



**September 15, 2023**

Dear Nye County Commissioners:

I am writing this letter to let you know that Lady Freethinker, an international nonprofit animal protection and media organization, supports the local efforts of animal advocates to protect the wild horses and burros that call your community home.

We applaud the Nye County Commission for passing Resolution No. 2020-08, "A resolution Opposing the BLM's Round-Up of Wild Horses and Burros by Helicopter in Nye County Nevada."

We would support your Commission in passing any other non-binding resolutions that publicly oppose the BLM's use of cruel helicopter roundups — including a resolution in support of the Wild Horse and Burro Protection Act of 2023, which would ban helicopter roundups nationwide.

As an indicator of the inevitable cruelty of these roundups, at least 245 wild horses died across the 20 helicopter-assisted roundups in 2021-2022, including at least 33 who died specifically as a result of injuries sustained as the panicked horses were herded toward or held within the corrals, according to the BLM's own records. These victims included horses who snapped their necks, fractured their legs, and died from "unexpected heart failure," while countless others were separated from their families or were killed for being blind.

We also stand in support of local efforts from your constituents that implore the Commission to acquire and designate land on which wild horses and burros captured during the recent BLM gather in Pahrump, or any future gathers, could lawfully and safely return to their home in your community. We also support any budgetary allocations that would allow the Commission to protect these iconic animals who are part of our national heritage.

The above proposed action is entirely possible, and in fact is a core campaign of the CANA Foundation, a New York-based group that works in part with local communities to rewild landscapes and allow wild horses obtained via BLM adoptions to return to the land in a safe and lawful way that ensures their maximum well-being.



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Finally, we support the Commission's working with local advocates to do whatever is in your power to pass any binding law on stopping helicopter-assisted roundups within your jurisdiction that does not conflict with federal law.

You are welcome to reach out to us should you have any questions or if Lady Freethinker can be a resource in the future.

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