

Velma Johnston: The Woman Who Fought to Save the Mustang



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Velma Johnston was a pioneer in the fight to save the mustang. She dedicated her life to protecting these iconic animals and ensuring their survival for generations to come. Johnston was born in 1912 in Nevada, and she grew up on a ranch where she developed a love of horses. She began working with mustangs in the 1950s, and she quickly became an expert on their behavior and ecology. In 1967, she founded the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros (ISPMB), and she served as its president for many years. Johnston's work helped to raise awareness of the plight of the mustang, and she played a key role in securing federal protection for these animals.

The Importance of the Mustang

Mustangs are a symbol of the American West, and they play an important role in the ecosystem. They are grazers, and they help to keep the

rangelands healthy. They are also a source of food and income for many people. However, mustangs have been facing a number of challenges in recent years. They have been hunted, captured, and sold for slaughter. They have also been displaced from their traditional grazing lands by livestock and development. As a result, the mustang population has declined dramatically.

Johnston's Work

Johnston dedicated her life to saving the mustang. She worked tirelessly to educate the public about the plight of these animals, and she lobbied Congress to pass legislation to protect them. In 1971, she helped to secure the passage of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, which established federal protection for mustangs and burros on public lands. Johnston also worked to establish sanctuaries for mustangs, and she provided food and water for mustangs in need. She also worked to promote the adoption of mustangs into private homes.

Johnston's Legacy

Johnston's work has had a lasting impact on the mustang. She helped to raise awareness of the plight of these animals, and she played a key role in securing federal protection for them. Thanks to her efforts, mustangs are now protected on public lands, and they continue to play an important role in the ecosystem. Johnston's legacy will continue to inspire generations to come to fight for the protection of these iconic animals.

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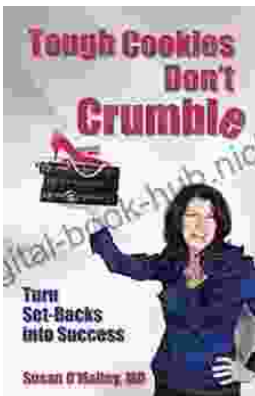


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