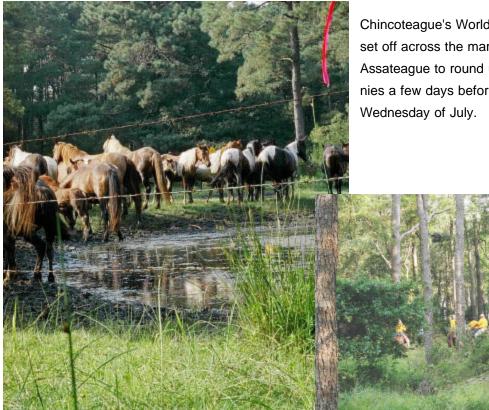
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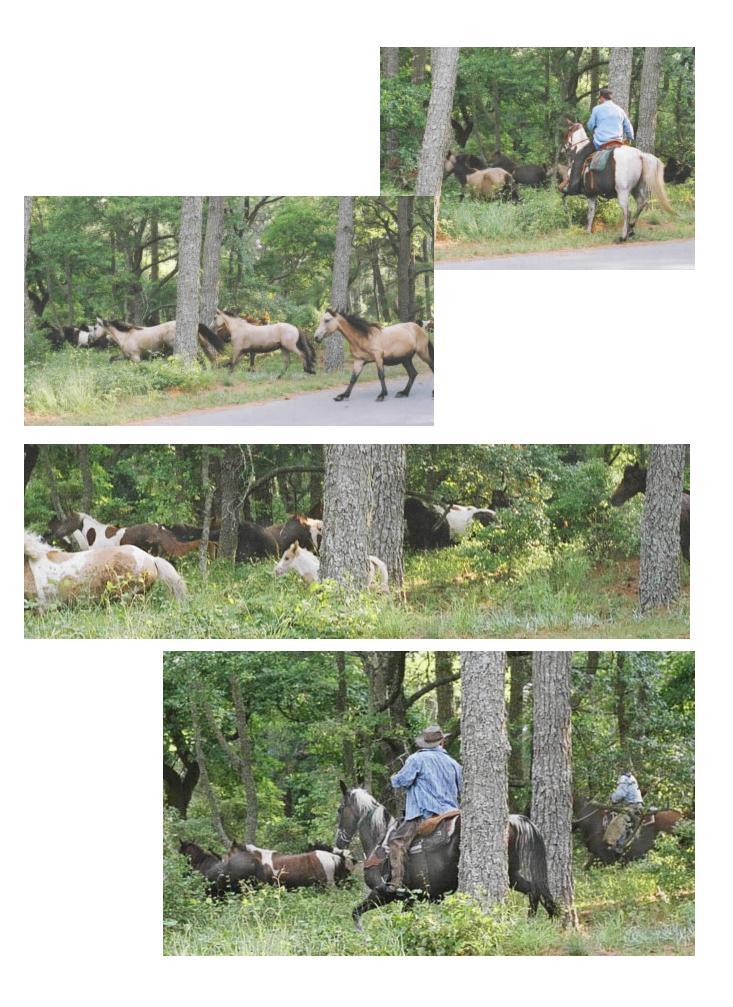
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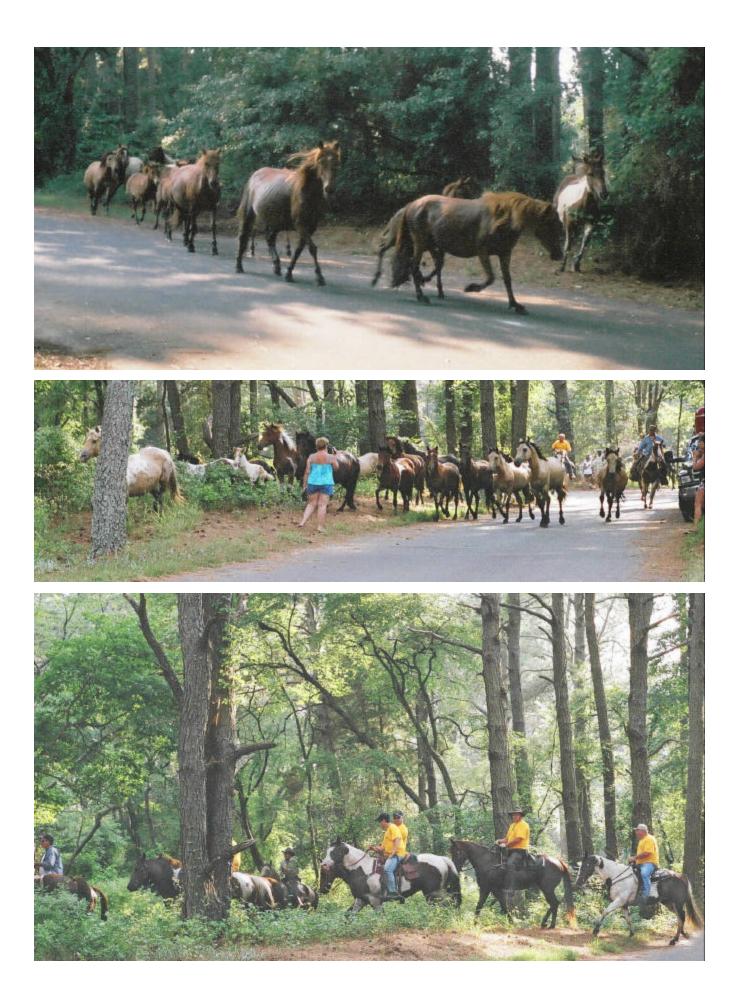
Chincoteague's World Famous Salt Water Cowboys set off across the marsh and through the woods