

Bureau of Land Management Adoption Requirements At A Glance:

- Must be 18 years old. Parents or guardians may adopt and allow a younger family member to care for the animal.
- Have no prior conviction for inhumane treatment of animals or for violating the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act.
- Have adequate feed, water and provide humane care for the number of animals requested.
- Provide a home for the animal in the United States until you receive Certificate of Title from the BLM.

What facilities does the BLM require an adopter to provide for a wild horse or burro?

Adopter should provide a minimum of 400 square feet (20 X 20 feet) for each animal and have adequate shelter for the animal to get out of inclement weather. Corrals must be 5 feet high for gentled horses older than 18 months; 6 feet high for ungentled older horses.

Transportation – Adopters must provide transportation for their adopted animal. Trailer must have a covered top, sturdy walls and floors, have a smooth interior, and be free from any sharp protrusions. Trailer must have ample head room and the floor must be covered with a non-skid material. No drop ramps or center dividers are allowed.

For more frequently asked questions, go to: http://www.nv.blm.gov/prison_horses/default.htm
To download a BLM adoption application, go to: <http://wildhorseandburro.blm.gov>, under “Adoption.”

What’s a wild horse and what’s an estray?

A **wild horse**, as defined by federal law, is an unbranded, unclaimed, free-roaming horse found on **public lands** in the United States. A 1971 Congressional Act gave the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Land Management the charge to manage, protect and control wild horses in order to ensure healthy herds and healthy rangelands.

An **estrays** is a horse that lives on **state lands** under the jurisdiction of the State of Nevada Department of Agriculture and is managed through a consortium of agreements with established wildlife protection organizations and the State Department of Corrections and its Silver State Industries program. Most estrays are found in the Virginia City area.

About the Warm Springs Correctional Center program:

The gentling program in Carson City began in October 2000. It is a cooperative effort shared by Silver State Industries (the Nevada Department of Corrections industries program) and the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Originally the program trained only estrays, but through an agreement, inmates now also train BLM wild horses.

For more information on adopting a wild horse or burro, or adopting a prison-trained horse, contact:

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