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**TRAINER APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Must provide two phone numbers.  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Drivers License: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Mustang Heritage Foundation annual membership is required in order to train or compete in MHF programs. Please purchase or renew online at <https://mustangheritagefoundation.org/join/>.**

**Contact information provided below will be shared publicly to encourage adopter communication:**

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Questionnaire: **All questions must be completed.** Please feel free to use additional pages if necessary. **MHF may complete a background check on applicants.**

1. How many years have you trained horses/burros? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you ever been accused or convicted of animal or human abuse/neglect/cruelty? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you a professional or have you received compensation for training? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you trained a wild horse or burro received directly from an adoption or BLM facility (not a Mustang or burro that had previous gentling or training)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you have any equine related licenses or certifications? (CHA, Protégé certificate, collegiate level certification, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you currently have any untitled mustangs or burros at your facility, if so, how many?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you compete in horse related events? If so, which disciplines/breeds do you compete in?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you won awards and/or recognition in these disciplines?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you or a family member own the facility where you will be training the Mustang(s) or Burro(s)? Y / N
10. Please submit, using another sheet of paper, a short trainer bio and a short explanation as to why you think we should select you as a trainer for this program.

**I have read and agree with the 2021-2022 Mustang Heritage Foundation Trainer Incentive Program Rules and Regulations and agree to comply.**

**By signing below I am stating that I am aware and in agreement that participation in this event is by invitation only; therefore, the Board of Trustees has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove a contestant from a Mustang Heritage Foundation program and competition for any or no reason at all. I am also stating that all questions above have been answered honestly by the trainer applying for this competition.**

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# MHF AND BLM FACILITY REQUIREMENT FORM

Trainer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail  
address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Interested in training horses or burros? \_\_\_\_\_ How Many: \_\_\_\_\_ Horses \_\_\_\_\_ Burros How many untitled  
horses/burros are at the facility location: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted (untitled): \_\_\_\_\_ TIP: \_\_\_\_\_ EMM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ (SSN, DL and DOB info will be required at pickup if needed)

Question 1: Describe your facility and transportation

- a) **Corral**  
Dimension: Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Height of Corral: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gate Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Gate Width: \_\_\_\_\_  
Materials used in Corral: \_\_\_\_\_ Materials used in Gate: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) **Shelter**  
Dimension: Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Width: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maximum Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum height: \_\_\_\_\_ Gate height: \_\_\_\_\_ Gate width: \_\_\_\_\_  
Materials used in Shelter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attached to corral? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If not attached, how is it accessible: \_\_\_\_\_
- c) **Feed**  
Type of hay or pasture: \_\_\_\_\_ How much per day: \_\_\_\_\_  
Supplemental feed: \_\_\_\_\_
- d) **Water**  
Tank capacity (gallons): \_\_\_\_\_ Automatic water - Y N Source of water: Well \_\_\_ City \_\_\_  
Other: Describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- e) **Trailer**  
Brand name and year (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ Animal capacity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type: Stock \_\_\_\_\_ Slant \_\_\_\_\_ Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
Interior Length \_\_\_\_\_ Interior Width \_\_\_\_\_ Interior height \_\_\_\_\_ Covered with \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of rear doors: \_\_\_\_\_ Ramp Y - N Rear doors: (circle one) Full height, Half height, 3/4 height.  
\*\*\* Horses are normally not loaded into a trailer with a ramp.

Draw a map to location where animals will be kept (from the nearest major highway)

Draw a detailed layout of the corral and shelter where the animals will be kept.

\*Address of facility if different: \_\_\_\_\_  
Direction to facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mustang Heritage Foundation Humane Treatment Policy

Every Mustang and all animals shall, at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Any participant using abusive or excessive training techniques or being inhumane to a Mustang or Burro in his/her care (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and consisting of a panel of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) may be removed from the program and/or all future contests and training programs. If a participant's animal enters the contest or if the trainer/participant at any time presents an animal with questionable training/care related injuries (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and consisting of a panel of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) the participant may be removed from the contest and/or all future contests and training programs.

The following list includes but is not limited to examples of unacceptable behavior and training techniques:

- No mustang or burro appearing to be emaciated, drawn or injured may be exhibited.
- Use of or evidence of inhumane training techniques or methods such as striking animal with objects, excessive spurring and/or excessive jerking of reins.
- Any inhumane treatment that results in wounds.

