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### **Long Rider Adopts Second Wild Horse to Complete Journey**

Charting a path that covers about 20,000 miles, Gene Glasscock, of the Long Riders Guild, is planning to visit each state capitol in the lower 48 states by horseback to gain support for a scholarship fund for Paraguayans. Visiting 29 state capitols so far, Glasscock's next stop is Oklahoma's state capitol.

Glasscock is the only known person to have ridden from the Artic Circle to the Equator in the 1980s. His latest journey, proving to be a test of endurance, has led to the decision to add gentled wild horses to his pack train. Glasscock sought the qualities – strength, endurance, and healthy feet – of the wild horse to continue his ride through portions of Texas. His growing appreciation for these attributes recently brought him to the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Center in Pauls Valley, Okla. to pick up a second wild horse to help complete his trek.

As Glasscock saddled the wild horse gentled and trained by inmates at the Canon City Correctional Facility he said, "This horse could not be more perfect. The color is good and his size is just right. It is a sweet horse."

Arriving in Okla. last week, Glasscock spent the night in Marietta and was treated to a traditional Oklahoma welcome. With a few short calls, Gwen Wyatt, of the Marietta Chamber of Commerce, arranged to stall Glasscock's horses at Dr. and Mrs. Radde's place, and to get a warm meal courtesy of Denim's Restaurant. The generosity of Oklahomans has continued as Glascock and his horses made their way through Pauls Valley and Purcell, with assistance from the Chicksaw Nation, Drake and Jennings families, McClain County Expo Center and many others.

As Glasscock makes his way through Oklahoma, he welcomes others, especially those riding wild horses (also fondly known as mustangs), to join him for a portion of the ride or just to visit and swap horse stories. Averaging 10 to 15 miles a day, Glasscock anticipates reaching the Oklahoma state capitol on the morning of May 11.

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## 2-2-2-2 Long Rider Seeks Wild Horse to Complete Journey

At age 67, the Texas-born equestrian traveler, set out in September 2002, to recreate the Overland Westerners' amazing equestrian journey. The last time this was attempted was from 1912 to 1915. Today, at age 69, Glasscock is the oldest person known to make a journey of this magnitude.

If you are interested in learning more about this trek across the United States, visit Glasscock's web site at [www.geneglasscock.org](http://www.geneglasscock.org)

You may also wish to visit [www.thelongriderguild.com/nativebreeds](http://www.thelongriderguild.com/nativebreeds) for more information about other Long Riders and their mustangs.

Wild horses – Called Living Legends by Congress – roam our public lands and capture the American spirit like no other animal. Now due to overpopulation, some of these animals are in search of new homes.

To find out how you can adopt one of these magnificent animals, visit the Bureau of Land Management's web site at [www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov](http://www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov) or call toll free at **866.4.Mustangs**.

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 and uses. 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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