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The Mustang Heritage Foundation reached record high placements for wild horses and burros.

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## Mustang Heritage Foundation

### Reaches 10,000 Wild Horse and Burro Placements

THE MUSTANG HERITAGE FOUNDATION (MHF) recently reached 10,000 wild horse and burro adoptions along with sales into private care since the first adoption event in September 2007. This follows a record-breaking year in 2017 when 1,886 animals found homes—a 65% increase over 2016. Over the last six months, MHF has found homes and training

opportunities for over 1,100 animals. To keep up with this momentum, the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse & Burro Program recently awarded MHF with additional funding. The majority of the funding will go to the MHF Trainer Incentive Program, which is responsible for 80% of MHF's animal placements. 📖



## Washington International Horse Show

### Announces 2018 Youth Ambassador and Junior Committee

The Washington International Horse Show (WIHS), one of the most prestigious and entertaining equestrian events in North America, announced that 16-year-old Ana Bertozzi of Leesburg, VA, has been selected as the 2018 Youth Ambassador. WIHS also welcomed 34 local teens attending schools in Virginia, Maryland, and D.C. to serve on the 2018 WIHS Junior Committee. With 34 members, the class of 2018 is the largest junior committee since the program began in 2009. 📖

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Maria Sullivan-Antonioni has been named the first executive director of Strongwater Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center.

## Strongwater Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center

### Announces Inaugural Executive Director

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE Strongwater Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center, a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Premier Accredited Therapeutic Riding Center in Tewksbury, MA, announced the selection of Maria Sullivan-Antonioni as their inaugural executive director. The appointment of an executive director is a significant milestone that will substantially deepen Strongwater Farm's mission to enhance and enrich lives by providing education, physical activity, social opportunities, and emotional support to clients through equine-assisted activities and therapies. Maria comes to Strongwater Farm with more than 15 years of leadership experience in the education, healthcare, charitable funds management, and technology industries. 📖