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Wild Horses Thrive in New Home

(Odessa, Texas – Nov. 14-15). Adopt a wild horse or burro and experience the joy of gaining the trust of a living legend like Karen McGavin and her family have.

Taking home two of the 50 animals the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) placed last year, McGavin and her husband Lee now have a total of three wild horses.

This year, the McGavins are again looking forward to the BLM's wild horse and burro adoption planned for Nov. 14 and 15, at the Ector Co. Coliseum & Exhibition Center, in Odessa, Texas. However, this time they just plan on "looking" at the animals available for adoption. "I'm not even going to take a trailer – I don't want to be tempted," says McGavin.

The McGavins believe they have been very fortunate with their adoption choices. "They are so hardy. Sundance, our first horse, is my husband's favorite – they are best buds. And those little girls we picked up last year are growing up nicely too," says McGavin. "One is just gorgeous and the other makes up for her looks with her personality."

This year the Odessa adoption will feature 20 mares, 10 studs, 10 jacks (male burros), five jennies (female burros) and 50 colts.

The public can preview the animals on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. and again on Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The first competitive bid starts at 10 a.m. on Friday. The minimum bid is \$125 to qualified individuals. All animals must be picked up by noon on Sat. in a pre-approved stock trailer. Bidders must be at least 18 years of age and have no record of animal abuse. In addition, adopters must have specific facilities and can adopt no more than four animals. Applications are available on site. For more information, visit the BLM's web site at: www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov or call toll-free at 1-866-4-Mustangs.

Directions: From Interstate 20, take East Loop 338. Go north to 42nd Street (HWY 191), turn left on 42nd (West) to the coliseum. The Ector County Coliseum is located on the corner of Andrews HWY (HWY 385) and 42nd Street (HWY 191).



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The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for managing the nation's public lands. With the passage of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, the Bureau gained the responsibility to care for wild horses and burros on these lands in harmony with other natural resources. When an over-population of wild horses and burros exists on these public lands, some animals are removed and offered to the general public for adoption.

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