

KAIMANAWA HERITAGE HORSE WELFARE SOCIETY INC.

Kaimanawa Heritage Horses (KHH) is a non-profit organisation run by a passionate group of volunteers. We are dedicated to the care and welfare of Kaimanawa horses in both domestic and wild environments.

We work closely with the Department of Conservation and other interested groups, like the SPCA, to ensure their welfare, and future.

Prior to each muster we search for suitable homes for as many horses as possible. We have placed hundreds of muster horses over the years.

We actively support our members and their domestic Kaimanawa horses through our Welfare team, Area Reps, magazine, education and Breed Register. We are a member of the NZ Wild Horse Advisory Group and the Australian Brumby Alliance. We also uplift and re-home neglected or abandoned Kaimanawa horses.

Annually we offer a trip into the ranges to see the horses in the wild, hold the Kaimanawa National Show, and in 2013 we introduced the Kaimanawa Heritage Challenges.



OUR GOALS

- Provide support for Kaimanawa horses and their owners.
- Promote humane treatment of all Kaimanawa horses.
- Retain a managed wild population.
- Promote the use of immunocontraception for population management.
- Gain Heritage status for the Kaimanawa horses.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A KAIMANAWA HORSE

Requirements will vary depending on whether you wish to take a wild horse from the muster or an already handled horse.

You will need to be an experienced horse person, be able to provide referees and undergo a home check prior to approval.

Application forms and all information can be downloaded from our website.



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Ngātoro-i-rangi continued on his travels and crossing the desert met a man called Hapekituarangi. He said to the latter, "What brings you to this cold and barren country where there is nothing to eat?" Hapekituarangi looked towards the ranges and said, "My breath is my food."

*So the mountains were called the Kaimanawas
KAI MEANING FOOD AND MANAWA BREATH*

OUR HERITAGE. THEIR FUTURE.

KAIMANAWA - EAT THE WIND

The History

Kaimanawa horses are the wild herds that roam the Kaimanawa Ranges in the Central Plateau of the North Island.

The first wild horses were recorded in the Ranges in 1876. There is a history of Welsh and Exmoor ponies being cross bred with domestic horses. There were escapes and releases of horses from sheep runs in the area and in 1941 horses from the mounted rifle cavalry units at Waiouru were released when a strangles epidemic threatened.

These breeds have combined over the last 150 years to produce the distinctive and recognised breed, a great riding and companion horse, the Kaimanawa.

How Can I Help?

The easiest way is to become a member of the Kaimanawa Heritage Horses society, or to make a donation and support the future of the Kaimanawa horses.

You can also become an owner of a Kaimanawa and help save the life of a mustered horse or a Kaimanawa horse that needs to be uplifted or rehabilitated.

The Muster

At present the Department of Conservation (DoC) allows a population of 300 horses to remain in the wild. Each year a census is undertaken by DoC.

Excess horse bands are removed from selected areas during the muster in late May or early June of every second year.

The horses are mustered by helicopter to yards where the family groups (bands) are separated, and the horses are sorted by age and sex. Horses that are judged to be suitable for re-homing by DoC and veterinarians are placed in suitable homes by Kaimanawa Heritage Horse Welfare Society Inc.

No mustered horses are permitted to be released, so all those un-placed or thought unsuitable for re-homing are sent to slaughter.

Find Out More

Visit our website for more information about the Kaimanawa horses and how you can help.

www.KaimanawaHeritageHorses.org

MEMBERSHIP / DONATION

Become a member today and help us to ensure these beautiful horses have a future.

Complete and post this form to the address on the back page, or do it online at store.KaimanawaHeritageHorses.org

I would like to become a member of the Kaimanawa Heritage Horse Welfare Society Inc.

Name _____

Address _____

PostCode _____ Date of Birth _____

Occupation _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Do you have a Kaimanawa? Yes / No

Registration Numbers if known _____

Membership Fees (Annual)

Individual \$45.00

Family \$60.00

Life \$300.00 (once) NOTE: Life also has a \$30.00 per annum magazine levy.

Optional: I would like to make a donation to KHH for \$ _____

I am interested in applying for a horse from the muster or one that needs re-homing.

Payment

Payment Method: Cheque Enclosed / Bank Deposit

Total Amount: \$ _____

Bank Deposits can be made with your name as reference to Kaimanawa Heritage Horse Welfare Society Inc.

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