

Let's learn all about



HORSES

- Horses have a life expectancy of 25-30 years.
- The average horse's heart weighs approximately 8-9 pounds. The largest heart was 22 pounds (Secretariat – 1973 Triple Crown Winner).
- The horse's hoof is like a fingernail, it grows continuously.
- Because horse's eyes are on the side of their head they are capable of seeing nearly 360 degrees at one time.
- A horse drinks approximately 10 gallons of water per day.

VOCABULARY

Stallion – A male equine who is able to reproduce.

Mare – A female equine who has given birth.

Foal – An equine less than one year old.

Gelding – A male equine that has been neutered.

Filly – A female equine under 4 years old.

Colt – A male equine under 4 years old.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Horses can sleep both lying down and standing up. They lie down only about 43.5 minutes a day.
- A 19th century horse named 'Old Billy' is said to have lived 62 years.
- Horses have 205 bones in their skeleton. Humans have 206.
- A pink or red ribbon on a horse's tail can indicate that the horse kicks.



What is the fastest recorded sprinting speed of a horse?

- A. 25 mph
- B. 55 mph
- C. 30 mph
- D. 75 mph

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