

The horse is a universal symbol for freedom. Now the wild horses in the US are about to become extinct because of a corrupt system that allows the cattle owners and the meat industries to take over. Chasing such a strong symbol for freedom because of profitable interest becomes a reminder of how far it is between the dream of freedom how it once looked - and the cynicism that often characterizes man view of nature today.

The wild horses are rounded up by the Bureau of Land Management and after that they spend their life's in small holding facilities. A few of them get adopted but often end up in the wrong hands because they are sold for such a low fee and they sometimes end up getting abused.

I'm taking pictures of the people who are rehabilitating the abused horses and of the people who are fighting for the wild ones to survive.

I spent time in Utah with a Native American women named Ramona Sierra. She works with wild horses and Native American youth. She also works with people who suffers from post traumatic stress. Her work is really important.

I also spent time at a wild horse rescue center in Florida. Diane Delano the funder of the place works with rehabilitating the wild horses that where abused when being adopted. Once they are captured by the Bureau of Land Management it is against the law to let them out in the wild again.

She and her volunteers does amazing work making these horses trust people.

And a few years ago I visited an old cowboy in South Dakota named

Dayton O. Hyde. He had bought a huge piece of land and then he bought 600 wild horses from the Bureau of Land Management to turn it in to a 11,000-acre wild horse sanctuary.

Dayton O. Hyde past away in December 2018, 93 years old. But his work and his legecy lives on.

The last pictures in the PDF file are pictures of these people.