild Horse & Burro Corral

## Wyoming

Mantle Adoption and Training Facility  
Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility  
Wyoming Honor Farm



## BLM Adoption Programs, TIP (Trainer Incentive Program), and Public Sales

There are several ways to obtain a BLM Mustang. The BLM will allow the public to adopt an untrained Mustang via scheduled BLM adoption events, by personally visiting a BLM corral, BLM live and on-line auctions, and via Correctional Institution auctions. Each opportunity has its own requirements so I'll list some of them below.

For an untrained Mustang, that is one that has not been previously adopted or trained, the applicant needs to complete an adoption application and meet certain criteria as to the facility that the Mustang will call home. I have included some of those basic requirements as noted on the BLM Wild Horse & Burro website.

### Basic facility requirements are:

- Minimum of 400 sq. feet of corral space per animal, i.e. 20' x 20'

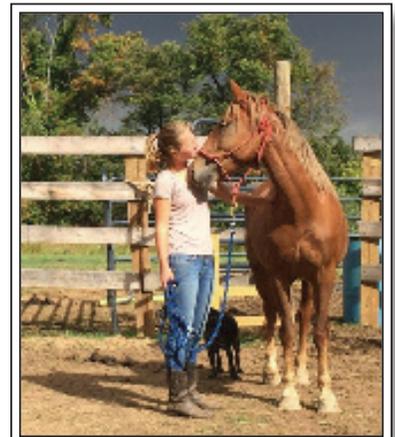
- Suitable materials: pipe panels, wood posts, planks (min. 1.5" thick), horse fence (V Mesh or 2" x 4" square). Barbed wire and electrical materials will not be approved as part of the facility description
- **5-foot-high** facility for yearling or gentled horses of any age
- **6-foot-high** facility for an ungentled horse two years or older
- 4 ½-foot high facility for a burro of any age

Adopters will be required to adhere to the shelter requirements for wild horses and burros based on the state or region (the size and configuration of this shelter will vary by state) in which the animal resides, unless otherwise stipulated by the authorized officer. Here in California that shelter needs at least two sides and a roof and may be constructed of wood, metal, etc.

Also, for untrained Mustangs, the type of horse trailer used for transport must have a swing gate and a covered top. Dividers must be removed or folded back (a three-horse slant would be acceptable) No drop ramp or one-horse trailers may be used. A two-horse trailer may be approved on a case-by-case basis.

Things are different if the Mustang has had some training via the Trainer Incentive Program (T.I.P.) or if it has been in training through one of the correctional institutions in which inmates work with previously untrained Mustangs, in many cases to the extent that they are saddle trained and may have even had some experience with cattle, roping, branding, obstacles, etc. With these Mustangs, the living arrangements and transportation are much like any other domesticated horse.

**Next month**, I will dig deeper into the T.I.P., Correctional Institution programs, and The Mustang Makeover events.





## Halloween Costume Ride

By James M. Iacono

# Come one, Come all, to the Halloween Costume Ride!

It's a Contest, so make sure you break out your most creative garb for you and/or your horse.

Prizes for best adult costume, and best child 13 and under. Come out and have some fun with the whole family, your neighbors, and your neighbor's family!

In this age of Covid, come participate in a socially distanced event that is bound to put some normalcy back into the fun that this Club has come to know over the years!



**HALLOWEEN COSTUME RIDE CONTEST**  
**Date: Oct. 24 Time: 10:00 am**  
**Meet at the O'Neill Park Arena.**  
**All ages welcome.**

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# Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

## ETI - CORRAL 357 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING: August 31, 2020

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) \$ 7,677.40

### DEPOSITS:

Deposits Made After August 2020 Closing: \$ 0.00

Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$ 7,677.40

### EXPENSES:

CK#	Source	Reason	Amount
2211	Tari Schroeder	Newsletter	\$120.00
2212	D Kelly	BD dinner	\$50.00

**Total expenses paid in August 2020:** \$ (170.00)

### UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

CK#	Source	Reason	Amount
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Total Outstanding Checks August - 2020 i.e. Spending: \$ (0.00)

