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# PZP FAQ'S

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## #PZPisCommonGround

We hope to equip you with information to help join together.

Below are several myths our Roaming Wild team occasionally encounters across social media outlets.

One of the biggest keys to finding a solution may begin with dispelling inaccurate information. We hope to educate the public as to the safe and effective nature of PZP by beginning to dispel some of the myths below.\*

### Myth #1

PZP can be handed down by horses through the food chain.

**FALSE**

*PZP cannot be handed down through the food chain.*

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### Myth #2

PZP is an irreversible form of fertility control.

**FALSE**

*PZP is not permanent, the contraceptive effects are reversible and it is not sterilization. There are currently 1 year and 2 year doses, and they are working on developing doses that would last for 4 or 5 years.*

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### Myth #3

PZP harms or disrupts the horse.

**FALSE**

*The dart that administers the PZP feels much like a bee-sting. Additionally, while previously horses had to be rounded-up with a helicopter to administer PZP (which can be more disruptive than the PZP itself), using minimally invasive methods like remote darting are a much more humane option.*

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### Myth #4

PZP shortens a horse's lifespan.

**FALSE**

*Research actually shows comparable or better body condition in females that receive PZP as those females that continue to have offspring. Often, this improved condition even leads to longer lifespan for the female.\*\**

\*All FAQ information taken from "America's Wild Horses: Managing for the Future," 2010, The Humane Society of the United States.

\*\*On Assateague Island, a number of PZP-treated mares have approached or passed 30 years old, which is about two times the expected lifespan of wild horse mares. (HSUS article March 4, 2013. "Is PZP Safe? Immunocontraceptive Vaccines and Their Regulation")