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*State Horse of NC: Wild Spanish Mustangs in Corolla, North Carolina*

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## NC Horse Industry Facts

- 306,210 Horses in NC
- 53,095 Equine-Owning Households or Operations
- 19,183 Jobs from Equine Industry
- 782 Equine Related Businesses across the State
- 2.1 Million Acreage in Equine Operations
- 5.8 Acres Average per Equine Operation
- \$1.9 Billion Annual Economic Impact to NC
- \$196 Million in State, Federal and Local Taxes Paid
- \$1.4 Billion spent on Equine related Goods and Services

## Work in Progress

- Legislation that allows trail riders access to areas traditionally open to horses and increasing our access to state land
- Working to keep horse farms eligible for agricultural present use value property taxes
- Working to involve youth in equine activities
- Working with NC State University to produce critically needed, highly skilled, veterinarians for NC
- Promoting educational opportunities for horse owners
- Working to address Animal Welfare issues and opposing Animal Rights Activists
- Making sure the laws support horse ownership
- Supporting the growth of equine facilities

## Benefits to our Members

- As a member you will receive our informative newsletter highlighting trail information, grant opportunities, legislative issues, local festivals, shows, and information from local horse clubs and organizations.
- ◆ Gain access to educational opportunities and assistance with gelding, euthanasia, and hardships.
  - ◆ Utilize our membership pool for speakers for local civic clubs, schools, and organizations to promote the horse industry in North Carolina.
  - ◆ You will have a voice in the laws concerning your land, your taxes, your livestock, and your businesses.
  - ◆ Help shape our legislative agenda and work with the NCHC lobbyist.
  - ◆ An opportunity to work with other horse owners to promote the horse industry in North Carolina.
  - ◆ Work with the NCHC Environmental Engineer Trail Specialist trained in trail design and other trail issues.
  - ◆ Benefit from members' expertise from the mountains to the sea. We have sixty people on our board providing statewide information to members in all 100 counties.
  - ◆ Be a part of the largest and most active council in America.

**Want to make a tax deductible donation?**

**Ask us about the NCHC Foundation**

## Who We Are

The North Carolina Horse Council (NCHC) was established in 1972. We are a non-profit organization that puts every dollar received back into supporting and working for our members. We are a volunteer organization that is supported by people just like you with passion and energy. We welcome you to join us and be a part of the largest and most active horse council in America.



## How the NCHC Helps YOU

The NCHC monitors and lobbies for state legislation and regulations which impact horse owners. Examples of some of the laws and rules where the NCHC has helped:

- ◇ The Equine Liability Law
- ◇ Building code exemptions for Barns and Stables
- ◇ Tax benefits for agricultural land
- ◇ Fair taxes for equine workers
- ◇ Land conservation and preservation issues
- ◇ Access to Public land legislation
- \* Promote self regulation of animal care and welfare standards so that outside organizations such as Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) do not control how we maintain or care for our animals.
- \* Assist in times of emergency or disaster providing solutions to the equine community on a statewide basis.
- \* Work very closely with NC colleges and universities. We share information and provide financial support where possible.
- \* Provide grants to youth groups and therapeutic riding centers, trail associations and community education programs.
- \* The NCHC serves as the “411 and the 911” to the horse community. With an established office, we provide information to all callers and assist equine owners with referrals for such problems as finding a veterinarian, farrier, trail information, etc.
- \* The NCHC is strengthening working relationships with state agencies such as the NC Department of Agriculture, NC Farm Bureau, The Grange, Pork Council, Cattlemen’s Association, Poultry Council and other agricultural businesses.
- \* There is power in numbers with a common goal.

## What’s In It For Me?

- \* A discounted rate on a million dollar liability insurance policy to members.
- \* Free drug card for discounts on prescription medicines.
- \* Opportunities to win equine products.
- \* Receive discounts to multiple businesses including:  
*John Deere*  
*Office Max*  
*Sherwin Williams*
- \* Discounted listing on website directories.



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**The NC Horse Council is at work to insure that these trails and others are kept available for horses:**

*Croatan National Forest*

*Pisgah Ranger District*

*Nantahala National Forest*

*Uwharrie National Forest*

*Toecane Ranger District*

*Doughton Park*

*Moses Cone Memorial Park*

*Great Smokey Mountains*

*Cape Hatteras*

*Bladen Lakes*

*Howell Woods Environmental Center*

*Tanglewood Park*

*Latta Plantation Park*

*Lumber Valley*

*Umstead Park*

*Hill Forest*

*Love Valley*

**For more trails go to**

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