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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: WHOA WINS IN NEW MEXICO COURT OF APPEALS vs NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD (NMLB) & INTERVENORS ATTORNEY DAVID REYNOLDS – Case No. 34,097

Three NM Appellate Court judges have reversed the NM District Court's dismissal regarding the beloved and historic Wild Horses of Placitas 3 to 0 stating:

“Primarily at issue is whether the Association pleaded the facts that, when accepted as true, sufficiently demonstrated that the Placitas horses are legally “wild horses” rather than “livestock” and “estrays”. We conclude that “livestock” does not include undomesticated, unowned animals, including undomesticated and unowned horses; therefore, undomesticated, unowned horses may not be “estrays.” We also conclude that Section 77-18-5(B) requires the Board to DNA test . . . wild horses. We hold that the Association pleaded sufficient facts in its complaint to withstand a motion to dismiss . . .”

This case is built in part on NM Wild Horse Legislation requested by WHOA and carried by the honorable Senator Komadina 2005 through 2007, passed unanimously minus one, in 2007, signed into law by Governor Richardson. Nicely, the Appellate court has upheld this legislation.

This Appellate Court decision has far reaching ramifications for the historic and beloved Wild Horses of Placitas on further round ups, auctions and sale, use of PZP contraception for herd management, DNA testing, and more. Stay tuned.

WHOA would like to thank its many Placitan supporters as this is *their win!* Placitans (85.7% by recent independent poll*) have remained united in this long battle (since ~ 2001) for the Wild Horses of Placitas, most recently in the face of two years of heart wrenching and illegal round ups, holding strong regardless of continued biased, divisive, and inaccurate reporting, by the local paper whose staff have personally participated in these round-ups (as evidenced by police reports).

This is a huge victory for the scenic rural mountain village of Placitas nestled in the foothills of the beautiful Sandia Mountain. This case is now remanded back to the District Court for further proceedings.

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