

Horse Facts



Horses, zebras and donkeys belong to the same genus, and hence can breed with one another.

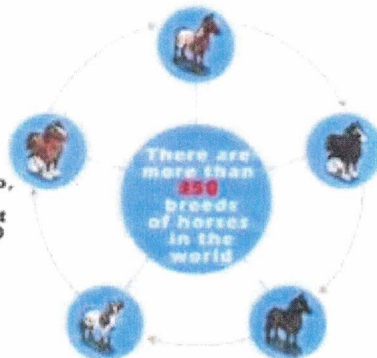


A horse's head weighs
11.84
pounds on an average

Pec, a horse who lives in Ontario, Canada, is reported to be the tallest horse, measuring 20.2h at the withers! He stands almost 10 feet tall when he's holding his head high.

A horse's heart weighs
10
pounds on an average

A **year** is added to a horse's birthday on January 1st (Northern Hemisphere) and on August 1st (southern hemisphere) irrespective of their actual birth date. Their actual birth date is considered only when they are going to be used for endurance riding.



A horse has 4 gaits:

- Walk**
4 - 5 miles per hour
- Trot**
8 - 12 miles per hour
- Lope**
12 - 16 miles per hour
- Gallop**
26 - 32 miles per hour

Foal
Male or female horse less than 1 year old.

Yearling
Male or female horse between 1 and 2 years old.

Colt
Male horse between 2 and 4 years old.

Filly
Female horse between 2 and 4 years old.

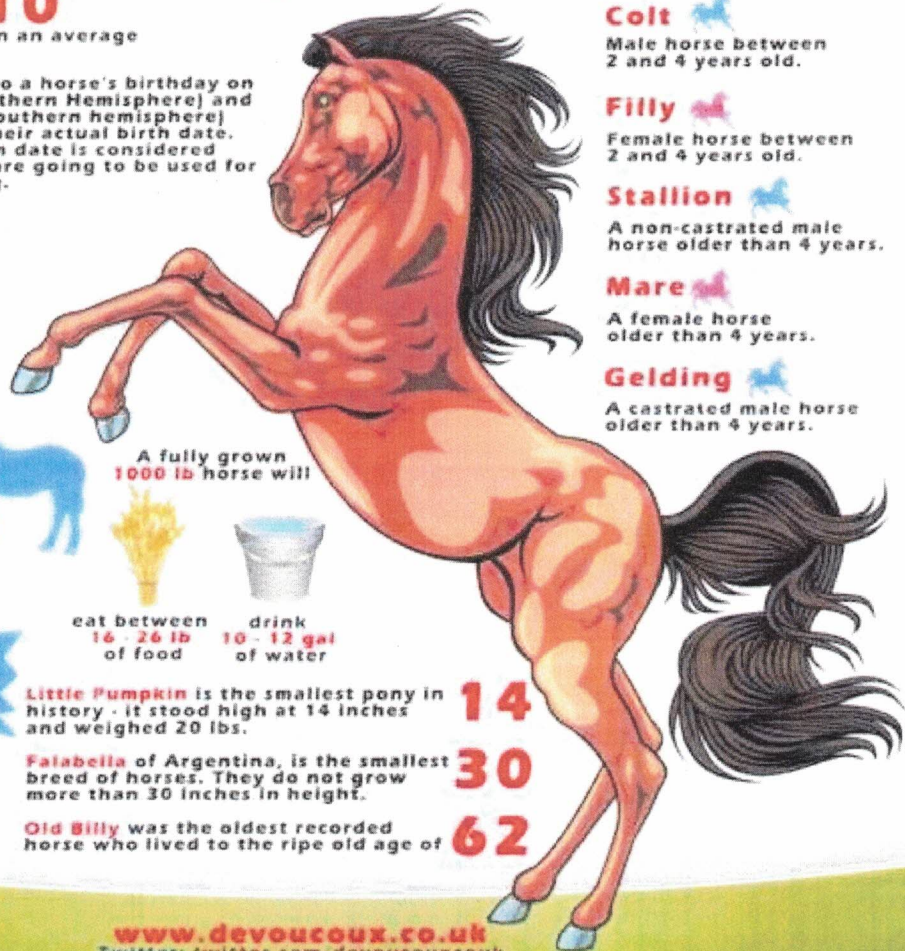
Stallion
A non-castrated male horse older than 4 years.

Mare
A female horse older than 4 years.

Gelding
A castrated male horse older than 4 years.



Horses can sleep standing up.



A fully grown 1000 lb horse will



eat between 16 - 26 lb of food
drink 10 - 12 gal of water

Some people have a fear of horses. It is called **Equinophobia**



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Little Pumpkin is the smallest pony in history - it stood high at 14 inches and weighed 20 lbs.

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Falabella of Argentina, is the smallest breed of horses. They do not grow more than 30 inches in height.

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Old Billy was the oldest recorded horse who lived to the ripe old age of