

Extreme Cowboy Association Brave Horse



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As the global situation with COVID-19 continues to evolve, we at the Extreme Cowboy Association offer continued prayers for our members to stay safe. We wish you and your family all the best.

Welcome to the Extreme Cowboy Association

The 2020 show season has started! Events for the 2020 season are planned all over the world and we are excited for the year.

This is the latest issue of your monthly newsletter, ***The Brave Horse***.

You will receive it each month electronically around the middle of the month. The Brave Horse will be full of interesting stories, EXCA event results, point standings, human interest stories about EXCA members and Tips and Tales from our founder, Craig Cameron. We encourage you to communicate your suggestions for stories and ideas that will make The Brave Horse fun, better and more informative. The Brave Horse: the best newsletter in the equine world.

Please forward your ideas and suggestions to Tracy Pinson at TLPinson@aol.com

Mustangs head back to Glen Rose, Texas in Extreme Mustang Race at Extreme Cowboy Association World Championship

GEORGETOWN, TEXAS – The Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF) and the Extreme Cowboy Association (EXCA) have come together again to offer a unique mustang only division at the EXCA 2020 World Championship in Glen Rose, Texas, November 3-8, called the Extreme Mustang Race.

The Extreme Mustang Race will challenge mustang competitors and their horses to maneuver through a series of obstacles against the clock, demonstrating both horsemanship and speed. The Top 10 competitors will take home a purse of \$10,000.

Interested competitors must send in completed entry forms and can then adopt or purchase a 3 to 6-year-old mustang mare or gelding from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) corrals or adoption/purchase events between March 1 and June 15, 2020.

Upon successful entry, contestants will gentle and train their mustangs for approximately 140 days in preparation for competition in November for the chance to win \$10,000. The Extreme Mustang Race is limited to 25 entries on a first come first served basis. From the selection deadline on June 15th, competitors will have approximately 45 days to work with their horses before submitting their final entries for the world show with an entry deadline of August 1, 2020.

“We’re thrilled to yet again partner with the Extreme Cowboy Association to offer this unique opportunity to showcase the trainability and usability of mustangs while highlighting the exciting sport of Extreme Cowboy racing!” said Alex Kappert, Executive Director of the Mustang Heritage Foundation. “The Mustang Heritage Foundation is thrilled that many mustang owners have plugged in to competing in the EXCA after getting horses from our Extreme Mustang Makeovers or through the Trainer Incentive Program. Having this outlet for owners to compete has been very beneficial to the mustang community.”

Currently, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) estimates over 88,000 wild horses roam on BLM-managed rangelands in 10 western states, mostly in Nevada, Wyoming and California. As their populations grow, events like the Extreme Mustang Race encourage public education and adoption of these remarkable animals.

“The contestants will compete in 9 different Divisions; Young Guns, ages 7-11; Youth, ages 12-17; Novice; Intermediate, International, Mustang, Non-Pro, Pro and Ride Smart, ages 55 and over,” said Frank Turben of the Extreme Cowboy Association. “The contestants will take on the challenging Extreme Cowboy course consisting of obstacles that will challenge their riding skills and test the partnership with their horses. This contest is the Super Bowl of speed combined with great horsemanship skill to crown the World Champion of Extreme Cowboy Racing.”

For more information about the Extreme Mustang Race visit <https://mustangheritagefoundation.org/extreme-mustang-race/>. The full schedule of the EXCA World Championship, including hotel information and event tickets, can be found online at <https://extremecowboyassociation.com/world-program-2020.htm>.

About the Mustang Heritage Foundation: The primary mission of the Mustang Heritage Foundation is to create and promote programs and activities that provide information and education about wild horses and burros, elevate their image and desirability, provide opportunities to become involved in the wild horse and burro experience and secure adequate numbers of caring homes for excess horses. Working in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management the Mustang Heritage

Foundation works to ensure healthy wild herds and rangelands through the placement of excess animals removed from public lands so future generations can enjoy this distinctive part of our American heritage. As a 501 (C)(3), public, charitable, nonprofit organization, the Mustang Heritage Foundation works to identify and develop sources of private financial funding to further support the mission of the Foundation. For more information visit mustangheritagefoundation.org.

