

# Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover

## Adoption and Competition Rules & Regulations

### OVERVIEW:

100 exceptional 5-6-year-old mares and geldings of mixed color will be available for adoption through the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover Adoption. Adopters will be eligible to compete with their adopted Mustang in the \$100,000 Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover. **This Extreme Mustang Makeover is unique in the fact that it will require interested trainers to adopt the horse they will be showing, therefore there will be no adoption following the competition. The Mustang Heritage Foundation will not reimburse any expenses associated with the care and/or training of this horse.** The following rules will refer to competitors as adopters.

- The Mustang Heritage Foundation, through Superior Productions, is producing an adoption to be televised on RFD-TV on April 24, 2010 at 11:00 AM CST. Interested adopters must submit an Adoption Application to the Mustang Heritage Foundation on or before March 15, 2010. Adoption Applications can be found online at [www.extrememustangmakeover.com](http://www.extrememustangmakeover.com). Upon Adoption Application approval, Superior Productions will contact the approved adopter to provide him/her with a bidder number and a bid line phone number. Approved adopters will bid by phone or in studio during the nationally televised adoption-auction. Bidding will start at \$125.
- Adopters will be required to pick up their Mustang(s) on either May 7<sup>th</sup> or May 8<sup>th</sup> at one of the following BLM facility locations: Canon City, CO; Pauls Valley, OK; Palomino Valley, NV; and Piney Woods, MS. These are the only dates and locations offered for pick up. Directions for each location will be posted at [www.extrememustangmakeover.com](http://www.extrememustangmakeover.com). For shipping purposes, adopters will be required to confirm their location of choice on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Mustangs adopted through the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover Adoption will be eligible for \$100,000 in prize money offered during the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover held August 12-14, 2010 at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center in Fort Worth, Texas. Only horses offered through this adoption will be eligible to compete in the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover and must be shown by the adopter.
- \$100,000 in prize money and awards will be distributed to 20 finalists, with \$50,000 going to the winner.
- This adoption will comply with all BLM adoption and program requirements. Adopters will receive title to their Mustang 12 months following the April 24<sup>th</sup> adoption.
- Competition entry forms will be sent to adopters following the April 24<sup>th</sup> adoption.
- **Adopters will be expected to comply with all BLM adoption requirements which include a 12 month commitment to the care and well being of the adopted Mustang.**

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### **Adoption Regulations:**

1. All interested adopters must complete the Adoption Application and postmark to P. O. Box 979, Georgetown, TX, 78626 or fax dated to 512-869-3229 by March 15, 2010.
2. Interested adopters must provide valid credit card information in order for the Application to be accepted. The card will not be charged and adopters are not required to use this card for payment upon winning the bid and adopting. Adopters will be called on April 24<sup>th</sup> to finalize payment. A 3% service charge will be applied to all credit transactions.
3. Adopters must be 18 years of age or older. BLM and Mustang Heritage Foundation employees and their spouses are not eligible to apply to adopt.
4. Any adopter may be removed from the adoption application process at any time if found to have any alleged history of cruelty to animals or humans. Applicants must meet all BLM Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Requirements.
5. The Mustang Heritage Foundation Board of Trustees may at any time conduct a criminal background check on applicants and remove any applicant from the process for any reason or for no reason.
6. Trailer requirements: Adopters must provide transportation for your Mustang from the BLM facility to your facility. While someone else may transport the animal, all trailers must meet these minimum standards: covered top, sturdy walls/floors, and a smooth interior free from any sharp protrusions; ample head room; removable partitions or compartments to separate animals by size and sex, if necessary; floor covered with a non-skid material; and, adequate ventilation. The BLM requires stock-type trailers with rear swing gates to transport adopted animals. Drop ramp, divided two-horse trailers, and trucks with stock racks are not acceptable.
7. Facility requirements: Facility can consist of a corral/paddock/stall/round pen. Facility must be a minimum of 400 square feet (20 feet x 20 feet) and at least 6 feet high. Facility must be sturdy and constructed of materials such as poles, pipes, or planks (minimum 1.5 inch thickness) without dangerous protrusions. Barbed wire, large-mesh woven, stranded and electric materials are unacceptable for fencing. You should not release the Mustang into a large open area, such as a pasture, since you may not be able to recapture the animal for training or to provide veterinary care. However, once the animal is gentled, you may release it into a pasture or similar area. You must provide shelter from inclement weather and temperature extremes for your Mustang. Shelters must be a two sided structure with a roof, well drained, adequately ventilated, and accessible to the Mustang. The two sides need to block the prevailing winds and need to protect the major part of the bodies of the horse or burro. Tarps are not acceptable.
7. Adopters are responsible for all care related costs.