Funds on hand in checking as of 8-31-2020 \$ 7,677.40

Petty Cash on Hand as of 8-31-2020 \$ 400.00

Corral FUNDS On Hand at 8-31-2020 \$ 8,077.40

**NET - NET - NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of: Corral 357 \$ 8,077.40**

### Membership renews due:

Diane Carter expired 8/1/2020

Patti Gretzler expired 6/1/2020

Kristen Holden expired 8/12/2020

Janel Meric expired 6/23/2020

Krista Maus expired 8/10/2020

Renate Soderstrom expired 5/10/2020

Jim and Sue Corley expired 4/1/2020

## 2020 Upcoming Events

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Date	Event	Location	Contact
Oct	1 Thursday Members' Meeting/Nominations CANCELLED	7:00 pm M&C's Sports Grill	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	3 Saturday Acorn Day CANCELLED	10:00-3:00 O'Neill Park	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	8 Thursday Board Meeting	7:00 pm TBD	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	10 Saturday Trail Maintenance CANCELLED	8:00 am O'Neill Park	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	20 Tuesday Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM <a href="mailto:newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com">newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com</a>	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	24 Saturday Costume Trail Ride	10:00 am O'Neill Park Arena	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Nov	5 Thursday Members' Meeting and Election Amendment	7:00 pm M&C's Sports Grill	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	Fri-Sun Pomona Horse Expo	10:00 am	non-club event
	7 Saturday Trail Maintenance	9:00 am O'Neill Park	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
	12 Thursday Board Meeting	7:00 pm TBD	
	20 Friday Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM <a href="mailto:newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com">newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com</a>	
	28 Saturday Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	10:00 am Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Dec	10 Thursday Board Meeting	7:00 pm TBD	
	12 Saturday Christmas Party	5:30 pm TBD	
	20 Sunday Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM <a href="mailto:newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com">newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com</a>	Debbie (949) 244-0670



## No Animal Left Behind

By Debbie Kelly

September was National Preparedness month and I submitted some information that included the then current statistics of the wildfires raging throughout our state. Sadly some of the fires are yet to be 100% contained and several others have started. The loss of property, human life, wildlife, horses and livestock, family pets, and our forests is unimaginable yet we see the devastation every day. And our hearts break. Still, many reading this choose to live in a high risk area such as ours because semi-rural lifestyle is slowly disappearing; through development and in some areas it has been completely wiped out by wildfires. With that choice comes a responsibility to be ready when disaster strikes. Wildfires are not the only threat as we have seen flooding, mudslides, and live in an earthquake prone area. Our emergency plans need to include sheltering in place or evacuating and doing so early. We have witnessed how fast these fires spread, often with little or no time to leave. Preparation and taking steps early could be what saves you, your family, and your pets. It is always good to take pause, evaluate your family plan so valuable time is not lost if evacuation becomes a reality.

Small pets are especially vulnerable. They stay home alone, often for hours at a time and depend on us to keep them safe whenever possible. A few steps before time will make you more confident and give them the best opportunity to survive. We spoke of the horses first in the last article as we all know evacuating horses is the biggest challenge. Human life is always first but may not come with the challenges of safely evacuation horses. When I wrote the Evacuation Plan for Trabuco Canyon it primarily focused on large animals. I did this knowing that if we don't get them out early a greater risk of panic, blocked roads, loose horses, and even human life being lost trying to save them

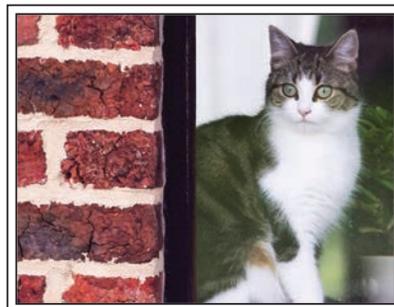
at the last minute could result. After several practice drills and the real deal in 2007, every horse in Trabuco was gone within 24 hours and there were no injuries reported. That plan has expanded since then and under the watchful eye of our Emergency Response Team Rich Gomez, it has morphed into more of a comprehensive community plan.

Dogs and cats are family. They mostly live inside the home with us and need to be integrated into our personal emergency plans. Some tips from the ASPCA and other animal welfare



organizations are abundant on the internet. A few of those are listed here and I encourage you to follow up and create a plan that works best for you, your family, and your pets.

