

ADVS 3910 Wild Horses Behavior



Figure 1

Two horses grooming each other (figure1). A common interaction between horses within the herd.



Figure 2



Figure 3

Scenic pictures of some of the horses in the herd. The entire group contains about 100+ head of horses which are divided into bands which includes a stallion, mares and offspring. Bands may be as small as a stallion and a mare or a stallion or two with many mares and offspring.



Figure 4



Figure 5

Blackie and Dun stallion fighting (figure 5). We discovered that Blackie was a young stallion being run out of the band by the lead stallion. Blackie was frantic to remain with the band and continued to shadow the band while the Dun stallion chased him off. He eventually buddied up with a loner bachelor stallion and quieted down.

Gray stallion band relaxing with bay mare with graying foal in the foreground (figure 5).



Figure 6

Bachelor stallions (figure 6). These stallions have no band of mares and so they form their own band. They interact and spar with each other while waiting for an opening to take over a band of mares. Typically these stallions are young stallions that have been exiled from their native band or stallions that have lost their mares.



Figure 7

Chestnut stallion pushing his band (figure 7). This chestnut stallion is demonstrating the typical frame taken when the stallion wants his mares and offspring to move. Neck stretched out and head extended