



Horse and Pony Fun Facts!



Did you know..?

- Horses have the biggest eyes of any land mammal. Their eyes are bigger than those of an elephant!
- A horse's skeleton is made up of around 205 bones - compared to 206 in an adult human!
- Arab horses - the oldest breed, to which many others can be traced back, have one less pair of ribs, and one less vertebrae than other breeds!
- Horses are known as 'flight' animals - their instincts are to run from danger
 - The phrase 'Long in the tooth' originates from horses - as horses age their teeth appear longer. The proverb 'Don't look a gift horse in the mouth' is likely linked to this too!
- Horses see colours very differently to humans - there are some colours they can't see at all!
 - Horses can sleep standing up as well as lying down, due to a unique 'stay apparatus' in their legs. This is an important part of their survival as it means they can run away very quickly!
- New-born foals are able to stand on their feet within an hour of being born, and run around very soon after!
- Horses can live well into their twenties, and 30+ is not uncommon for ponies. The oldest known horse on record was called 'Old Billy' and he lived til an amazing 62 years of age!