

Did You Know....?
Test your horse knowledge by taking this quiz.

ANSWER KEY



1. How many gallons of water does a horse drink per day?

**Hint: humans drink 1 gallon.*

Answer: _____ gallons

A: 10-15 gallons

2. How often do horses need new shoes?

Answer: _____ weeks

A: Horses need new shoes every 6-8 weeks.

BONUS QUESTION 1 - Did you know?

Horses only sleep every 2 ½ -3 hours every 24 hours.

How many hours do you sleep per night? _____

3. Do horses always sleep standing up?

Answer: Yes or No _____

A: No, in order to get deep REM sleep a horse will lie down, but only for short amounts of time.

4. How many bones does a horse have?

Answer: _____ bones

A: 205

5. How many teeth does a male horse have? What about a female?

Answer: _____ teeth on a male

Answer: _____ teeth on a female

A: Male 40 teeth, Female 36 teeth.

6. Where did horses originate?

- A) Europe
- B) Asia
- C) Africa

Answer: _____

A: Asia

7. When were horses brought to America? What country brought them?

Answer: Year _____ Country _____

A: Horses came in 1494, with Spain

BONUS QUESTION 2 - Did you know?

Horses carry 60% of their weight on their front legs.

Do you carry more weight on one leg than the other? _____

Answer: _____

A: Their necks

9. Do horses see a dentist?

Answer: Yes or No, _____

A: Yes, horses must get their teeth floated by a vet. Horses' molars grow up and develop sharp points that cause eating to become difficult and can lead to other health and behavior problems. A vet will file the horses' teeth down so they are flat.

10. How many breeds of horses are there?

- A) 59
- B) 105
- C) 267

Answer: _____

A: 267

11. What are the two functions of a horse's frog?

**Hint: A horse's frog is on the bottom of their hooves. (See diagram at [INSERT WEB LINK](#))*

Answer: 1. _____

2. _____

A: The frog pumps blood through the hoof and absorbs shock.

12. What is the average temperature of a horse?

**Hint: A human's average temperature is 98.6 degrees.*

Answer: _____ degrees

A: The average temperature of a horse is 99-101.3 degrees.

13. What measurement is used to measure the height of a horse?

Answer: _____

A: Hands, horses are measured in hands (4 in.) and are measured from the hoof to the withers.

14. Does a horse's heart weigh more than a human's?

Answer: Circle Yes or No

A: Yes, a horse's heart can weigh up to 9 pounds; a human's can weigh up to 12 ounces.

BONUS QUESTION 3 - Did you know?

Horses will eat the poop of other horses in an attempt to replenish vitamins and minerals they are lacking.

Where do you get your vitamins and minerals?

EXTRA CREDIT SUPER HORSE EXPERT QUESTION:

Question: What is cribbing?

Answer: _____

A: Cribbing is a bad habit that involves a horse biting down on a fence, railing, or any solid surface with its teeth and sucking in air quickly. This causes a shot of endorphins to release in the brain. Horses become addicted. Cribbing causes medical issues, including wearing down their teeth/gums and weight loss. Horses become preoccupied with cribbing; they ignore their food and stop eating.