

## ADOPTION INFORMATION

### **In order to adopt a gentled horse from the BLM you must meet the following qualifications:**

- Be at least 18 years of age (parents or guardians may adopt a wild horse or burro and allow younger family members to care for the animal.);
- Have no prior conviction for inhumane treatment of animals or for violations of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act;
- Demonstrate that you have adequate feed, water, and facilities to provide humane care for the number of animals requested; and,
- Show that you can provide a home for the adopted animal in the United States.

For more information visit, [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov).

### **When you adopt a gentled Mustang through the Trainer Incentive Program:**

Locate an approved TIP trainer by utilizing the online map and gallery available on Mustang Heritage Foundation's web site, [www.mustangheritagefoundation.org](http://www.mustangheritagefoundation.org).

Locate a suitable gentled TIP mustang that matches your goals and dreams. Be honest and upfront with your chosen TIP trainer about your skills, time availability and intended pursuits.

Have your TIP trainer demonstrate the skills of your potential new mustang. Mustangs are considered gentle when they can be haltered, lead, allow all four feet to be picked up and willingly load in and out of a trailer. Get specific instruction on the techniques used. If you desire additional training not included in the gentling requirements, discuss additional with the TIP trainer and be sure to ask specifics on fees and what you hope to accomplish with continued training.

In order to adopt you must meet all adoption qualifications;  
Complete the three page BLM adoption application available online or from your TIP trainer.

Mail the completed application. Include a brief note stating the name of your TIP trainer and the freeze brand of the mustang. Please retain copies of all paperwork for your records.

After the adoption is confirmed, BLM will send you a Private Maintenance and Care Agreement. Make a copy, sign and return by mail to your originating BLM office, along with your \$125 adoption fee in the form of a check. NO cash will be accepted. Once you have signed and returned the PCMA, make arrangements to pick up your new mustang from your TIP trainer. The TIP trainer will also provide you with a health record for your horse.

After caring for your mustang for one year, from the date of adoption, the BLM will send you a title application. Have the form signed by one of the designated endorsers. There is no fee. Upon receiving the completed application, the BLM will issue the official title to your mustang.