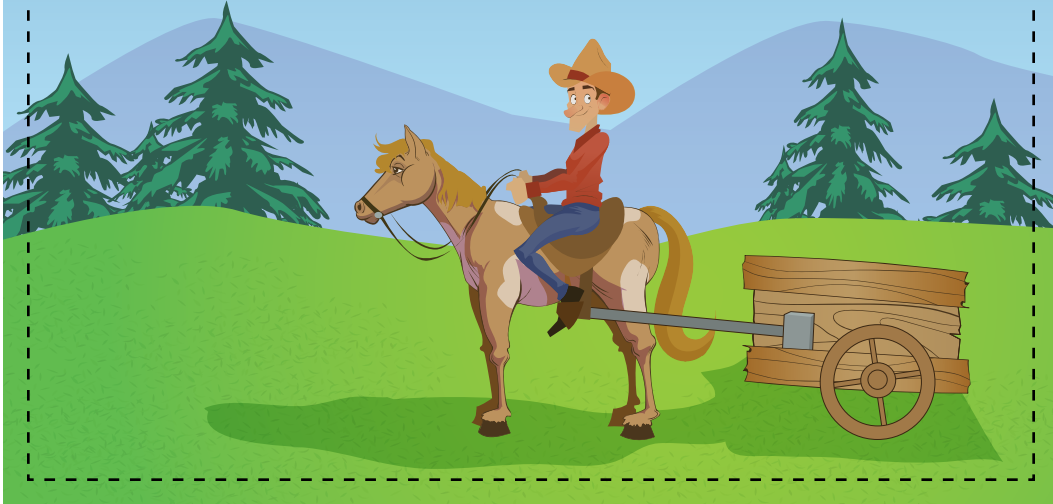
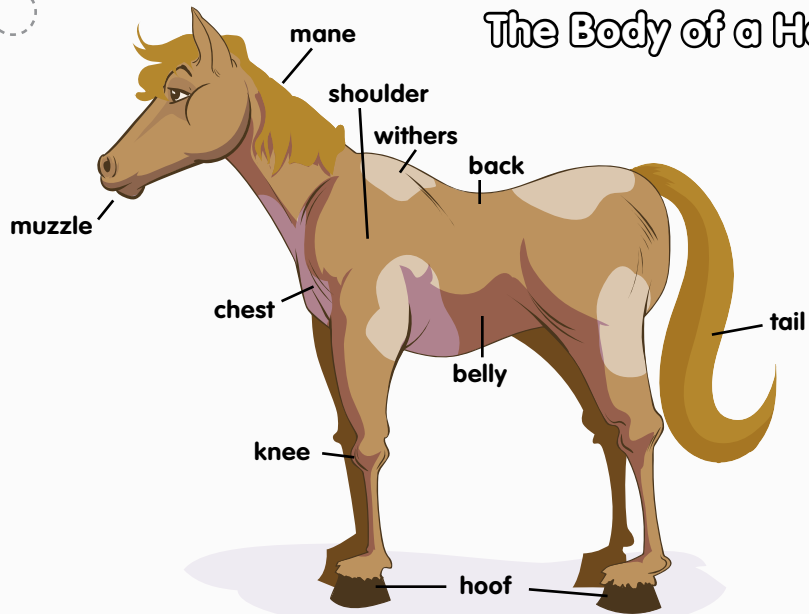




- Horses are useful animals.
- They can pull wagons.
- People can ride horses.
- Horses help ranchers round up herds of cattle.
- Horses can pull plows and help with farm work.



