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Pony Penning 2013

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The annual Pony Swim and Auction returns to Chincoteague Island for its 88th running. The auction benefits the island's fire company. JAY DIEM PHOTO

Painting ponies to appear at centre

CHINCOTEAGUE — For the past five years, the Assateague Island-born pony, Chincoteague Minnow, and his owner, Kyley DiLuigi, have returned to the island during Pony Penning Week so Minnow could showcase some of his amazing talents at the Chincoteague Pony Centre.

Making the trip from their home in Downingtown, Pa., this year is no exception as Minnow, armed with his paintbrush, will be painting away during the daily Pony Shows at the centre.

One of Minnow's original paintings will be auctioned off during each performance, with a portion of the money going toward animal rescue groups.

Minnow is celebrating his 20th birthday this year, and to help him celebrate, he will bring along one of his brethren Chincoteague ponies, Chesapeake Boomerang.

Boomer is the grandson of the famous Assateague stallion Surfer Dude. This year marks Boomer's first performance at the Pony Centre, and he will show off some new tricks during the daily Pony Shows.

These talented Chincoteague ponies have made appearances at schools, expos and fairs, and Minnow has appeared on Animal Planet. The ponies have sold hundreds of paintings all over the world through their website, www.PaintingPony.com.