

# & riddles

## jokes

What did the veterinarian prescribe when the Palomino came down with a cold? A: A COUGH STIRRUP

What has 6 legs, but only 4 of them touch the ground? A: A HORSE AND ITS RIDER

How long should a pony's legs be? A: LONG ENOUGH TO REACH THE GROUND

What is a horse's favorite hairstyle? A: A PONY TAIL

What is a horse's favorite sport? A: STABLE TENNIS

If there are five horses in the pasture and you lead one into the barn, how many do you have? A: THE ONE YOU ARE LEADING

Name a horse that never comes out in the daytime. A: PEGASUS THE CONSTELLATION

Name an item a horse groom uses that works only when it is full, yet it is always full of holes: A: A SPONGE

Why does the paddock get bigger when you put a horse in it? A: BECAUSE IT CONTAINS MORE FEET

What runs around the barn but stays still? A: A FENCE

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### HORSE CONNECTION REWARD PROGRAM

Some of the activities you can participate in that earn hours towards the Horse Connection Reward Program include:

- Grooming a horse
- Riding a horse in a lesson
- Doing stable work – such as cleaning stalls and cleaning tack
- Volunteering at a horsemanship facility
- Going to an equine event – such as your county fair or horse exposition
- Participating in a horse show
- Riding in a parade
- Reading a non-fiction horse book
- Watching a non-fiction horse video

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

That means back to the barn to ride during days with more sunlight and warmer weather. Enjoy yourself--but always remember--safety comes first!

*For a CHA Certified Instructor or a CHA Program Member camp or equestrian facility near you log onto [www.cha-ahse.org](http://www.cha-ahse.org), or call us at (800) 399-0138.*

**Make sure to always wear your ASTM-SEI approved helmet, riding boots, and pants!**

With your youth membership, you are automatically enrolled in the Horse Connection Reward Program. This program is just for youth members and credits you for your work with horses and/or learning about them. You do not have to own

your own horse to participate or even ride. Just have a love for them and want to know more about them! You will keep track of the hours you spend doing different horse-related activities and when you reach the milestone of 100 hours – you will earn a super prize!

### 2006 HORSE CONNECTION REWARD PROGRAM

The deadline to turn in your hours for the 2006 CHA Horse Rewards Program is May 15, 2007 to the CHA International Office at 4307 Iron Works Parkway Suite 180 Lexington, KY 40511. If you have already turned your points in for 2006, watch your mailbox as rewards will be coming your way soon!

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# games

## ALPHABETICAL SCRAMBLE

The 26 words below are meant to name parts of the horse's body, but each one is missing a certain letter. In each case, it is a different letter of the alphabet. See if you can restore the correct letter to each word. For example, the hardest one, the letter x is already done for you. If you add x to coccy, you create the word coccyx, which is the name of a bone in the horse's tail.

A B C D F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
example: COCCY = ( X ) = COCCYX

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|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| TAL = _____    | HOO = _____   | SHOULDER = _____   |
| RI = _____     | DOK = _____   | UARTER = _____     |
| MAE = _____    | BCK = _____   | CEST = _____       |
| EROT = _____   | FANK = _____  | CHIN GROOE = _____ |
| AW = _____     | GASIN = _____ | SIFLE = _____      |
| WITERS = _____ | CROU = _____  | ELBO = _____       |
| PATERN = _____ | CHEK = _____  | MUZLE = _____      |
| PLL = _____    | EE = _____    | FOREAR = _____     |

## WACKY PHRASE CRAZE

If the answers to the clues below  
Tend to come a little slow,  
Try thinking of two-word phrases that rhyme  
And you'll have all the answers in no time.  
Here's an example so you can see:  
What do you call a barn with a TV?  
There is indeed a comic label,  
And that would be a cable stable.

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| 1. young female horse that's very funny: silly _____ | 5. small fake horse: phony _____                          |
| 2. moldy dried grass: gray _____                     | 6. worn-out saddle blanket: bad _____                     |
| 3. route taken by extremely slow horse: snail _____  | 7. black baby horse: coal _____                           |
| 4. piece of tack that's not in use: idle _____       | 8. locomotive that's transporting horse feed: _____ train |

# fun facts

## Clipping Along

What does it mean when someone says that they are going to body clip a horse's coat? In the winter the horse's coat will become much thicker and when it is worked this can cause heavy sweating and distress, both of which is hard on the health of the horse.

By removing some or all of the coat, the horse is able to work hard and fast without sweating. A clipped horse may need to stay inside longer in the spring until the weather really warms up.



## Get Your Horse Ready to Ride this Spring

No Hoof - No Horse. You have heard this phrase, but what does it mean? A horse needs

strong, sound feet to stand and run on all day. Hoof care is very important to have a happy horse. The name given to a person who takes care of horse feet is a Farrier. This person goes to school to learn about the parts of the foot and leg and can help you if your horse has sore feet. The Farrier will also trim the horse's hooves to keep them sound.

The hoof wall grows all the time and if the horse can't run around and wear them down then the hoof will need trimming just like your finger nails need a trim. Some horses wear shoes, made out of different metals, rubber or sometimes plastic.

The shoes are nailed to the bottom on the hoof with special very sharp nails. These shoes protect the horses that have to work hard at their jobs like racing, walking on streets, or following cattle through rocky canyons.

Wild horses have very strong feet and they get to run free all day so they do not need shoes. Some horses go bare foot in the winter because they are not working too much. When the warm weather comes and you put on your riding boots to protect your feet make sure your horse's hooves are ready to go as well.



## Saddle Safety

Did your saddle sit in the barn all winter? Or did you ride in the cold with the snow or rain? Either way it is important to check your tack every time, every ride. Many saddles are made out of leather which needs to be taken care of for your safety. Dirty leather can dry out and crack, wet leather can have fungus grow on it and break. Also mice may have come into the barn to look for a warm place to hang out and they can chew through leather which can then break.

Mice like to chew places on the leather that got dirty and sweaty, they like the salty taste of the sweat. So clean your saddle with a cleaning product made for leather and then have an adult check everything with you. Make sure you check anywhere

metal touches leather, these can be problem areas. Be prepared for a great riding season, the time to check your tack is before you get on.

## Spring Time Springing!

Do you have more spring in your step when the seasons change? Horses do, too! They are happy to get out and run, stretch their legs and roll on the ground to scratch their backs. The baby horses love to run and play and build strong legs. It is great to watch horses having so much fun but be careful not to get in their way; you might get your foot stepped on.

Be safe around them and be ready for this extra burst of energy they might have this time of year.