



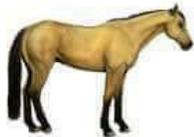
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**All About
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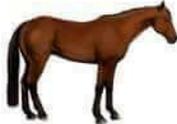
Horse Colors



yellow dun



red dun



bay



chestnut



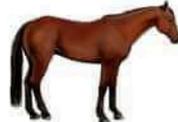
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cremello



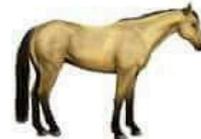
mouse grey



blood bay



dark bay

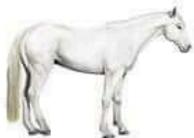


buckskin dun



perlino

GREYS



grey



dapple grey



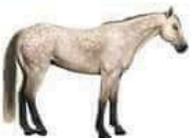
black bay



liver chestnut



flea bitten



rose grey



sabino



tobiano

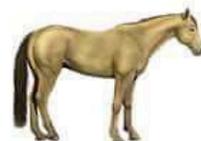


splash white



frame overo

CHAMPAGNE



classic

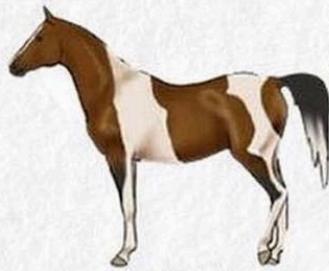


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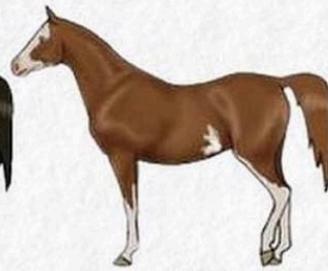
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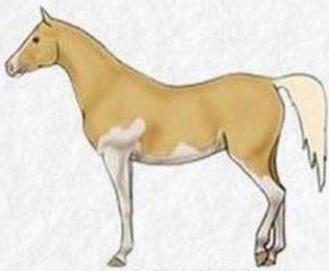
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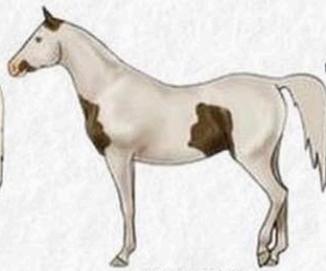
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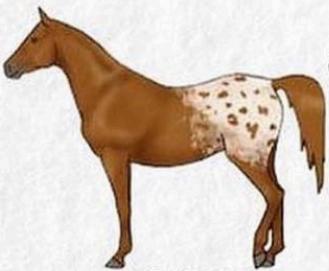
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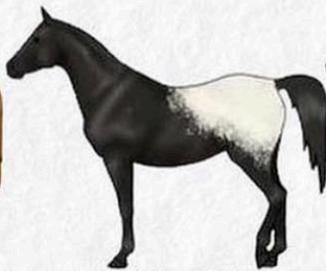
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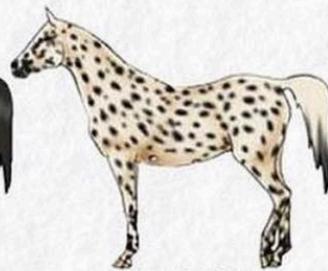
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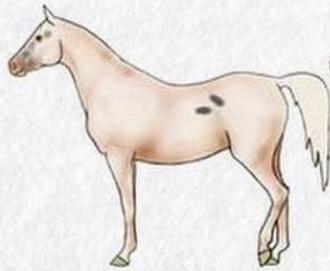
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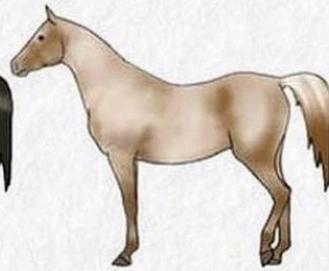
LEOPARD



