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Quick Facts and Fun

- Horses can drink ten to thirty gallons of water a day, depending on what the weather is like and how much work they have had to do.
- Horses should not have more than 5 lbs. of concentrated/sweet feed/grain at one time. Too much food can lead to a stomach ache just like people.
- People believe that a horse shoe brings good luck. Hang it over a door way open end pointing up so "all the luck does not run out." Also use good nails and screws to keep it on the wall—or really bad luck if it falls on your head.
- Horse shoes can be made out of different types of metal and even plastic.
- A full-grown horse has 40 teeth. These teeth grow and change throughout the horse's lifetime.
- An average number of bones in the horse's skeleton is around 250. This varies from breed to breed.
- The horse has almost 360 degrees of vision since their eyes are on the sides of their head. They have two blind spots, one directly in front of them and one a few feet behind their rump.
- It takes about eleven months and 10 days for a baby horse or foal to be born. But like most babies some come early and even later.
- When horses are in a herd, they look at each others ears to see what is going on in the world around them. A horse with ears pinned back, may tell to others danger is coming and it is time to run away.
- A horse's hide (skin) is so sensitive that he can feel a fly land on him. This is why they "wiggle or twitch" their hide to get the fly off of the body parts that their tail can not reach.
- The long hairs around the bottom of the horse's eyes help him to feel his way around in the dark. Some people trim these off to make the horse look better groomed but these hairs really do have a purpose.

 Don't forget that CHA has some great items for sale at www.CHA-ahse.org and your TEAM CHA membership gets you the CHA member discount! Many great books and videos are available that promote enjoying horses safely, effectively and having fun with them!

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Meet Your 2012 TEAM CHA Horse Connection Rewards Champion!

My name is Ana Kirkland and I live in Willard, MO. I'm 12 years old and in 7th grade. I have always loved horses and was already learning the breeds before I could even read. After much begging, I finally started riding lessons at age 7. I got my first horse, Dixie (APHA Dixons Black Diamond) is a 16 year old black solid Paint mare.

We did a couple of years of Western showing and 4H and then discovered dressage. I have taken dressage lessons for almost 2 years now and I love it! I'm also doing hunter and belong to both the local dressage and hunter jumper societies. Last December, I decorated a pony with glitter and ribbons for the hunter jumper group's Christmas parade entry. Dixie enjoys being glammed up, so I have a lot of experience and a reputation for glitter!

I go to the stables almost every day and when I'm not riding, I enjoy playing with Dixie. I have taught her tricks like shaking hands, giving kisses, taking a bow and now we're working on the Spanish walk. I read as much as I can about horses – riding techniques and horse care. I just recently discovered an online game, Howrse.com, and enjoy breeding horses

Congratulations to 2012 Horse Connection Reward Winners!

Anastasia Kirkland from Willard, MO is in first place with 777 points!

Patricia Kackert from Menifee, CA is second with 733 points.

Sophia Janseen-Madden from Olympia, WA is third with 355 points

The rest of the winners include:

Abigail Martin from Brighton, CO

Sunshine, Davies from Bulverde, TX

Sydney Vinther from Paso Robles, CA

Alisha Dorsing from Othello, WA

Becca Millage from Maple Valley, WA

Bailey Stotler from Lake Elsinor, CA

Make sure to contact us at office@CHA-ahse.org or call Terri at 859-259-3399 to enroll for 2013. No cost to enroll in the Horse Connection Rewards Program. It is not too late to earn points for great year end prizes TEAM CHA members!

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RIDE ON!

did you know?

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and running my own cyber equestrian center. I also brought my interest in hunter jumper home to my dog, Ginger. I enjoy spending time doing dog agility training with her.



I'm very excited to be getting another horse this week! He's a grey 10 year old Thoroughbred who specializes in jumping. His name is Louis "Vuitton". He's an OTTB and has some experience in dressage also. He's such a sweet horse.

I also play piano and clarinet. I love Band, Math and Science at school. I think I want to be a veterinarian when I grow up. I have enjoyed the Team CHA Horse Connection Program for the past 3 years. It really makes you aware of the time you commit to your horses and riding. I like the way they encourage kids to be involved with horses.

HEROS AND HORSES

Some heroes have had horses as a partner to help them to do good deeds. The cowboys in the old TV shows had trusty equine partners to ride and chase down bandits and save the lady in distress. The recent Lone Ranger movie used a thoroughbred named "Artic Bright View" to play the role of "Silver" the Lone Ranger's horse. "Hi Ho Silver" is what the Lone Ranger would say and off they would gallop. The Lone Ranger had an American Indian friend named Tonto who rode a pinto named Scout. Tonto would respond to the "Hi Ho Silver" with a "Get Um Up Scout" And off they would race to "right the wrong," and save the day.

