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## **Long Rider Comes to Amarillo on a Wild Horse**

**Visit comes one week before wild horses and burros arrive at Golden Horse Training Center looking for homes.**

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 30 state capitols so far, Glasscock will be traveling through Amarillo, TX, June 5, on his way to his next State Capitol in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in mid-June.

Glasscock is the only person known to have ridden from the Artic Circle to the Equator in the 1980s. His latest journey, proving to be a test of endurance, 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. 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."

As Glasscock makes his way through Texas, 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 Amarillo the morning of June 5.

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## 2-2-2-2 Long Rider Comes to Amarillo on A Wild Horse

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, and will be at an Amarillo adoption event June 11 and 12 at the Golden Horse Training Center.

Preview of all animals available for adoption begins Thurs. afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m., then again on Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. The minimum adoption fee is \$125, per animal, to qualified adopters. Individuals are caretakers for the first 12 months and then, after a positive compliance check, they are eligible to apply for title to the animal.

Admission is free. Spectators and adopters are encouraged to stop by early to learn what it takes to adopt a wild horse or burro. To qualify, bidders must be at least 18 years of age, with no record of animal abuse. In addition, adopters must have specific facilities and can adopt no more than four animals. All animals **must be picked up on Saturday by noon** in a covered trailer with solid walls and floors – no drop ram trailers. Applications to adopt are accepted on site.

To find out more about 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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