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## WILD HORSE ORGANIZED ASSISTANCE INC.

A Foundation for the Welfare of  
Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros

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Dear Friends:

The formation of a group known as the National Wild Horse and Burro Forum will hold a special meeting relative to the wild horses and burros on January 17, 1978, in Reno, Nevada.

Elected representatives of the Executive Committee are as follows:

- \* William L. Reavley, Western Executive Director of the National Wildlife Federation, chairman.
- \* Bill Virden, Executive Vice President of San Diego County Humane Society and chairman of the Equine Committee of American Humane Association, representing protection and humane groups.
- \* Roy Young, State Central Committee and member of the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board, representing livestock.
- \* Douglas Reynolds, Horse Specialist with the University of Nevada, representing research and education.
- \* Tom Ballow, Director, Nevada State Department of Agriculture, representing State agencies.
- \* Jan Bedrosian of the Bureau of Land Management, representing Federal agencies.
- \* Dr. Joseph Robertson as a representative at large.

As a humane education organization your input is important. Obviously there are many special interest groups, each with its own ideas as to the management and protection of wild horses and burros. If at all possible, a representative would be appreciated. If not possible please direct written input to Co-chairman, Mr. Bill Virden

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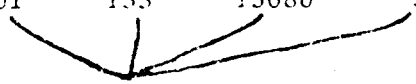
Sincere wishes for happy holidays and a bright New Year.

Cordially,

*Dawn Y. Lappin*  
Dawn Y. Lappin (Mrs.)  
Adoption Director-WHOA!



# TRESPASS ACTIONS - 1977

<u>No. of</u> <u>Counters</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Horses</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Burros</u>	<u>AUMs</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
14	Elko	1144	22	2780	--	356	\$ 2,366.64
22	Winn.	1574	5	--	3	1129	7,652.99
2	Carson	106	--	--	--	68	323.50
17	Ely	3676	5	6000	--	986	6,049.31
14	Las Vegas	329	--	2200	--	277	1,813.27
<u>11</u>	<u>Battle Mtn.</u>	<u>1472</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>2100</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1723</u>	<u>8,162.86</u>
80		7301	135	13080	3	4539	\$26,368.57
						20,519	

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WHOA,

At a time when scientists predict the extinction of many of our wild animals, congratulatory and commending praise does not seem appropriate for an organization like yours which is taking immediate action to preserve and protect the wild Mustangs and Burros of America.

It is appalling and devastating to realize the torture and pain that was afflicted on the Wild Mustangs by greedy men who captured the creatures so they could have money in their pockets. Before the passing of the protection law in 1071, the mustangs were being put under the most grotesque cruelty. Helicopters, planes and mechanical vehicles were just a part of the injustices. After being chased, the mustangs would become exhausted. They were roped and leg tied with rough carelessness. Frightened and bewildered, the horses were dragged onto an already overcrowded truck whose destination was a slaughter house. Through your strong concern, you were able to put an end to this and ensure the safety of the Wild Mustang.

With this outstanding accomplishment completed, your work still continues. Now the grazing lands are becoming dangerously low. This is not only threatening the mustangs but also the other animals which share the land. The adoption plan you have devised is an excellent idea. Not only does it give the mustangs good homes but it will cut down on the number of horses which may have to be destroyed so that the food supply does not become depleted.

WHOA has done a great justice to the Wild Mustangs and Burros and hopefully you will be able to continue your cause of helping and understanding whenever these wild creatures need it. Whatever actions WHOA takes to preserve the beautiful Wild Mustangs, I will be behind your organization 100 percent.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Seder

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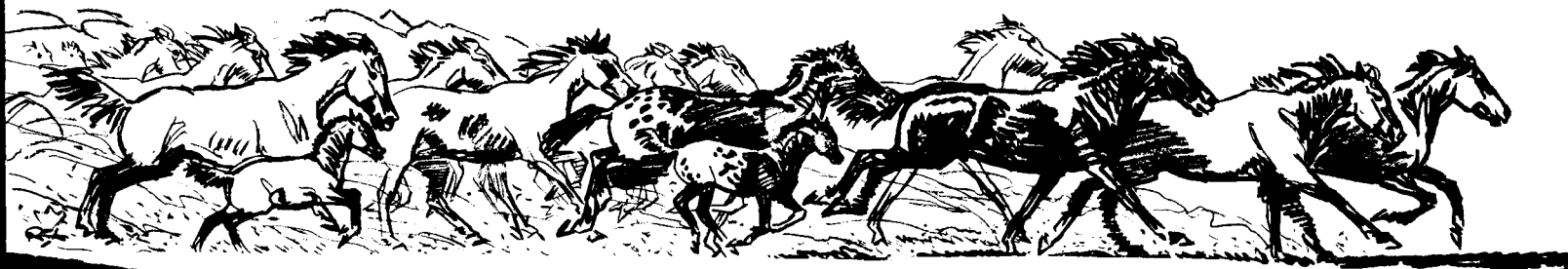
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