

EST ACTION ALERT

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The Abaco Barb is Extinct

The final Abaco Barb has died. The passing of the Abaco mare Nunkis makes the extinction of the Abaco Barb final. This was a 500 year old breed derived from the Spanish stock brought by the 2nd voyage of Columbus to the Caribbean - the first horses brought back to North America, re-introducing the horse where it had disappeared thousands of years earlier.

While the group Wild Horses of Abaco plans on cloning Nunkis, nothing will bring back the pure breed. The last remaining stallions were gone several years prior, rendering the male lines extinct and sealing the fate of the purebreds at that time. It was hoped that the remaining mares could be bred to related rare breeds and at least preserve components of the Abaco's genetics. However, one by one the remaining mares all succumbed, primarily to pesticide poisoning in their habitat. Only the genes and female tail line of Nunkis remain for cloning with related breeds.

Extinction is forever™

Final Abaco horse passes away - 2015

Posted by FB Wild Horses of Abaco

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we have to tell you, our faithful fans and followers, of Nunkis passing on July 23rd. Nunki was over 20 years old, which is quite remarkable for her. She passed peacefully and painlessly in the loving arms of her caretaker and friend of over 20 years Milanne Rehor (Mimi) and with friends Avener and Dr Bailey at her side. Her over stressed liver finally gave up.