



Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

March 1, 2022

Adoption Event Name: Okeechobee Wild Horse and Burro Adoption/Sale Event

State: Eastern States (Florida)

District/Field Office: Southeastern States District Office

Adoption Lead: Scarlett Frost

Providing Facility: Ewing Off-Range Corral

CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, Jason Lutterman, and Travis Tolbert

Assessment Dates: February 24-26, 2022

Total Number of CAWP Adoption/Sale Standards: 94

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 81 out of 94 total

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 72/81 = 89%

General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team: The assessment of the Okeechobee Adoption/Sale Event includes the Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program standards for Adoption/Sale Events and, Transportation, and some of the Off-Range Corral standards as referenced in the Adoption Standards. An Adoption/Sale Event Assessment is of the entire event, including the transportation of how the wild horses and burros get to the event.

By the end of the adoption/sale event, the adoption/sale event personnel were already thinking about and discussing how improvements could be made in the future to become compliant with CAWP Standards.

Conditions found to be in non-compliance with the CAWP Standards for Wild Horse and Burro Adoption/Sale Events:

Care of Wild Horses and Burros Received at Satellite Facilities

Standard

3.III.C WH&Bs must be sorted upon arrival at adoption events into pens with animals of appropriate age and temperament such that animals can promptly begin a period of rest, eating, and drinking with limited disturbance.

Non-Compliance: Animals were not sorted upon arrival to the event. One truck load was worked through the chute to have neck tags replaced upon arrival, but the animals were not sorted.

Loading and Unloading Facilities

Standard

2.I.B The side panels of the loading chute must be a minimum of 6 feet high and covered with materials such as plywood or metal without holes that may cause injury.

Non-Compliance: The sides of the loading chute were not fully covered and had gaps that could cause injury.

2.I.C There must be no holes, gaps, or openings, protruding surfaces, or sharp edges present in fence panels or other structures that may allow escape or cause possible injury.

Non-Compliance: During loading wing gates and trailers were not always connected while the trailer gate was being closed, which created a situation where animals may escape.

2.I.E Trailers must be properly aligned with loading and unloading chutes and panels with no gaps between the chute/panel and floor or sides of the trailer creating a situation where a WH&B could injure itself.

Non-Compliance: There were gaps between the loading/unloading chute and the straight-deck trailers that could cause a wild horse or burro to injure itself.

Care of Wild Horses and Burros During Transport Preparation Procedures

Standard

2.II.C WH&Bs being transferred to another off-range corral facility, off-range pasture, eco- sanctuary, or adoption event must be sorted prior to shipping to ensure compatibility and minimize aggressive behavior that may cause injury during transport.

Non-Compliance: Wild horses were not sorted according to sex prior to transport. All compartments of wild horses were mixed with mares and geldings.

Vehicles

Standard

2.III.J Surfaces and floors of trailers must be cleaned of dirt, manure and other organic matter prior to the beginning of a shipping event, and must have non-skid material on the trailer floor, such as, wood shavings, rubber non-skid mats etc.

Non-Compliance: There was no non-skid materials on the trailer floor.

Transport Procedures

Standards

- 2.IV.G** WH&Bs should not be allowed to remain standing on straight-deck and stock trailers while not in transport for a combined period of greater than three (3) hours.

Non-Compliance: Wild horses were standing on the straight-deck trailer for greater than three hours combined.

Receiving Procedures

Standard

- 1.III.B.8** Newly arrived WH&Bs must immediately be provided hay and water upon unloading.

Non-Compliance: Wild horses were not immediately provided hay upon arrival; it was one and a half hours after arrival when feeding of the first wild horses began.

- 1.III.B.10** WH&Bs should be penned with WH&Bs of like age, sex, and temperament.

Non-Compliance: Wild horses were not penned with like sexes.

	Compliant	Partially Compliant	Non-Compliant	N/A
CAWP Trained BLM Staff		✓		
Adoption Event Personnel	✓			
Satellite Facility Design	✓			
Care of WHBs Received at Satellite Facilities		✓		
Euthanasia Procedures at Satellite Facilities	✓			
Carcass Disposal at Satellite Facilities	✓			
Willful Acts of Abuse	✓			
General Handling	✓			
Handling Aids	✓			
Loading and Unloading Facilities		✓		
Care of WHBs During Transport Preparation Procedures		✓		
Vehicles		✓		
Transport Procedures		✓		
Receiving Procedures		✓		

Final CAWP Assessment Rating: Good. 89% of applicable CAWP standards were met.