About the Extreme Cowboy Association: The Extreme Cowboy Association (EXCA) is the original and only recognized association for the sport of Extreme Cowboy Racing. The Extreme Cowboy Race was originated by the first “Original Cowboy,” Craig Cameron. Craig has achieved national recognition and prominence as a true cowboy and is known as the “Cowboy’s Clinician,” being one of the finest horsemen in the United States.

The EXCA has been specifically designed to invite riders of all levels to participate and enjoy the Extreme Cowboy Challenge. The EXCA has developed the official competitive structure for all EXCA members in regions across the United States, Canada and Europe. Each region will offer local and Regional Championship competitions that lead to the EXCA World Championship competition.

About the Bureau of Land Management:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) removes wild horses and burros from public lands to ensure a healthy balance of land and animals. Since 1971, the BLM has placed more than 255,000 wild horses and burros into good homes nationwide. Partnerships, like the Mustang Heritage Foundation, provide the BLM with additional opportunities to place animals into good homes. Interested applicants can attend BLM offsite adoption/sales event, visit a BLM Off-Range Corral, or participate in an Internet adoption/sales event to apply to take a wild horse or burro home! To learn more about the Wild Horse and Burro Program, please call 866-468-7826 or visit BLM.GOV/whb.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$96 billion in sales of goods and services throughout the American economy in fiscal year 2017. These activities supported more than 468,000 jobs.

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"Breaking" Horses

- When do I break my horse?
- How do I break my horse?
- Where do I break my horse?
- What is the best method to break my horse?
- How long will it take to break my horse?

These are common questions that people often ask of me. I understand the term “breaking”, and I use it too. However, I am not really out to “break” the horse. My objective is to educate, communicate, and make a friend of the horse.

When do I start educating the horse? The day he is born would be a good day to start. From the beginning, I want to be a part of my horse’s life. Like the wind, the sky, the sun, the birds, and his Momma I want to be a part of all the things he does not have to be afraid of. As an animal of prey this is an important lesson that I try to teach the horse each day of his life. That lesson is: “I am not going to hurt you.”

Whether the horse is one day, one week, one month, one year, ten years old or older, I am working through the language of a feel. This feel will not only be physical but mental and emotional and as horse people, we need to be aware that we are working with the horse on all three of these levels (Physical, mental, and emotional).

The horse does not come into this world knowing what the human being wants or does not want of him. It is our job as teachers and trainers to make him understand our wants. This is the making of an outstanding horse and a true horseman. It is responsibility and ability.

It is the responsibility of a horseman to be able to communicate with the horse in a way he can understand. This responsibility creates ability in the horse if done correctly. I always say, “Start at the beginning.” Each horse is unique and an individual. Let him tell you where he’s good, where he’s bad, and where he needs help. Get great at reading and listening to your horse. Watch the ears, eyes, tilt of his head, body, position, and expression. Is he licking his lips or blinking his eyes? These are indicators of understanding, confusion, acceptance, nervousness, or relaxation. Like the turn indicators on a car, these signs should tell you which way to go. Let the horse teach and tell you as much as you will ever teach or tell him.

When working with a foal I find he will stay more relaxed if you keep the mare in the same pen or nearby. Make the sessions as stress free as possible. Be natural around your horses. By nature, horses do not like loud noises or fast movements. Handle the foal gently. Your objective would be for the foal to accept your easy touch from head to hoof. At this young stage in the horse’s life remember that you have plenty of time. Everything does not have to be accomplished in one session. Find the time to make many short sessions. The foal will quickly accept your presence, your touch, the halter, soft ropes, and even the saddle pad. He will learn to learn and learn to give. If you are a good teacher, the foal (or any horse) will not dread your coming but look forward to it. Don’t be surprised when they meet you at the gate with curious minds and friendly eyes. Remember, teaching is the art of communication.