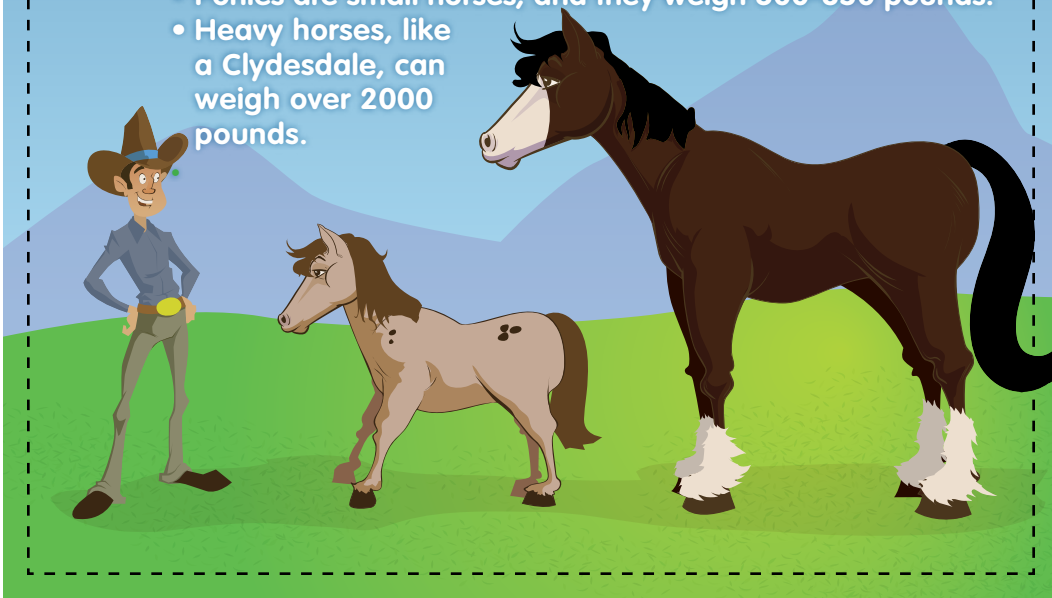
The Body of a Horse





Size of Horses

- Horses come in many sizes.
- Ponies are small horses, and they weigh 300-850 pounds.
- Heavy horses, like a Clydesdale, can weigh over 2000 pounds.



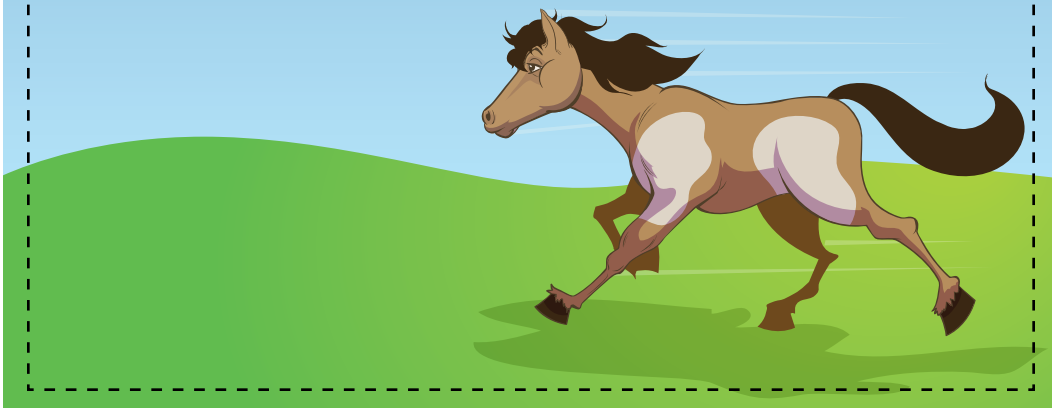
How Horses Move

Horses have three natural gaits (ways to move forward).

Those gaits are:

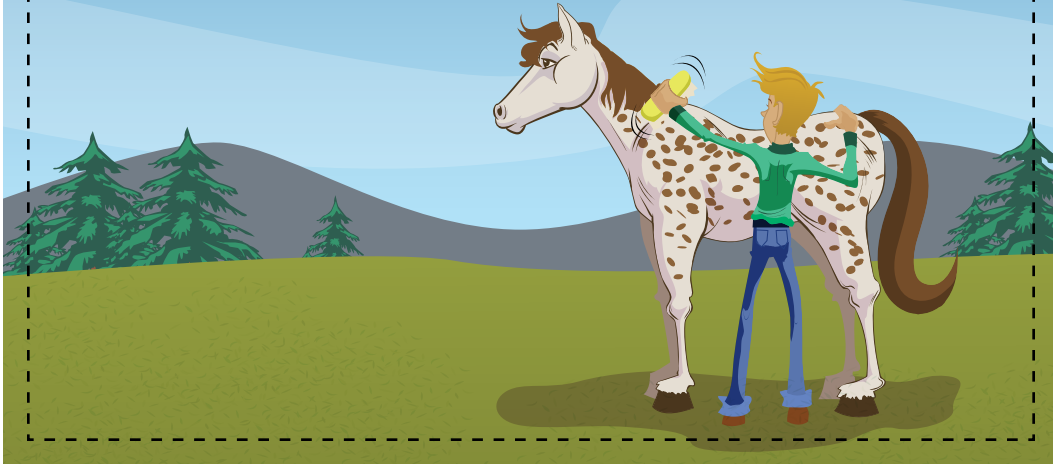
1. Walk
2. Trot
3. Canter

A fast canter is called a gallop.



Caring for a Horse

- Horses need clean, comfortable stalls.
- They need to eat three times each day.
- Horses eat grass, grain, and hay.
- Horses need about 10 gallons of water each day.
- Horses need to be groomed (brushed) each day.



Horse Words to Know

Bronco: an untamed western horse

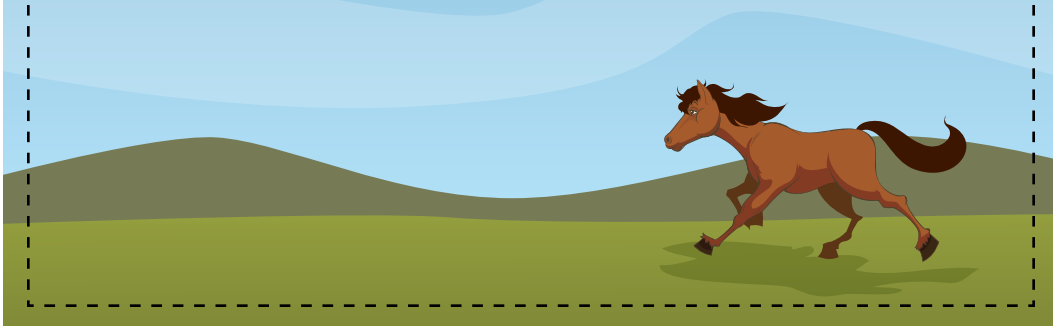
Foal: a newborn horse

Colt: a male (boy) horse under 4 years old

Filly: a female (girl) horse under 4 years old

Stallion: a male horse

Mare: a female horse

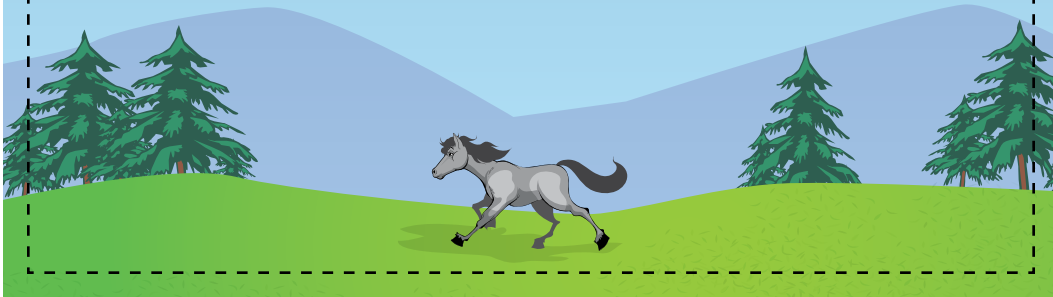




Measuring Horses

- Horse owners measure horses in hands.
- Horses are measured from the ground to the top of the withers.
- A hand equals 4 inches.

1 hand



- Horses like to please their owners and trainers.
- Horses have good memories.
- They can be trained to follow commands.
- They can be trained to come when their owner whistles.