of Assateague to round up the semi-wild herds of ponies a few days before the swim on the last Wednesday of July.

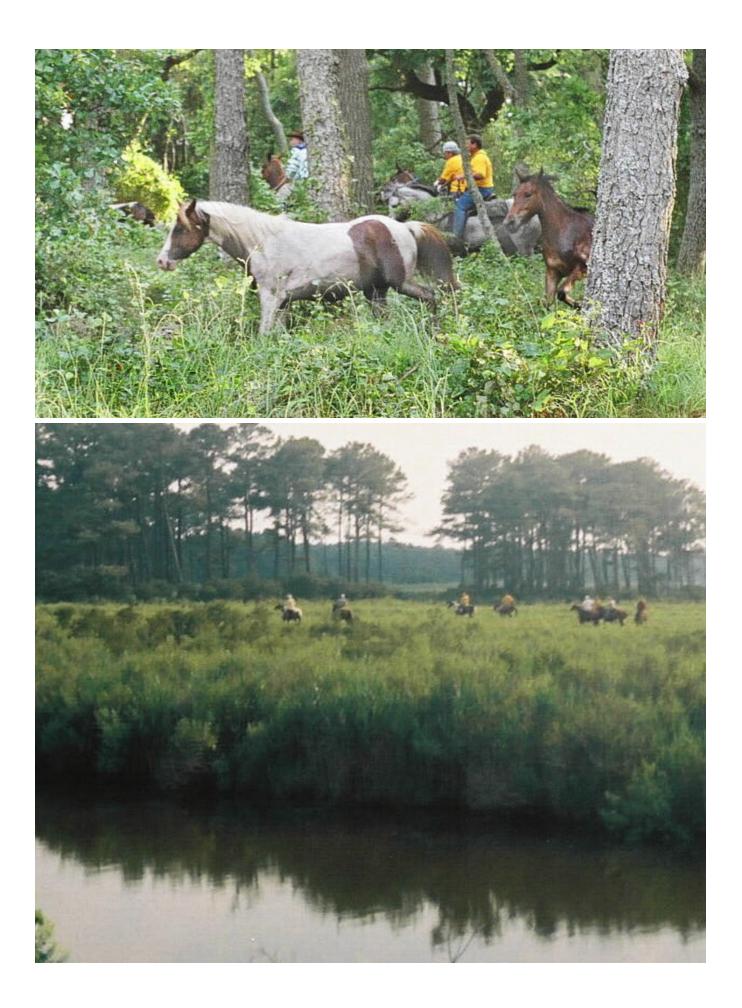




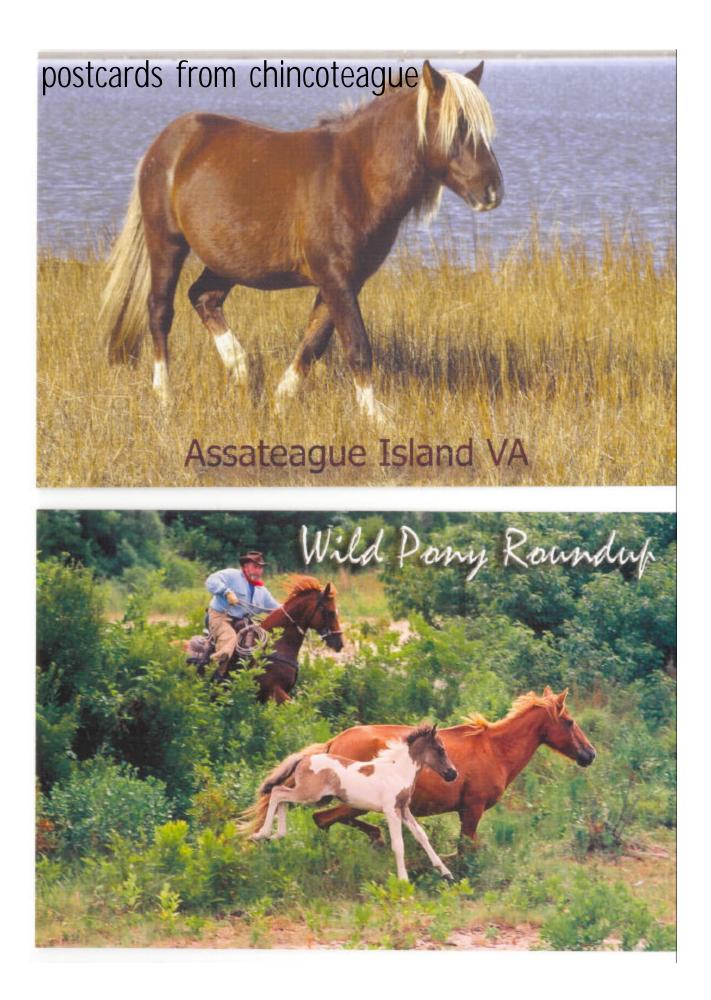
In the back of the top group is the White Horse, looking exactly the same at it appeared in my photos from 1972...and numerous postcards. There are no greys on the island, only dun, bay, chestnut, palomino and pinto versions of those basic colors (and the odd dusty black). This is a true white horse with blue eyes, not albino. Likely this is a relative of the one I originally photographed, as that one would be ancient in horse terms.