Your Friend,

Craig Cameron Ride Smart Horsemanship You Tube Channel

Through the media of You Tube, Craig Cameron and the Ride Smart Horsemanship Series features all aspects of horsemanship, the cowboy tradition, and the American way. We put a lot of thought, work and effort to bring you originality, entertainment and education in each and every show. We are working hard to give you the type of instruction that you can use on a daily basis, whether you're a beginner, intermediate, advanced or professional horseman.

We have more fun and more horsemanship coming to you down the line on our YouTube channel. Be sure to subscribe and never miss a show!

<https://m.youtube.com/c/CraigCameronRideSmartHorsemanship>

We thank you for your input, emails, and continued support.

Ride like a champion!

Craig Cameron

Important!!! Club Organizers, Please Note!

Club organizers, please make sure you submit your 2020 events on the EXCA website! https://extremecowboyassociation.com/event_application.htm

Also, make sure your 2020 club membership is paid before you enter events for the new year! The link is: <https://www.extremecowboyraces.com/product5.html>



EXCA Clubs: Please submit news from your region!

We are asking that all clubs submit results, pictures and any news from



EXCA Dues

Make sure your dues are paid so that all points earned at the races count toward qualifying for the World Finals! Please check your membership card for the

your region so we can share with the expiration date.
EXCA membership. Please send them
to Tracy Pinson at TLPinson@aol.com.

2020 EXCA Events

For details, contact information and event flyers, please check the EXCA website at www.extremecowboyassociation.com.

3/28-29/20 - Downunder Extreme Cowboys Australian Nationals, Mt Rowan Equestrian Centre, Ballarat, VI

3/28/20 – KenInTen March Race, Rick Carey Farm, Cave City, KY

4/4/20 - SOCA South Carolina State Championship, Green River Farms, Gaffney, SC

4/4/20 - Dixie Outlaws Cowboy Classic, Foothills Arena, Clarksville, AR

4/11/20 – Arizona Desert Racers, Miller Ranch, Scottsdale, AZ

4/12/20 – High Country EXCA, Winter is Coming, Yarck Rec Reserve, Yarck, VI

4/12-13/20 – Sweden EXCA Riders, Okna Ranch, Tysberga, SE

4/12/20 – Xtreme Wild Rose, Wild Rose Arena, Eckville, AB

4/18-19/20 – El Paso Sheriffs Posse, Sunlandpark, NM

4/18-19/20 – Free Rein Foundation Extreme Cowboy Race, Ellis Street, Huntington Beach, CA

4/18/20 – SMS Ranch Xtreme Cowboy Spring Fling, SMS Ranch, Beaver County, AB

4/18/20 – WGQHA Extreme Cowboys Jackpot, Cannibal Creek Reserve, Garfield, VI

4/19/20 – Belgian Extreme Cowboy Assoc., Cannibal Creek Reserve, Garfield, VI

4/19/20 – EXCA of Western Europe Summerchallenge, The Golden Quarter, Varsenare, BE

4/19/20 - Extreme Cowboy Alberta, Cochrane AG, Cochrane, AB

4/25/20 – Ultimate Horseman's Challenge, Eagle Ranch, Collins, MO

4/26/20 – O.H.I.O EXCA, Riverland Arena, Navarre, OH

4/26/20 – Ultimate Horseman's Challenge, Eagle Ranch, Collins, MO

5/2/20 - Arizona Desert Racers, Miller Ranch, Scottsdale, AZ

5/2/20 - Shades of Gold Ranch Cowboy Challenge, Shades of Gold Ranch, Leona Valley, CA

5/9/20 - SOCA Alabama State Championship Race, The Canyon, Hodges, AL

5/9-10/20 – El Paso Sheriffs Posse, Sunlandpark, NM

5/10/20 – Extreme Cowboy Alberta, Cochrane AG, Cochrane, AB

5/10/20 – FREXCA, Horse Trail Association, Normandie, FR

5/16/20 - KenInTen May Race, Rick Carey Farm, Cave City, KY

5/16-17/20 – Oklahoma EXCA State Championship, Rolling Stone Stables, Shawnee, OK