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### Competition Regulations:

The adopter will be the only person eligible to show the adopted Mustang and compete for prize money during the \$100,000 Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover. No substitution or replacement of approved adopter will be allowed to compete for awards.

From this point on, the adopter will be referred to as the competitor.

1. *Participation in this competition is by invitation only; therefore The Board of Trustees of the Mustang Heritage Foundation has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove an applicant or competitor from a Mustang Heritage Foundation program and/or competition for any reason or for no reason.*
2. Mustang training must be humane and compassionate. “Least resistance” techniques are encouraged.
3. Competitors are required to sign releases so that all photos and filming may be used to promote the event and become the property of the Mustang Heritage Foundation.
4. Conduct: Conduct shall be orderly, responsible, sportsmanlike and **humane in the treatment of Mustangs**, such as to promote the implementation of the event and promote fair competition. This includes, but is not limited to: conduct while adopters have Mustangs in their possession; conduct on the show grounds; conduct while adopters are wearing Extreme Mustang Makeover logo wear off the show grounds; and includes the conduct of individuals traveling with trainers, spectators or event managers and all other person being present on show grounds. Any alleged unsportsmanlike or irresponsible conduct or any other form of misconduct, such as illegal, indecent or profane, and the **inhumane treatment of horses are prohibited** and shall be grounds for the disciplinary action against offending individuals. Further, event management may immediately expel offenders from the competition or show grounds in order to preserve the decorum of the show.
5. Sponsorships: The Mustang Heritage Foundation has entered into corporate sponsorship agreements with a variety of companies. The Foundation asks that trainers honor those sponsorships.
  - a. Competitors will be restricted from wearing apparel or equine products during the competition that have logos that are larger than 4 inches wide and 2 inches tall.
  - b. Competitors may not hang banners of any size in the stall area promoting any sponsors.
  - c. Competitors may have brochures or small printed materials available in their stall areas to promote their training business and their sponsors during the event.
6. Upon entry onto the show grounds, competing Mustangs' freeze marks will be verified by a BLM representative to determine the horse's eligibility.

7. Upon entry onto the show grounds, competing Mustangs will be examined by a veterinarian or knowledgeable individual with an equine science degree to determine the health and condition of the horse. Should a Mustang be deemed in poor condition by a veterinarian or knowledgeable individual with an equine science degree, that mustang may be excused or uninvited to participate in the competition.
8. Two bags of shavings and one stall will be provided free of charge. Additional shavings will be available for purchase.
9. Arenas will be available for warm up and scheduled practices – (schedule and location of arenas to be announced).
10. Competition will consist of four classes: Basic Riding Class, Trail Class, Mustang Maneuver Class and Cow Work Class. The competition point values for each class will be of equal value. **THE LOWEST CLASS SCORE WILL BE DROPPED.** (See class descriptions below).
11. The top TWENTY (20) high scoring competitors will participate in a freestyle finals performance to determine the champion.

### **Competition Rules:**

1. Mustangs may be exhibited in English, Western or other appropriate equine styles and equipment. Exhibitors are asked to wear appropriate attire and head gear, which reflects the style of their riding. *Silver on your saddles or sequins on your shirts will not earn you any extra points.*
2. Any bit or equipment determined severe by the judges will not be allowed. Tie downs and mechanical hackamores are strongly discouraged. Judges may deduct points for what they feel is use of discouraged or severe equipment.
3. Mustangs may be shown with two hands if showing in snaffle or bosal.
4. Training aides will not be restricted, although trainers should realize that horses shown without the use of training aides will be scored higher than those that use training aides.
5. In case of ties a tiebreaker judge will be used to determine the top 20 finalists. The tie breaker judge will be appointed prior to the start of the event.
6. Drugs: No person shall administer drugs internally or externally to a Mustang, either before or during the Extreme Mustang Makeover competition or adoption, any medication, drug mechanical device or artificial appliance, which is of such character as, could affect it performance or appearance at the event. ***If a Mustang is receiving medication for therapeutic purposes, the trainer must submit a letter from their veterinarian to the***

***Extreme Mustang Makeover event manager as to the reason for medication and the prescribed amount. THE EXTREME MUSTANG MAKEOVER MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DRUG TEST ANY MUSTANG IN THE COMPETITION.***

6. Class Outline:

**50 Points / Mustang Basic Riding Class:** This class is intended to show the horse's ability to move at a working speed with a rider.

