

All about animals

DYK? Horses and Ponies



Above: Galloping Arab

Horses and ponies were wild until about 5000 years ago when one man or woman decided that he/she would ride the magnificent animal-the horse. Nowadays, horses and ponies have evolved and are used for work, pleasure and competitions.

Fact file!

Latin name: Equine
 Animal group: Mammal
 Size: 5hh-21hh
 (hh=hands high)
 Weight: 900-1100lb
 Speed: 10mph-70mph
 Eats: vegetarian
 Drinks: water
 Life span: up to 25 years-sometimes longer!



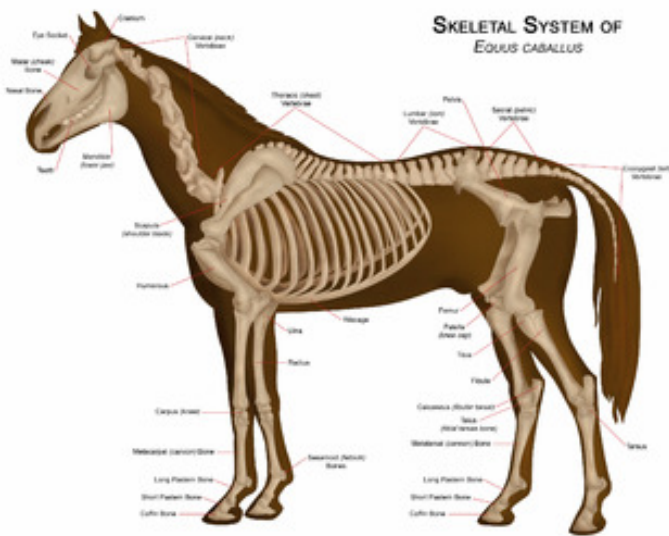
The Hackney pony is famous for its high stepping trot.



This is a Fallabella pony. They are too small to be ridden.



Some ponies are illegally bred to be miniature. These horses are called dwarf ponies.



Skeleton of a horse.

Did You Know?

Pippa Funnell was the 1st person EVER to score a 10/10 in the Olympic games?

Did You Know?

The largest jump ever cleared by a horse was 2.47 metres high! That's about as high as 1 room in your house!

Horse sports:
 There are lots of horse events and sports. Such as: Dressage, Show jumping, cross country, eventing, polo, gymkanahs, side saddle, polo cross, driving, western, French, Spanish, jumpcross and racing. Just to mention a few!

Horse breeds:
 There are hundreds of horse breeds! So here are the most common in a riding school:
 Cob, New Forest, Irish, Welsh Cob, Welsh Mountain, Shetland and Irish Hunter, Welsh section A, B, C, D- those are only common!

Below: Pippa Funnell at Badminton 2011



Did You Know?

The Arab horse is the oldest breed EVER and the Prezwaltkis horse is the only truly wild horse left in the world!