5/17/20 – Belgian Extreme Cowboy Association, Equi’Royal, Erezee, BE

5/17/20 – EXCA of Western Europe Summerchallenge, Blue Eyed Stables, Clinge, BE

5/22/20 – Xtreme Wild Rose, Leduc Rodeo Grounds, Leduc, AB

5/30-31/20 - EXCA National Championships Hosted by SOCA (5X Point Race), Celebration Arena, Decatur, AL

5/30-31/20 – EXCA of Western Europe Summerchallenge, Stonehill Ranch, Balen, BE

5/31/20 – El Rodeo Ranch Riders, El Rodeo Equestrian Center, Brea, CA

5/31/20 – SMS Ranch Xtreme Cowboy, SMS Ranch, Tofield, AB

5/31/20 – Sweden EXCA Riders, CM Ranch, Karlsborg, SE

6/12-14/20 – Sweden EXCA Riders, Extreme Summer Challenge, Tiddly River Ranch, Bjorketorp, SE

6/13/20 - SMS Ranch Xtreme Cowboy, Vegreville Agricultural Society, Vegreville, AB

6/13/20 - Shades of Gold Ranch Cowboy Challenge, Shades of Gold Ranch, Leona Valley, CA

6/13/20 – Ultimate Horseman’s Challenge, R Bar B, Topeka, KS

6/14/20 – Belgian Extreme Cowboy Assoc., B & B Quarter House, Moerkerke, BE

6/14/20 – Extreme Cowboy Alberta, Cochrane AG, Cochrane, AB

6/20/20 – KenInTen Kentucky State Championships, Rick Carey Farm, Cave City, KY

6/21/20 - EXCA of Western Europe Summerchallenge, Ter Duinen, Koksijde, BE

6/27/20 - O.H.I.O EXCA, Creek Side Horse Park, Waynesburg, OH

6/27-28/20 - El Paso Sheriffs Posse, Sunlandpark, NM

6/28/20 - El Rodeo Ranch Riders, El Rodeo Equestrian Center, Brea, CA

7/4/20 - FREXCA, Extreme Cowboy Race, Ranch de la Foucaudiere, Basse, Normandie, FR

7/4-5/20 – EXCA of Western Europe Cowboy Classic, EC Ranch, Antwerpen, BE

7/5/20 - SMS Ranch Xtreme Cowboy, SMS Ranch, Tofield, AB

7/6-9/20 – Calgary Stampede Cowboy Up Challenge, Nutrien Western Event Centre, Calgary, AB

7/12/20 – Belgian Extreme Cowboy Assoc., The Valley Ranch, Floree, BE

7/18/20 – Ultimate Horseman’s Challenge, Bates County Fairgrounds, Butler, MO

7/19/20 - EXCA of Western Europe Cowboy Classic, Flaming Star Ranch, Hamont-Achel, BE

7/19/20 - FREXCA, Extreme Cowboy Race, Tequila Ranch, Pays de la Loire, FR

7/25-26/20 - EXCA of Western Europe Summerchallenge Gipsy Horses Rodeo, Westerlo, BE

7/25-26/20 - FREXCA, Extreme Cowboy Race, West Race Association, Pays de la Loire, FR

7/25/20 – Extreme Cowboy Alberta, Cochrane AG, Cochrane, AB

7/26/20 - Extreme Cowboy Alberta, Cochrane AG, Cochrane, AB

7/26/20 - El Rodeo Ranch Riders, El Rodeo Equestrian Center, Brea, CA

8/8/20 - SOCA Georgia State Championship Race , Chicopee Woods Agriculture Center, Gainesville, GA

8/8-9/20 - Belgian Extreme Cowboy Assoc., l'ecurie du cheval de Coeur a reves, Reves, BE

8/15/20 - O.H.I.O EXCA, S bar L Arena, Sugarcreek, OH

8/16/20 – EXCA of Western Europe Summerchallenge Stapelheyde, Brecht, BE

8/22/20 – Extreme Cowboy Alberta Cowboy Classic, Cochrane AG, Cochrane, AB

8/22/20 - KenInTen August Race, Rick Carey Farm, Cave City, KY

8/23/20 - Belgian Extreme Cowboy Assoc., Dave City Ranch, Gendron-Celles, BE

8/29-30/20 – EXCA of Western Europe, Summerchallenge Pony Express, Limburg, BE

8/29-30/20 - Free Rein Foundation Extreme Cowboy Race, Ellis Street, Huntington Beach, CA