A few other famous horses of old movies and TV shows are:

Trigger – Palomino, Tennessee Walker ridden by Roy Rogers

Buttermilk – Buckskin, Quarter Horse ridden by Roy's co-star Dale Evans

Blue and Tom - carried Tom Mix of the black and white screen.

Cochise – Black and White Paint ridden by Little Joe Cartwright

Pi – The horse of Elizabeth Taylor in the movie "National Velvet"

Tumbleweed – A horse of Audie Murphy. Audie was also a hero in the real world being the most decorated soldier from World War II receiving 17 medals over all.

SILLY STUFF

- ❖ What if you put a Lazy Boy chair on the back of a horse? *You would have an Easy rider.*
- ❖ What has teeth but does not eat? *A mane and tail comb.*
- ❖ Pushing a wheelbarrow out to the manure pile would be "carry-out" service for your horse.
- ❖ If a horse played guitar in a band he could be called "Rocking Horse"
- ❖ What did the horse say to his friend when they were standing in the field? "I love eating out."
- ❖ In another world, the perfect horse show would have:
 - No Judges
 - Someone to pack and unpack the trailer while you sip a cold drink
 - You could file out our own scorecard
 - Horses stalled right next to the show ring and the management crew would clean stalls.
- ❖ Can you think of any other "perfect horse show" ideas?

MATH MOMENT

Time to get ready for showing, taking your horse places, or visiting horses at a camp or stable. Figure out how much money you would need for your trip

Road Trip to Happy Acres Farm to see mini horses It is 128 miles there and back from your house.

Your car gets 32 miles to the gallon of gas (mpg)
Gas costs \$3.57 a gal

How much will it cost?

128 miles divided by 32 mpg = 4 gallons of gas
 $3.57 \times 4 \text{ gal} = \14.28 cost for trip

Trail Ride Adventure

You are trailing your horses to Big Sandy Park It is 210 miles round trip from the barn
Your truck gets 14 mpg (ouch! It is hard work for your truck to haul horses)

Gas costs \$3.67 gal.

Admission to the park \$10

How much will it cost?

210 divided by 14 = 15

$3.67 \times 15 = \$55.05$

Park admission \$10 + \$55.05 = \$ 65.05 Total

It's Show Time!

Classes are \$5 each. Enter 5 classes = \$25

It is 80 miles round trip

Your truck gets 18 mpg

Gas costs \$3.85 gal.

Lunch at the show \$20

How much will this fun filled day cost?

80 divided by 18 = 4.4

$4.4 \times \$3.85 = \16.94

Lunch \$20 + \$16.94 = \$36.94

5 Classes \$25 + \$36.94 = \$61.94 Total

Doing things with and driving to see horses costs money. There are ways to do things for less. Take a friend to the mini-horse farm, and split costs. Ask about getting a car tune up to save gas and how about packing your lunch for the horse show. People who want to show horses may be able to use a horse that is already there at the facility. Check out the Interscholastic Equestrian Teams (IEA) in your area by visiting <http://www.rideia.org>

BREED SPOTLIGHT

Donkeys, Burros and Mules

Brighty was a donkey that worked at the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Even though donkeys are smaller in size they are very strong and can live in very dry, harsh climates. Many places all over the world depend on these animals for everything from carrying people, and goods to market, helping with the harvest, planting and even grinding wheat.



A burro is the Spanish name given to feral (wild) donkeys that live in the Western United States. These burros might have come from descendants of the donkeys who once worked in the gold mines. They run wild now are grey in color with white bellies, muzzles and dark rings on legs. They have become very quick and are found in many national parks, where they have figured out how to beg for food from people driving through the park. Even though they are cute it is never a good idea to feed an animal in our national parks.

Stubborn As A Mule

★ A mule is a cross between a male donkey and a female horse.

★ A hinny is a cross between a female donkey and a male horse.

Both of these are sterile, which means they cannot reproduce any off spring. Mules and Hinnies have long ears, upright manes, strong legs and small feet. They have now been bred to produce different sizes. If a Draft horse is used the offspring is called a "Mammoth." A "Mammoth Jack" would be a big male mule. They can be trained to do anything a horse can do from pulling wagons to trail riding, packing to jumping. Mules and Hinnies have a strong personality so it take a special person who has experience working with these "Long Ears" to train them for the job at hand.

SPRING READING SUGGESTIONS

Marguerite Henry was an author who wrote books about the adventures of horses. Many of her books were also made into movies. These would be great to read and share with friends. And remember reading non-fiction books counts towards the hours for your Horse Connection Rewards program hours. Just some of her well-known books are:

- **Misty of Chincoteague**
- **Justin Morgan Had a Horse**
- **King of the Wind**
- **White Stallion of Lipizza**
- **Mustang Spirit of the West**
- **Brighty of Grand Canyon**

