



4-H Youth Guide

Horses

The Horse Project

When you work with horses, you have to make many important decisions. To make the best decisions, you have to know about your horse and what your horse needs. Horses are grazers, and the basis for all horse diets should be hay or pasture. Water is the most essential nutrient for horses. The average horse drinks 5 to 12 gallons of water a day. Horses can live in a pasture or a stable, or a combination of both. Horses, like people, need regular preventive care to stay healthy. They should be checked every day for any injuries or sickness that might need a veterinarian's attention.



Word Scramble

Unscramble the following words:

1. EMAN _____
2. GNDIRI _____
3. SEHRO _____
4. OVSEOH _____
5. RESPATU _____
6. DLSAED _____
7. ESERXCIE _____
8. LSALT _____



Horse Laughs

What's a pony's favorite hairstyle?

A ponytail!

When does a horse talk?

Whinney wants to!

What do you call a horse that lives next door?

A neigh-bor!

What did the horse say when it fell?

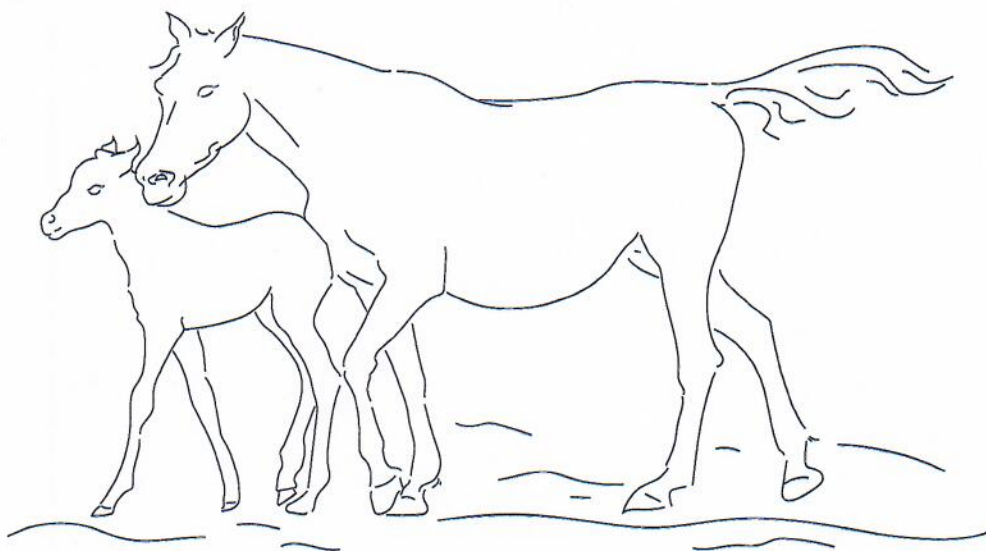
I've fallen and I can't giddy-up!

What Color Is That Horse?

Horses come in lots of different colors! But do you know what those colors are called? Read the descriptions to learn about the colors. Then choose one and color the horses!

- **Bay:** The body color is a shade of red or brown, and the mane and tail are black. Sometimes a bay horse also has black on their lower leg.
- **Black:** The body is a true black color without any other colors mixed in. The mane and tail also are black.
- **Buckskin:** Body is yellow or gold, the mane and tail are black and there is black on the lower legs.
- **Chestnut:** The body is a red color, and the mane and tail usually are a shade of red, too.
- **Dun:** Yellow or gold body color, black mane and tail, and a black stripe down the middle of their back (called a dorsal stripe). Sometimes they have black stripes across their legs, as well.
- **Gray:** A mixture of white with any other colored hairs. These horses often are born a solid color and then get lighter and lighter as they get older.
- **Palomino:** The body is a golden yellow. The mane and tail are white.

There are many more colors of horses, but these are just a few of the more common ones.



Try This — Make a Healthful Horse Treat

INGREDIENTS NEEDED:

- 7 cups sweet feed
- 2 12-ounce jars dark molasses
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 1/2 cups flour

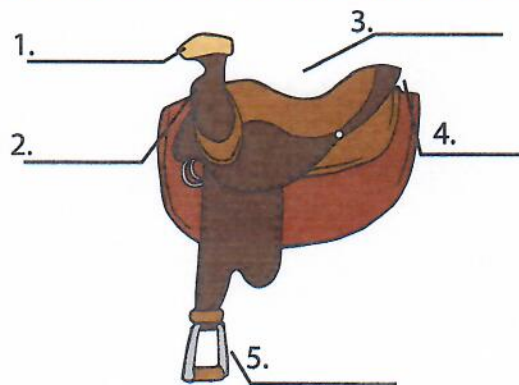
DIRECTIONS:

1. Mix the first three ingredients. Then stir in the flour.
2. Coat muffin tin with vegetable oil or nonstick spray.
3. Press dough into muffin tin.



Label the Parts of the Saddle

Seat
Horn
Pommel
Cantle
Stirrup



Answers: 1. Horn 2. Pommel 3. Seat 4. Cantle 5. Stirrup



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