8/29-30/20 - SMS Ranch Xtreme Cowboy, SMS Ranch, Beaver County, AB

9/5/20 - Shades of Gold Ranch Cowboy Challenge, Shades of Gold Ranch, Leona Valley, CA

9/5/20 – Extreme Cowboy Alberta Provincial Championship, Cochrane AG, Cochrane, AB

9/12-13/20 – FREXCA French Championship, West Race Association, Pays de la Loire, FR

9/12/20 – Ultimate Horseman's Challenge, Saddle and Sirloin, Kansas City, MO

9/12-13/20 – Australian Extreme Cowgirls True Grit Cowboy Classic, Elmore Equestrian Centre, Elmore, VI

9/13/20 - Ultimate Horseman's Challenge, Saddle and Sirloin, Kansas City, MO

9/19/20 – KenInTen South Central Regional Championship, Rick Carey Farm, Cave City, KY

9/19-20/20 – EXCA of Western Europe Summerchallenge Finals, Ecurie du

Chesnois, Henegouwen, BE

9/20/20 - Belgian Extreme Cowboy Assoc., Llyda Stables, Destelbergen, BE

9/20/20 - SMS Ranch Xtreme Cowboy, SMS Ranch, Beaver County, AB

9/25/20 – Extreme Cowboy Alberta 2020 Finals, Cochrane AG, Cochrane, AB

9/26-27/20 – Oklahoma EXCA Mid Central Championships, Rolling Stone Stables, Shawnee, OK

9/26-27/20 - SOCA Southeastern Regional Championships, Green River Farms, Gaffney, SC

10/3/20 - Shades of Gold EXCA Regional Championship, Shades of Gold Ranch, Leona Valley, CA

10/3/20 – Ultimate Horseman's Challenge, Irvin Ranch, Cleveland, MO

10/4/20 - SMS Ranch Xtreme Cowboy 2020 Finals, SMS Ranch, Beaver County, AB

10/10/20 - SOCA Florida Extreme Cowboy Race, Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

