



G'Day Everybody,

This week's activity pack is based around horses!

Neighhhhhh!

We hope you enjoy it!

Stay Warm,

Caladenia Team





### **1. Horses cannot breathe through their mouth**

Horses are “obligate nose breathers” meaning that they can only breathe through their nose, not through their mouth as humans can.

### **2. Horses can sleep standing up**

Horses have what’s called a “stay-apparatus” which is a system of tendons and ligaments that allows the horse to lock their legs in position so they can relax without falling over. When not sleeping, horses also use this apparatus to rest while standing for long periods of time so they don’t fatigue. This allows them to conserve energy while standing so they are ready to take flight if needed. But it is a myth that horses never lay down – they do spend a short amount of time each day laying down for deeper sleep.

### **3. Horses have lightning fast reflexes**

Should a situation arise when they need to fight, they can go from standing still to delivering a powerful kick in just 0.3 seconds, whereas human reaction time is 1.6 seconds.

### **4. Horses have 10 different muscles in their ears**

This allows them to rotate nearly 180 degrees and move independently of one another. Humans only have three muscles in their ears.

### **5. Horses have nearly 360-degree field of vision**

This is due to the positioning of their eyes on the sides of their head. However, they have two blind spots – one directly behind them, and the other just in-front and below their nose. This means that they cannot see the grass they are grazing on, or the carrot you are sticking out to them! Instead they use their mobile and sensitive lips, whiskers and sense of smell to know what is in-front of them and decide if they want to eat it.

### **6. Horses do not have teeth in the middle of their mouth**

You can also estimate how old a horse is by looking at their teeth.

## **7. Horses are highly intelligent animals**

They can be taught many different tasks through positive reinforcement and clicker training, just as dogs can. One study showed that horses have the ability to communicate their needs to their guardians; these horses learned to communicate whether they wanted a blanket on or off through touching symbols on a board.

## **8. The earliest ancestor of the horse is estimated to have lived 55 million years ago**

This ancestor was only the size of a Labrador retriever. Horses were domesticated around 6000 years ago, estimated from evidence found at archaeological sites. They were first domesticated as a food source.

## **9. Horses have a fixed pelvis, so they cannot do the splits**

They do have some lateral movement though, allowing them to scratch their ears with their hind feet.

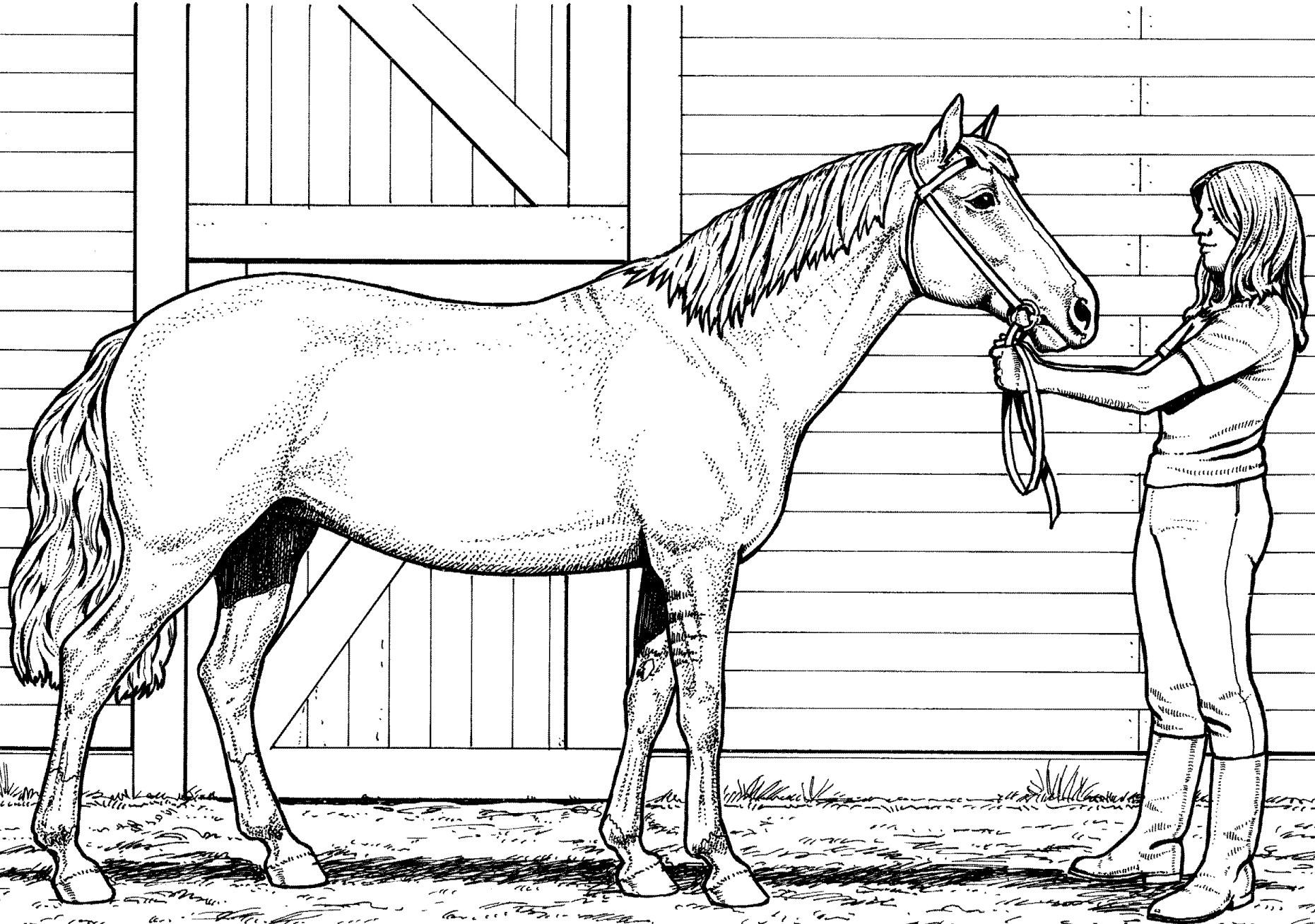
## **10. Horses are very social animals**

