

## Blue, Ben and Hombre

I asked Gail to take this photo.

At the time, Ben was leading the team toward me to ask a question.

The scene struck me as being delightfully like pictures from a century ago.

The picture of a young horseman preparing a team for work.

Ben helps me a day or two each week. He is a good horse handler.

Ben has done much of the work in training Hombre to ride and drive.

The horses are mustangs. We bought Blue as a yearling colt about 11 years ago.

You may recall that we bought Hombre in 2014. Hombre too was a yearling when we bought him.

We purchase these wild horses from the BLM (Bureau of Land Management).

Hombre was clearly a "long" yearling. Probably very close to a two year old.

By tradition and common agreement, all horse birthdays are January 1.

That means one yearling can be almost a year older than another. The older horse, the near two year old, would be a long yearling.

Although Hombre is technically a three year old, he is relatively large, relatively mature and probably four.

Hombre is a strikingly beautiful palomino. Both of these mustangs have exceptional courage, intelligence, and dignity.

Ben is teaming them so that Blue, who is now our best pulling horse, can train Hombre.

We participate in the training of course, but animals learn best from their peers.

Tom