FEW SPOT LEOPARD



SNOWFLAKE



VARNISH ROAN

Face Markings



SNIP



FAINT



FAINT STAR



STRIPE



BROKEN STRIPE



BLAZE



STAR



HALF STAR



STAR & STRIPE



BLAZE & SNIP

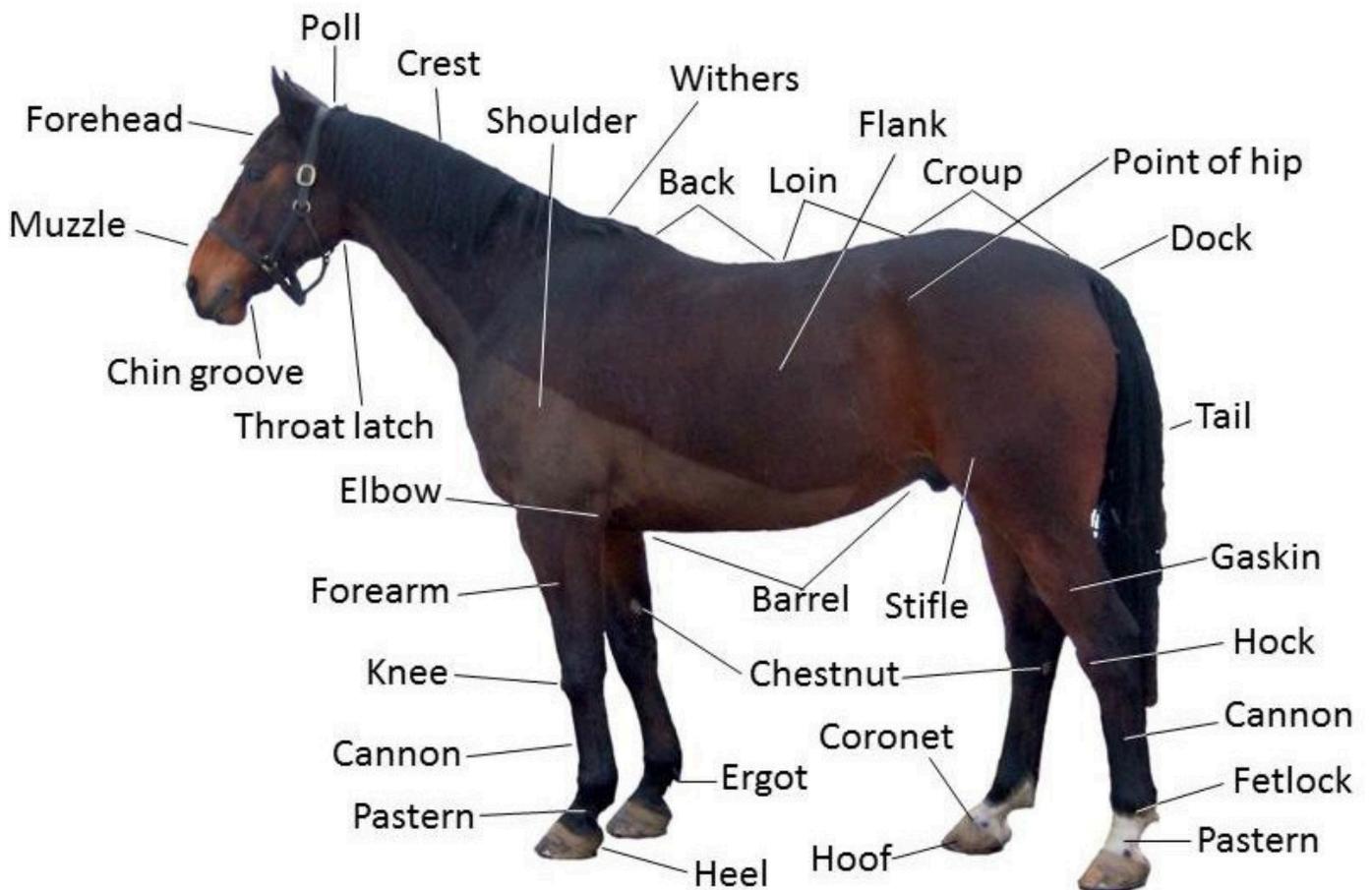


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BALD FACE

Anatomy



Common Breeds

There are over 350 breeds of horses and ponies, with each breed having special qualities that can be more suitable for certain disciplines than others

Below is a list of the most common/popular breeds

American Quarter Horse

A champion at short distance sprinting, the quarter horse gets its name from its speed across distances of a quarter of a mile or less. Often seen at rodeos, horse shows, and on American ranches, the breed is known for its agility and speed, as well as its gentle and loyal nature. A popular choice for riders of all levels, the American Quarter Horse is one of the most popular horse breeds in the United States: its breed registry, the American Quarter Horse Association, is the largest in the world



Arabian

The Arabian has the oldest horse breed registry in the world. Its lineage goes as far back as 3000 B.C. In fact, every light horse breed, including Appaloosas, Morgans, and Andalusians, can trace their ancestry back to the Arabian. This can be a rather spirited horse, so not all beginners can handle them. But they're also generally a loving and loyal horse.



Thoroughbred

Thoroughbreds are the most popular racing horse in North America. This breed is considered "hot-blooded," which means it's known for agility, speed, and spirit.

This is a fine multipurpose horse that often has a career in other equestrian competitions besides racing, such as dressage and jumping. Or they simply live as a companion animal kept for pleasure riding. Because of their fast metabolism, you might need to feed a thoroughbred more food than other breeds.



Appaloosa

The colorful spotted Appaloosa was originally developed for hunting and battle by the Nez Perce Native Americans. The breed is believed to be a descendant of wild horses mixed with the thoroughbred, American quarter horse, and Arabian. This hardy, versatile horse is great for herding, pleasure riding, long-distance trail riding, and more.



Morgan

The strength and elegance of the Morgan have made it a popular horse breed. As the official horse breed of Vermont, the muscle of the Morgan was used for clearing and tilling New England farms during colonial times. Today, this is a popular driving and riding horse. They're surefooted over rough trail and dignified in the show ring.



Clydesdale

This impressive draught breed hails from Scotland, and boasts a large size which belies a gentle nature. The Clydesdale horse was once used for farm work and haulage; today, it is most commonly seen pulling carriages. The Budweiser Clydesdales are perhaps the most well known example of these horses, used to promote Budweiser beer in the United States.



Ponies

Ponies are another popular category of horses. In most cases, a horse that's fully grown at 14.2 hands (57 inches) or less is considered a pony. There are two exceptions: the miniature horse and the Icelandic horse. The plucky Shetland and elegant Welsh are popular breeds of ponies. With their short stature, they are often excellent first horses for children.



Haflinger

Hardy, strong, and compact, the Haflinger is a highly popular horse among both children and adults. These small horses are athletic and multi-talented - they excel in dressage, jumping, trail riding, driving, and more. Haflingers are often very friendly toward people and though they may be shorter than other riding breeds, they're plenty powerful.



Paint Horse

The American Paint Horse is one of the fastest-growing horse breeds in North America, closely related to the Quarter Horse. These horses are particularly favored in Western disciplines due to their distinct coat colours and stock horse bloodlines that help them stand out. Unlike some breeds, American Paint Horses must meet both colour and bloodline requirements for registration.