Required Elements Include:

- a. Walk, trot and lope on the rail in each direction
- b. Change directions while on the rail
- c. Stop and back

A horse will be given credit for traveling with his head held in a natural position, ears alert and moving at a natural speed for the gait requested. Credit also will be given for making a smooth transition between the gaits, for keeping the correct lead and for maintaining the gait until asked for a change.

**50 Points / Mustang Trail Class:** This class is designed to show a horse's ability and willingness to perform several tasks that might be asked of him during the course of a normal trail ride or work day. The course will be set up in an arena and will include a minimum of 6 realistic and natural obstacles.

Obstacles/required maneuvers may include:

- a. Three gaits (walk, trot and lope or canter) to be performed between obstacles
- b. Opening, passing through and closing a gate
- c. Crossing a bridge
- d. Backing straight and around obstacles
- e. Jumping over obstacle
- f. Trotting or jogging over elevated poles
- g. Quite dismount
- h. Removing the bit from the horses' mouth
- i. Re-bridling horse
- j. Pick up all four feet

A horse will be rewarded with higher credit for performing gaits on the correct lead and with an alert attitude. The course will offer higher point options for greater degrees of difficulty. For example, a rider may choose between two bridges, one that is simple and typical to trail courses, or one that has different elevations for potentially more points. Specific trail obstacles, with options, will be provided to trainers upon entry into the competition. Competitors will be able to "walk through" the course on foot with the judges prior to the class.

**50 points / Mustang Maneuvers Class:**

This class will require competitors to complete a pattern consisting of basic horsemanship maneuvers.

Required maneuvers include:

- a. Walk
- b. Trot

- c. Lope or Canter
- d. Stop
- e. Back
- f. Pivots or turns to right and left
- g. Simple or flying lead changes

Pattern will be provided to competitors upon entry into the competition. Competitors will be able to “walk through” the pattern on foot with the judges prior to the class.

### **50 points / Mustang Cow Work Class**

This class is intended to show the horse’s ability to work cattle. Competitors will have four minutes to complete the following tasks:

1. The competitor will call for a cow
2. The competitor will hold the cow on the prescribed end of the arena for a sufficient amount of time.
3. The competitor will track the cow down the fence, making at least one turn each way on the fence.
4. The competitor will maneuver the cow through designated cones and into a three sided holding pen with a wing.

Competitors will be able to “walk through” the requirements on foot with the judges prior to the class.

### **Finals**

1. The top twenty Mustangs with the highest combined total scores will return for a 4 minute freestyle performance.
2. Competitors will come into the finals with a “clean slate”. Previous scores do not count toward the final placing.
3. Competitors will have 4 minutes prior to their performance to stage or set the arena.
4. Competitors will have 4.5 minutes to perform.
5. Finalists are required to incorporate the following maneuvers into their performance:
  - a. Walk, trot and lope or canter
  - b. Stop and back
  - c. Lope or canter circle to the left or right – then simple or flying lead change and lope or canter circle in the opposite direction.
  - d. Pivot or spin 360 degrees to the right and left.
6. Competitors will receive a 1-10 score (with half points) from each judge for execution of required maneuvers and athletic ability.
7. Competitors will receive a 1-10 score (with half points) from each judge for their overall presentation which includes creativity, music adaptation and use of props.
8. Competitors are encouraged to use music and theatrics during their finals performance. The event planners will provide a sound system and operator for finals music.
9. Competitors must provide their own props and assistance for arena set up.
10. One cow will be available for those finalists requesting one.

## 7. Awards:

By participation in this competition, trainers are eligible to receive prizes through random drawings throughout the weekend.

The Top 20 Finalists are guaranteed over \$100,000 in prize money and awards.

First Place	\$50,000
Second Place	\$15,000
Third	\$10,000
Fourth	\$7,000
Fifth	\$5,000
Sixth	\$2,500
Seventh	\$2,000
Eighth	\$1,500
Ninth	\$1,000
Tenth	\$1,000
11 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Each receive \$500