Since horses are prey species, they find safety in a herd and form strong social relationships with each other. They use their senses to recognize familiar horses and spend time with those they have formed friendships with. In the wild, one horse will stand guard to keep watch while the other horses in the herd take time to eat, rest and sleep.

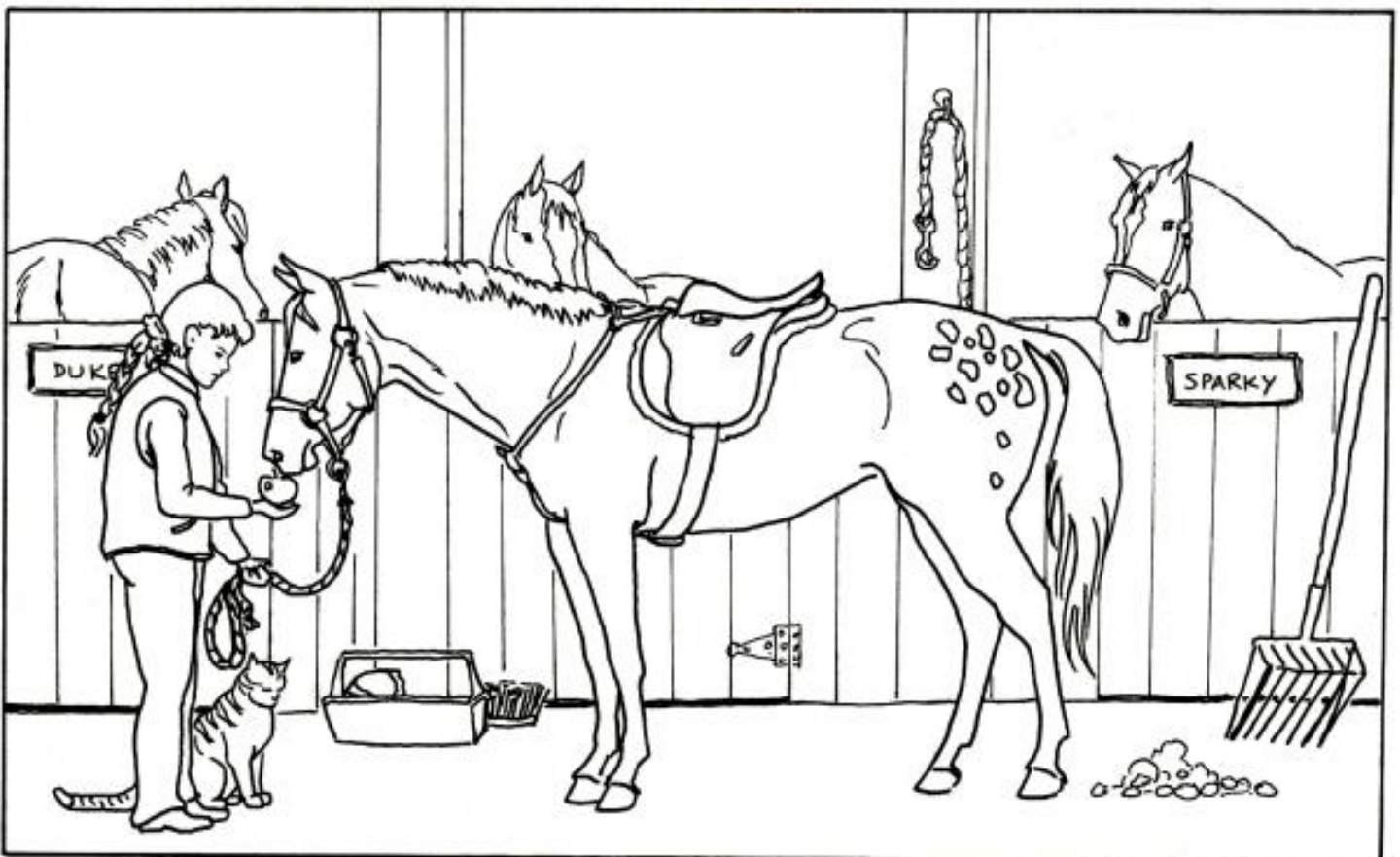
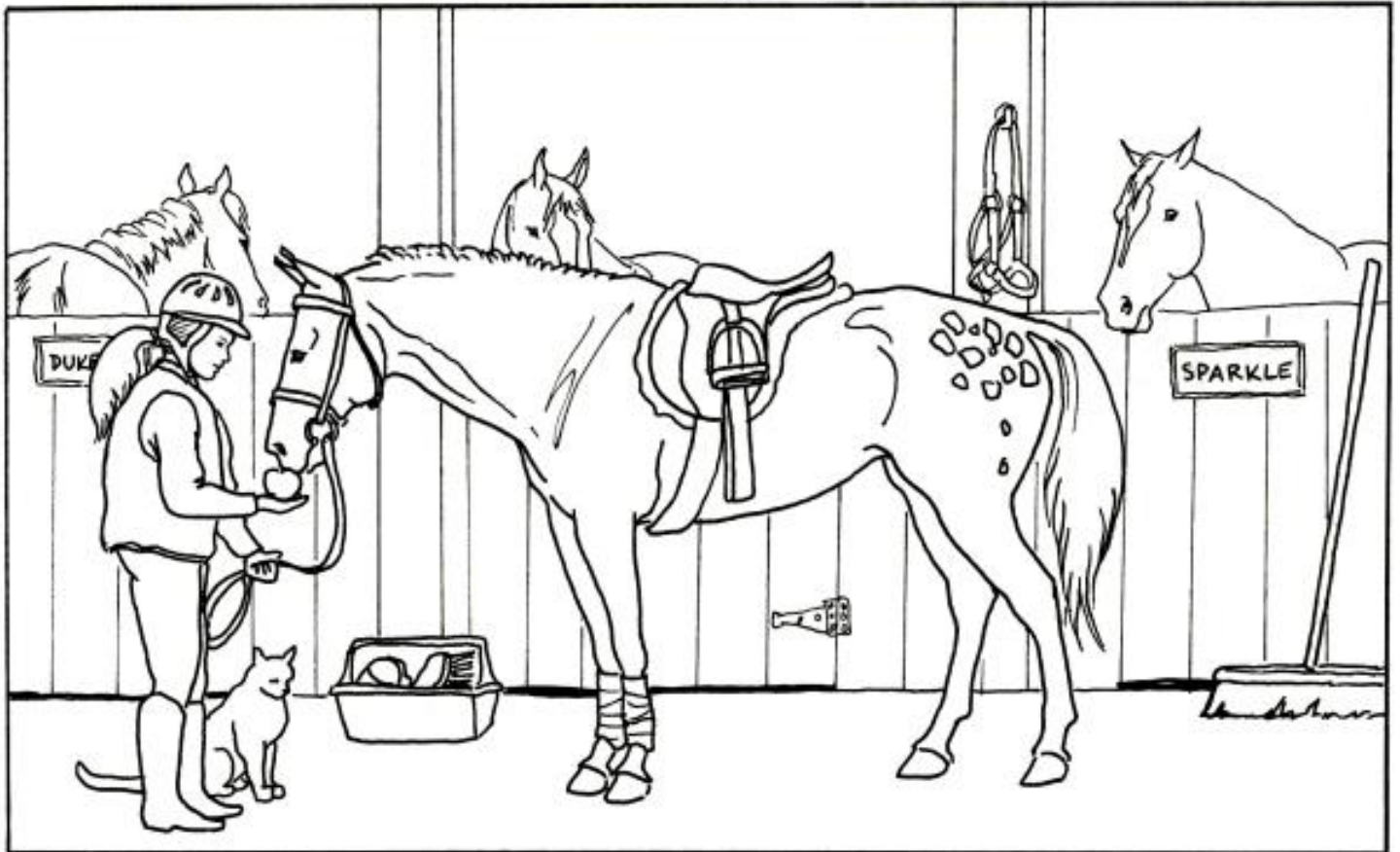
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Can you spot 15 things that are different in these 2 pictures





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DIFFERENCES

# Horses

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Warmblood

Bareback

Stallion

Field

Shetland

Paddock

Canter

Rein

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# Sudoku

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Why did the horse get an award?

