

# FUN FACTS

Horses can sleep both lying down and standing up.

Horses can stand up and run shortly after birth.

A newborn foal's legs are almost as long as those of an adult horse (90%).

A male horse is called a stallion.

A young male horse is called a colt.

A female horse is called a mare.

A young female horse is called a filly.

Domestic horses have a lifespan of around 25 years.

A 19th century horse named 'Old Billy' is said to have lived 62 years.

Horses have around 205 bones in their skeleton.

Horses are herbivores (plant eaters).

Horses cannot vomit.

Horses have bigger eyes than any other mammal that lives on land.

The height of a horse or pony is measured in hands at his withers.  
One hand across the palm (four fingers) is 4 inches.

Horses can gallop at speeds of up to 44 kph (27 mph).

The fastest recorded sprinting speed of a horse was 88 kph (55 mph).

There are approximately 60 million horses in the world.

Jockeys' saddles can weigh as little as 400 grams; that's lighter than a can of drink.