11/3-8/20 - EXCA World Championship, Somervell Expo Center, Glen Rose, TX

2/15/20 - Australian Extreme Cowgirls Club State Championships

Pro Champion – Fiona Milverton on Roosters Lil Trona

Pro Reserve Champion – Fiona Milverton on Duntay Ya Smart

Non Pro Champion – Fiona Milverton on Roosters Lil Trona

Non Pro Reserve Champion – Fiona Milverton on Duntay Ya Smart

Intermediate Champion – Chloe Hayden on Princess

Intermediate Reserve Champion – Sylvie Mullier on Ruf Hick

Ride Smart Champion – Christian Ouin on Hot Little Smarty

Ride Smart Reserve Champion – Paula Rhodes on Chester

Novice Champion – Sylvie Mullier on Ruf Hick

Novice Reserve Champion – Kim Peterson on Hot Little Smarty

Youth Champion – Jorja Milverton on Roosters Lil Trona

Youth Reserve Champion – Charlotte Maywald on Mr Excitabelle

Young Guns Champion – Rylan Fox on Lagoon Rockafella

2/23/20 – EXCA of Western Europe Winterchallenge

Finals

Pro Champion – Kurt Verholle on Little Divini Rooster

Pro Reserve Champion – Mattijs Werbrouck on Diablo

Non Pro Champion – Bram Vandeputte on Flash Me On The Top

Non Pro Reserve Champion – Mattijs Werbrouck on Trigger

Intermediate Champion – Gilles Everaerd on Morning Shine

Intermediate Reserve Champion – Jannik Saey on Shooter

Novice Champion – Mathias De Schepper on SG Peek A Boom Junior

Novice Reserve Champion – Nele Gysels on Gringo

Youth Champion – Kim Dumont on Rumble

Young Guns Champion – Maeva Dierick on Rosie

2/29/20 – EXCA Arizona Desert Racers

Round 1

Pro Champion – Silvia Richardson on Moonshine

Pro Reserve Champion – Brian Bausch on Cruz

Non Pro Champion – James Best on Little Black Skids

Non Pro Reserve Champion – James Best on Honey Miss America

Intermediate Champion – Steve Dyer on Runner

Ride Smart Champion – James Best on Little Black Skids

Ride Smart Reserve Champion – James Best on Honey Miss America

Young Guns Champion – Joshua Richardson on Sunny

Young Guns Reserve Champion – Hannah Bausch on Marx

Round 2

Pro Champion – Brian Bausch on Cruz

Pro Reserve Champion – Silvia Richardson on Moonshine

Non Pro Champion – James Best on Honey Miss America

Non Pro Reserve Champion – James Best on Little Black Skids

Intermediate Champion – Steve Dyer on Runner

Ride Smart Champion – James Best on Honey Miss America

Ride Smart Reserve Champion – James Best on Little Black Skids

3/8/20 – SMS Ranch Extreme Cowboy

Pro Champion – Jennifer Burgoyne on Soul Ridge Taboo Ziva

Intermediate Champion – Leanne Buxton on Badger

Novice Champion – Murray Buxton on Sonita

Novice Reserve Champion - Leanne Buxton on Badger

Young Guns Champion – Brayson McCarty on Georgie Girl – Flicka

3/8/20 – Blue Sky Extreme Cowboys Easter Jackpot

Pro Champion – Samantha Gale on YLS Vivacious

Pro Reserve Champion – John Osboldstone on Vivacious

Non Pro Champion – Rachel Saunders on Caohmin Hank

Non Pro Reserve Champion – Annette Thomas on Jed

Intermediate Champion – Rachel Saunders on Caohmin Hank

Intermediate Reserve Champion – Annette Thomas on Jed

Ride Smart Champion – Annette Thomas on Jed

Ride Smart Reserve Champion – Diane Solomon on RL Special Magic

Novice Champion – Kim Peterson on Hot Little Smarty

Novice Reserve Champion – Kim Peterson on Ruf Hick

Youth Champion – Bridie Peterson on Hot Little Smarty

Youth Reserve Champion – Bridie Peterson on Ruf Hick

3/14/20 - SOCA Florida Extreme Cowboy Race

Round 1

Pro Champion – Holly Roe on Boo Man Choo

Pro Reserve Champion – Bret Lambdin on LEO's Pride

Non Pro Champion – Stephanie Walters on Destiny

Intermediate Champion – Lisa Steinbach on Tuff Struck Gold

Intermediate Reserve Champion – Nelda Hix on Preacher

Ride Smart Champion – Lisa Steinbach on Tuff Struck Gold

Ride Smart Reserve Champion – Joyce Elledge on Graham

Novice Champion – Terri Glonek on I'm Angelina Jolie

Novice Reserve Champion – Nelda Hix on Preacher

Youth Champion – Breanna Bork on Texan At The Ritz

Youth Reserve Champion – Jazzy Durgin on Shadow

Young Guns Champion – Jenna Grijalva on LEO's Pride

Young Guns Reserve Champion – Meredyth Crews on Misty

Round 2

Pro Champion – Holly Roe on Boo Man Choo

Pro Reserve Champion – Bret Lambdin on LEO's Pride

Non Pro Champion – Stephanie Walters on Destiny

Intermediate Champion – Jovie Lawrence

Intermediate Reserve Champion – Nelda Hix on Preacher

Ride Smart Champion – Lisa Steinbach on Tuff Struck Gold

Ride Smart Reserve Champion – Joyce Elledge on Graham

Novice Champion – Jovie Lawrence on Levi

Novice Reserve Champion – Nelda Hix on Preacher

Youth Champion – Breanna Bork on Diego

Youth Reserve Champion – Breanna Bork on Texan At The Ritz

Young Guns Champion – Meredyth Crews on Misty

Young Guns Reserve Champion – Jenna Grijalva on LEO's Pride



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