**It was out standing in its field.**

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A talking horse walks into a bar and approaches the manager. "Excuse me, good sir," the horse says, "are you hiring?"

The manager looks the horse up and down and says, "Sorry, pal. Why don't you try the circus?"

The horse nickers. "Why would the circus need a bartender?"

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Did you hear about the man who was hospitalized with six plastic horses inside him?

The doctor described his condition as stable.

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Q: What did the horse say when it fell?

A: "I've fallen and I can't giddyup!"

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A guy is walking through the country when he spots a sign that reads, "Talking Horse for Sale."

Intrigued, he walks up to the stable to check it out.

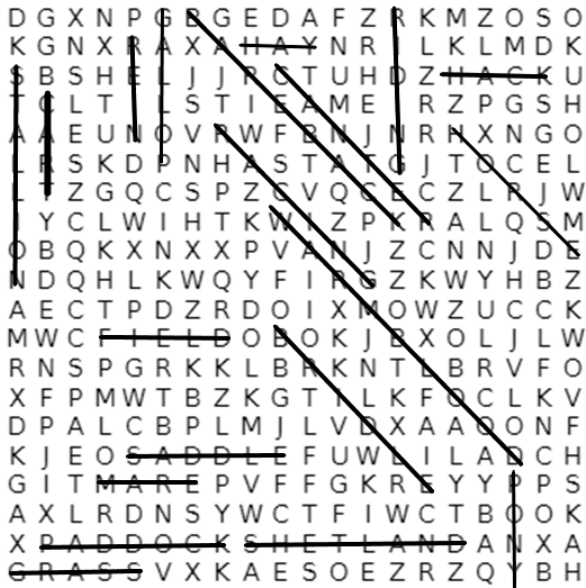
"So what have you done with your life?" he asks the horse.

"I've led a full life," the horse answers miraculously. "I was born in The Andes where I herded for an entire village. Years later, I joined the mounted police force in New York and helped keep the city clean. And now, I spend my days giving free rides to underprivileged kids here in the country."

The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the horse's owner, "Why on earth would you want to get rid of such an incredible animal?"

The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"

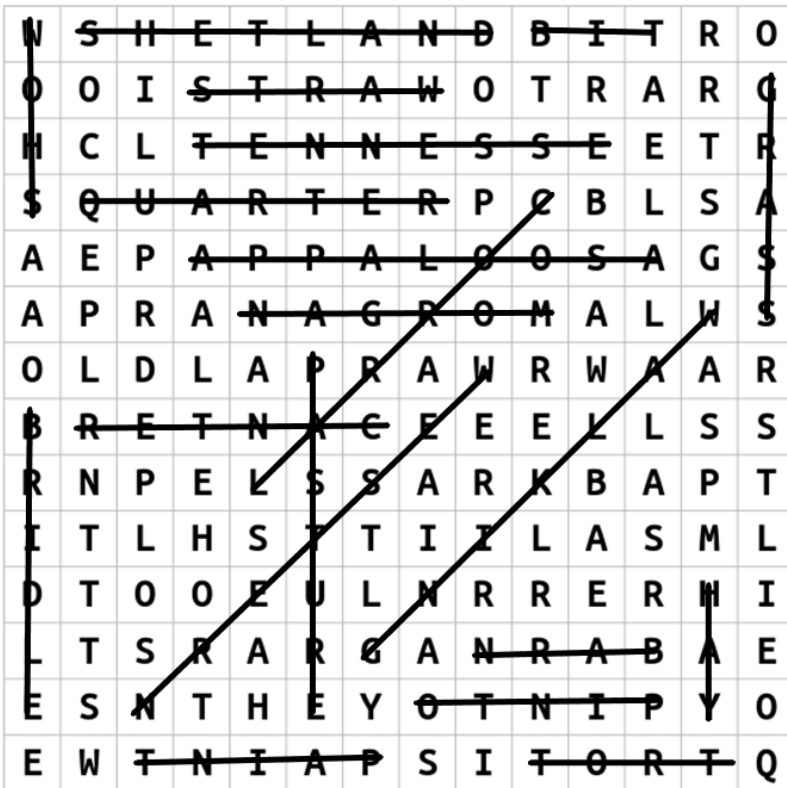
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## Spot the Difference

Answers: 1. Horse's bridle, 2. missing stirrup, 3. hanging halter, 4. brush out of box, 5. cat stripes, 6. girl's hair, 7. girl's helmet 8. stall name sign  
 9. horse in stall wearing halter, 10. polo wraps on horse's legs, 11. pitchfork & broom, 12. manure, 13. breastplate on horse, 14. horse's mane, 15. girls boots

## All about Horses



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