Personally, pet carriers are at the top of my list. Cats, birds, and other small animals need to be contained. Too much risk for escape grabbing them and putting them in the car. You can have containers already prepared with several days of food supply, meds, water and water bowls, leashes, etc. Use duct tape or any adhesive product with your contact information in the event the pet has to be taken to a shelter (I doubt any of us plan to do that, this is just an extra layer of precaution). If your larger dog does not use a crate it is still a good thing to have one and help him get used to being in one.



Other items to include in your pet's evacuation kit are copies of medical records, a pet first aid kit, hand soap and sanitizer, blankets,

toys, and if you have cats then litter, a scoop, and disposable trays such as the aluminum ones we bake with. Don't forget to add waste bags as well.

Make sure your pet's tags are secure on their collar and up to date. Microchipping is always recommended and for dogs and cats your veterinarian can likely provide that service. Keep the pet's data up to date by calling or going to the registry associated with the chip. If your pet is found and the chip is scanned you can be contacted so you can retrieve your fur baby. Make sure you have photos of your pet on your phone or carry a few with you. These could be useful if you are looking for your pet. At sheltering centers after a disaster there are often lost and found boards and lost pets can be posted to local animal shelters.

The ASPCA recommends putting a Rescue Alert Sticker in a window near your door. This alerts others if there is a pet inside or if you leave with your pets and have time you mark it as "Rescued". The stickers can be ordered on their website or may be available in local pet stores.

It is important to talk with family and neighbors and exchange contact information. I recall in the 2007 fire one of our neighbors was at work and would not to be allowed back in. The family dog was still in the yard while we were moving horses out. She was a new neighbor and had recently moved in so no one here knew how to reach her. My daughter did know the previous owners (in fact, it had been their dog and the new family adopted it) so I was able to contact my daughter, get their number, call them, then call the new owner. The neighbor with the dog was able to get her to the owner. We would do that all over again of course but this scenario clearly demonstrates the need to exchange information in advance.

Finally, if you don't have friends or family to stay with research local pet friendly hotels in the area. By the time you actually evacuate you will need somewhere to go with your pet. In 2007 I spent a few days at a hotel close to my job and they waived the pet fee since I was evacuated. I was grateful that one of my friends told me about it. It was also close to the Rancho Viejo Riding Park (then called Blenheim Oaks) where we were sheltering horses and I was able to continue helping there.

A great deal can be learned by experience which I hope no one ever has to go through again. But being prepared and ready to go can certainly contribute to a safe exit for you, your family, your neighbors, and your beloved pets.

You can find more information on our website and on the OC Animal Care website at [ocpetinfo.com](http://ocpetinfo.com).



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- \* Keep your hay elevated & ventilated. Storing your hay on pallets will help keep your hay from getting wet or moldy
- \* Keep your hay/feed room as clean as possible. When your hay runs low it's a great time to move your pallets and sweep out bits of hay or feed that have (or could) become mouse & rodent housing. Remember that rodents are a tasty treat to snakes!
- \* Keep your strings under open hay bales so they can be re-tied up and moved when your new hay is delivered.
- \* Remember to thank your delivery driver

# 2020 Board of Directors

## Saddleback Canyon Riders | ETI Corral 357

Board Members meet monthly (2nd Thursdays); Saddleback Canyon Riders Members are always welcome to attend or host a meeting. RSVP required.

Members Meetings (1st Thursdays) are open to the public.

### ETI Corral 357 Board:

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Established in 1991, we are one of the largest ETI corrals in California with members from South Orange County and points beyond. We are a family-friendly equestrian group based in **Trabuco Canyon** at the foot of the majestic Saddleback Mountains. Our Corral is committed to supporting and helping maintain O'Neill Regional Park and other local riding trails.



**ETI: Equestrian Trails, Incorporated** is a family oriented riding club established as a nonprofit corporation in 1944 with the Charter to be "Dedicated to the Acquisition and Preservation of Trails, Good Horsemanship, and Equine Legislation." With its combined membership, ETI has successfully worked to keep our trails open and add more equestrian facilities. The more members we have backing equine legislation and trail preservation, the more likely the State, County and City Officials will be to comply with our needs.

## Saddleback Canyon Riders

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