

Test your Equine IQ

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This foal, born last spring, is out of a Haflinger mare owned by Helen and Harold Ruby of Wendell, Idaho, and sired by a Clydesdale stallion owned by John and Gert Clarkson of Sawtooth Clydesdales in Gooding, Idaho. Gert Clarkson says the Haflinger-Clydesdale cross is nice because it has the smaller size of the Haflinger, so it is easier to harness, but still has the strength and gentleness of the Clydesdales.

saddle and a common Western saddle?

13. What is a simple test to determine if a horse is dehydrated? (Bonus question: At

least how many gallons of water should a healthy horse drink per day?)

14. What color is a Friesian horse? (Bonus question: Where

is it from?)

15. What famous television horse was sold at auction in 2010 to RFD-TV for \$266,000?

16. What is the collective term for the offspring of a stallion?

17. Within an inch or two, what is the world record for the highest horse and rider jump?

18. What is the origin of the American Mustang?

19. What is the greatest dan-

ger of a puncture wound?

20. Who built the Trojan Horse?

BONUS QUESTION: What do you call an Amish guy with his hand in a horse's mouth?

1. What legendary horse made national headlines in 1973?

2. What is the highest point of a horse's back?

3. In the sport of fox hunting, what is a dog fox?

4. In horse racing, what are silks?

5. What measurement is commonly used to determine horse height?

6. In driving, what is a travois?

7. When hauling horses interstate, what two forms of paperwork may be required?

8. What were the two major occupations of Dick Francis?

9. What horse is named "Always Dreaming"?

10. What classic novel did Anna Sewell publish in 1877?

11. In breeding, what is the purpose of an embryo transfer?

12. In professional rodeo, what is the most noticeable difference between a bronc rider's

HORSE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The Trojan Horse. (Just kidding. You're right, it was Secretariat.)

2. The withers is the highest part of a horse's back, located at the base of the neck between the shoulder blades.

3. A dog fox is a male fox.

4. Silks are the colored clothes worn by jockeys.

5. A hand (four inches) measures horse height from the withers to the ground.

6. A travois, used by American Indians, is two poles dragging on the ground with a platform for carrying a load.

7. Horses traveling interstate state (and occasionally across county lines) should travel with a current EIA (coggins test) form showing a negative blood result. Brand inspections also are required by most states to verify ownership. A third requirement in some states is documentation of vaccinations.

8. Dick Francis (1920-2010) was a professional jockey in England who, after retirement, wrote and co-wrote more than 100 mystery novels set in and about the horse racing industry.

9. Always Dreaming is the horse that

won the 2017 Kentucky Derby.

10. "Black Beauty" was Sewell's one and only novel.

11. An embryo transfer, whereby a 6- to 8-day-old embryo is transferred to a recipient mare, allows, for example, a competition mare to continue competing.

12. The rodeo saddle has no saddle horn.

13. A healthy horse should drink at least five gallons of water a day. If not, dehydration can occur. To test for dehydration, pinch a small amount of skin on the neck between your thumb and forefinger then let go. The skin should immediately flatten back into place. But if the horse is dehydrated, the skin will slowly recoil and appear wrinkled.

14. The Friesian is a breed of solid black horses originating in the Netherlands.

15. Rural cable network RFD-TV bought Trigger from the Roy Rogers museum, where the Palomino stallion had been stuffed and displayed for more than 40 years. (Roy's dog Bullet, also stuffed, went to the same buyer for \$35,000.)

16. A stud's offspring is his "get."

17. Guinness World Records lists the

highest jump ever as 8-feet-1-inch, cleared by a Thoroughbred stallion with a Chilean rider in 1949.

18. The Mustang originated, starting in 1493, from the progeny of horses brought to the new world by Spanish conquistadors.

19. Tetanus infections can develop from punctures by nails, splinters, bullet wounds and "quicking" during horseshoeing. The tetanus germ cannot grow in the presence of air, so any wound deep enough to exclude air is a potential site for a tetanus infection. The best prevention for this possibly fatal condition is vaccination and annual boosters.

20. The Trojan Horse (as told about in Homer's "Iliad" in Greek literature) was built and used by the Greeks.

Bonus answer: A mechanic.

(Sources include "The Horse Lover's Bible," "The Everything Horse Book," "Encyclopedia of the Horse" and the internet.)

Score:

16 to 20: Top Hand

11 to 15: Seasoned Buckaroo

6 to 10: Weekend Wrangler

5 or less: Tenderfoot (or maybe a Rhinestone Cowboy)



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