

2017 EquiMania! Challenge!

Here are the answers for the EquiMania! Challenge in this year's workbook.

How did you do?



1. You can estimate a horse's age by its teeth.

True! Like humans, horses have temporary and permanent sets of teeth that can help determine the age of the horse.

2. At what age are the temporary teeth replaced by permanent teeth?

5 Years of age.

3. What animal causes the most injuries (hospitalized) to kids?

It's horses! Protect yourself by learning how to keep yourself safe around horses!

4. A female horse is called a:

Mare.

5. A baby horse at 1 year of age is referred to as a:

Yearling.

6. Water is important year-round for horses.

True! Plenty of fresh water should be available for horses year-round.

7. How much (approximately) of a horse's weight is made up of water?

2/3. Just like humans, a horse's weight is mostly made up of water.

8. How many bones are in a horse's skeleton?

210.

9. Humans have more bones than horses.

False. Humans have 206 bones, while horses have 210.

10. A 'snip' is a white mark on the forehead of a horse.

False. The snip is actually located on the horse's nose.

11. Which is a draft horse?

Shire.

12. A mule is a cross between a donkey and a horse.

True.

13. Early humans hunted horses for food.

True! *At an archaeological site in Germany, evidence has been found showing humans hunted for horses over 400,000 years ago!*

14. Horses are measured in "hands." How many inches make up a horse hand?

4 inches.

15. Horses see better than humans in dim light.

True.

16. Horses and humans are the only animals who sweat a lot.

True.

17. There are trees in fields that are poisonous to horses.

True. *We can help prevent horses from getting sick by knowing which plants and trees around the farm are poisonous!*

18. How long should it take an experienced groom to groom a horse as part of daily care?

20 minutes, though on show days it can take longer!

19. The world's strongest horse on record was able to pull:

29 tons! *A shire horse was able to pull 29 tons – the equivalent of three fully-grown male African elephants!*

20. The tallest horse on record was:

21.2 hands tall! *Sampson, a shire horse born in 1846, was the tallest and heaviest horse on record at 21.2 hands, and 3,360 lbs.*

21. What kind of brush do you use to brush a horse's legs?

A body/soft brush.

22. Where is the best place for you to be, when leading your horse?

On the left side.

23. Horses can only sleep lying down.

False! *Horses can also sleep standing up.*

24. Horses need water at least once a day.

False. *Once a day isn't enough! Horses need continuous access to water throughout the day. An 1100 lb horse needs about 25L of water each day to stay properly hydrated.*

25. Horses can get bruises on their feet.

True. *Horses can get bruises on their feet for a variety of reasons (stepping on rocks or ice, jumping, or walking in rough terrain).*