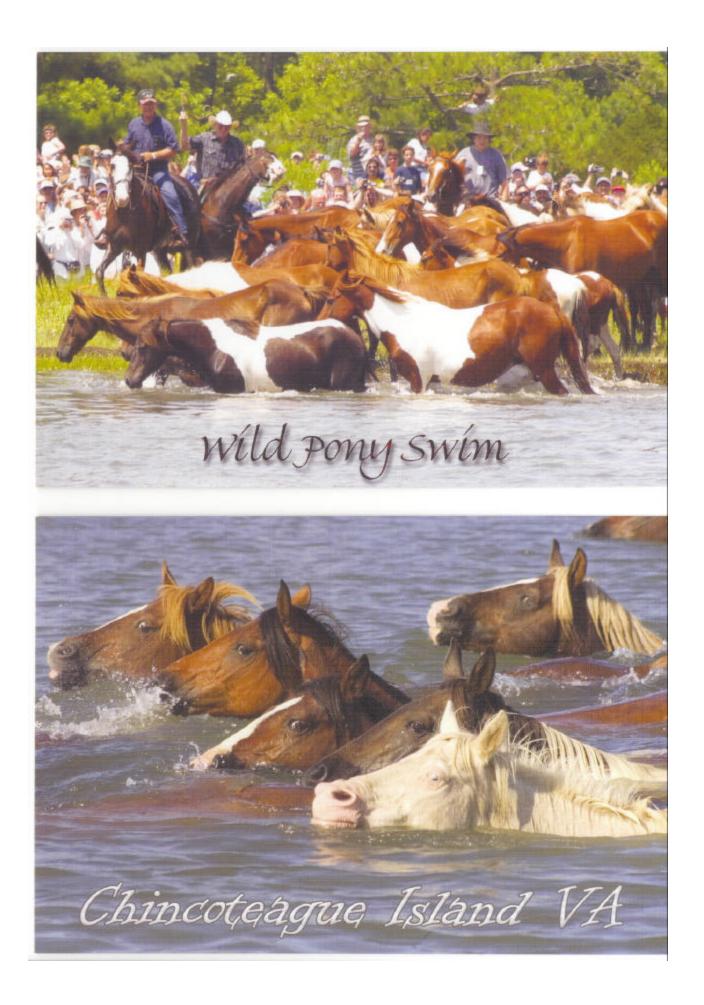


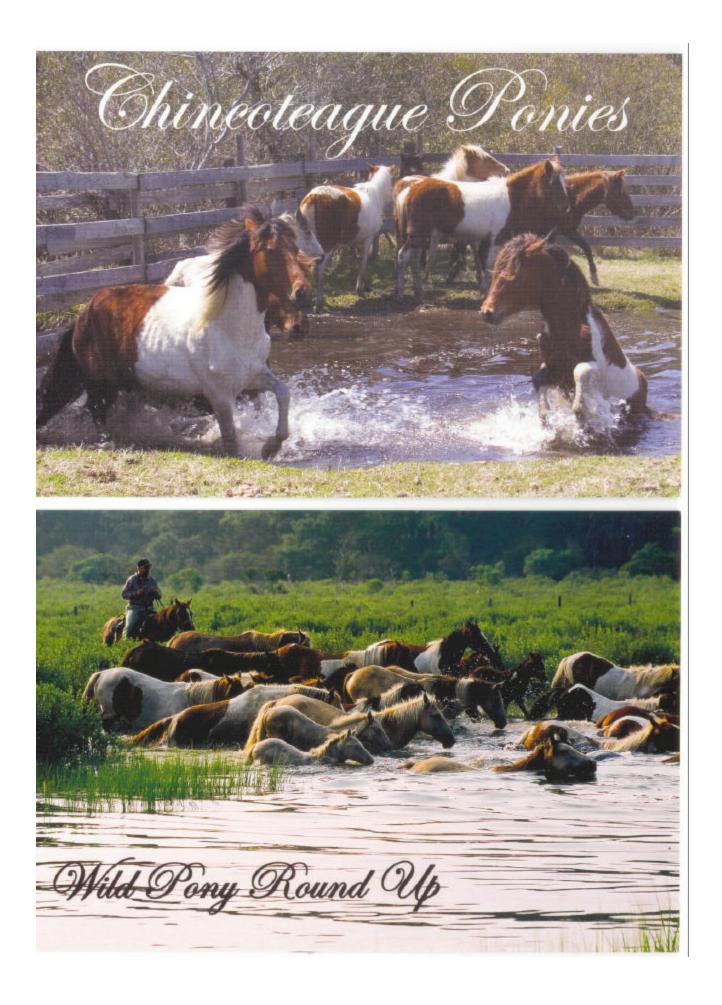














One of the pony postcards from Chincoteague: a medicine hat foal. Medicine hats can have chest or flank markings as well but are mostly white. This one has blue eyes like many Chinc ponies.