Additionally, the Mustang Heritage Foundation promotes and encourages the following examples of sound, compassionate, and successful training techniques and handling methods:

- Mustang/Burro and trainer exhibiting solid relationship based on respect and understanding
- A calm and willing partnership between Mustang/Burro and trainer, regardless of the obstacle or environmental challenge during competition or training phases
- Trainer maintains a credible level of dignity for the Mustang/Burro during all phases of training, competition, and repositioning if applicable.
- Trainers are expected to seek and employ methods of horsemanship in order to promote and encourage the positive relationship between Mustang/Burro and trainer.
- Training techniques should demonstrate a strong bond between Mustang/Burro and trainer

Through my signature below, I certify that I have read and understand the Mustang Heritage Foundation Humane Treatment policy, and agree to abide by these principles as a participant in Mustang Heritage Foundation events. I also understand that should a determination be made (as outlined above) that I have violated any part of this policy, I may lose the privilege of competing at MHF-sponsored events, and may also lose the privilege of any future adoptions of Mustangs or Burros.

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Name of Trainer (please print)

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Trainer's Signature

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Date of Signature

## Mustang Heritage Foundation Trainer Incentive Program

The management of America's wild mustangs and burros is a complex process that requires thorough understanding and dedication of those involved. By applying and becoming approved in the Trainer Incentive Program, member acknowledges and understands that he/she represents any mustangs and/or burros in their care, past and present. By participating in the program, a member naturally becomes an ambassador of the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF) and its mission to raise awareness of issues facing wild mustangs and burros and increase placements of mustangs and burros into private care, as well as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

By becoming a trainer in the Trainer Incentive Program (TIP), such member understands that a higher standard of conduct is expected. As such, member understands and agrees that MHF has the right to investigate complaint(s) regarding a member's alleged conduct. Further, such member must cooperate in the investigation and abide by decisions concerning application approval and revocation of membership.

The eligibility of any TIP trainer who is found to be portraying the Trainer Incentive Program, MHF, BLM, or other MHF trainers or adopters negatively may be re-evaluated at any time with or without notice.

Trainers agree and are bound to report any concerns including, but not limited to, those regarding the health and welfare of any mustang or burro under the care of a TIP trainer and complaints against the program, MHF and/or BLM *first and foremost* to the Mustang Heritage Foundation. Trainers agree to refrain from discussing any concerns or complaints with others without first addressing the concern and/or complaint with the Mustang Heritage Foundation.

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Membership as a trainer in the Trainer Incentive Program is a privilege, not a right, subject to continual review of the Mustang Heritage Foundation and/or its Board of Directors. Membership as a trainer may be terminated by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and/or its Board of Director with or without notice.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Trainer Incentive Program Code of Ethics

The members of the Trainer Incentive Program in serving the mission of the Mustang Heritage Foundation and carrying out our role to increase placements of mustangs and burros into private care, recognize the need to do so in a professional manner, and to deal with the public, potential adopters/purchasers and our colleagues with the highest degree of integrity. Therefore, the following creed has been set forth to govern these endeavors and obligations

- To adhere to the professional standards of the Mustang Heritage Foundation and to work to further its mission to raise awareness of issues facing mustangs and burros and increase placements of mustangs and burros into private care.
- To ensure that the welfare of the mustang and burro is paramount and that every mustang and burro shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
- To utilize least resistant and humane training methods when working with mustangs and burros.
- To abide by stringent rules established and enforced by MHF demanding that trainers, owners, exhibitors, show officials and judges are continually responsible for the well-being and humane treatment of any mustang or burro entrusted to their care. These rules include, but are not limited to, prohibited training practices, prohibited surgical procedure, prohibited chemical administration, or prohibited devices that could affect a horse's performance or alter the horse's natural conformation. Such rules further include compliance of all medication policies.
- To conduct all business affairs with integrity, sincerity and accuracy in an open and forthright manner.
- To act with integrity in financial dealings with clients, adopters/purchasers, other professionals and the public.
- To not charge or receive a monetary commission, or other remuneration constituting a commission from both the buyer/adopter of a horse.
- To handle business, operations and communications (including those through social media) in a manner that promotes the positive image of the American mustang and burro, the Mustang Heritage Foundation and the Bureau of Land Management; including but not limited to the Wild Horse & Burro program, BLM staff and others.
- To instill confidence among clients and the public in the Mustang Heritage Foundation and Bureau of Land Management, avoiding any action conducive to discrediting it or membership in the Mustang Heritage Foundation.
- To show respect, courtesy, and decency towards fellow trainers at all times by upholding the highest standards of professional ethics and mutual civility regardless of circumstances.
- To create a supportive culture that builds and maintains a collaborative relationship with all trainers in the Trainer Incentive Program.

By signing this application, I agree to be bound by the rules of application and the Code of Ethics of the Mustang Heritage Foundation Trainer Incentive Program. I understand that in order to participate in this program, I must maintain a continuous individual membership with MHF.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Mustang Heritage Foundation - TIP Program

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Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Ref. Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ref. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known this trainer?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How often do you see this trainer ride or work horses?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you feel that their facilities are suitable for working with a wild horse or burro?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you have any concerns about the animals in the care of this trainer?

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5. Would you recommend this trainer to people with unbroken or difficult horses or burros?

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Personal Comments: (Regarding skill, work ethic, values, etc.)

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