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Hi Everyone and welcome to our Horses Activity Pack. Packed full of information and things to do.

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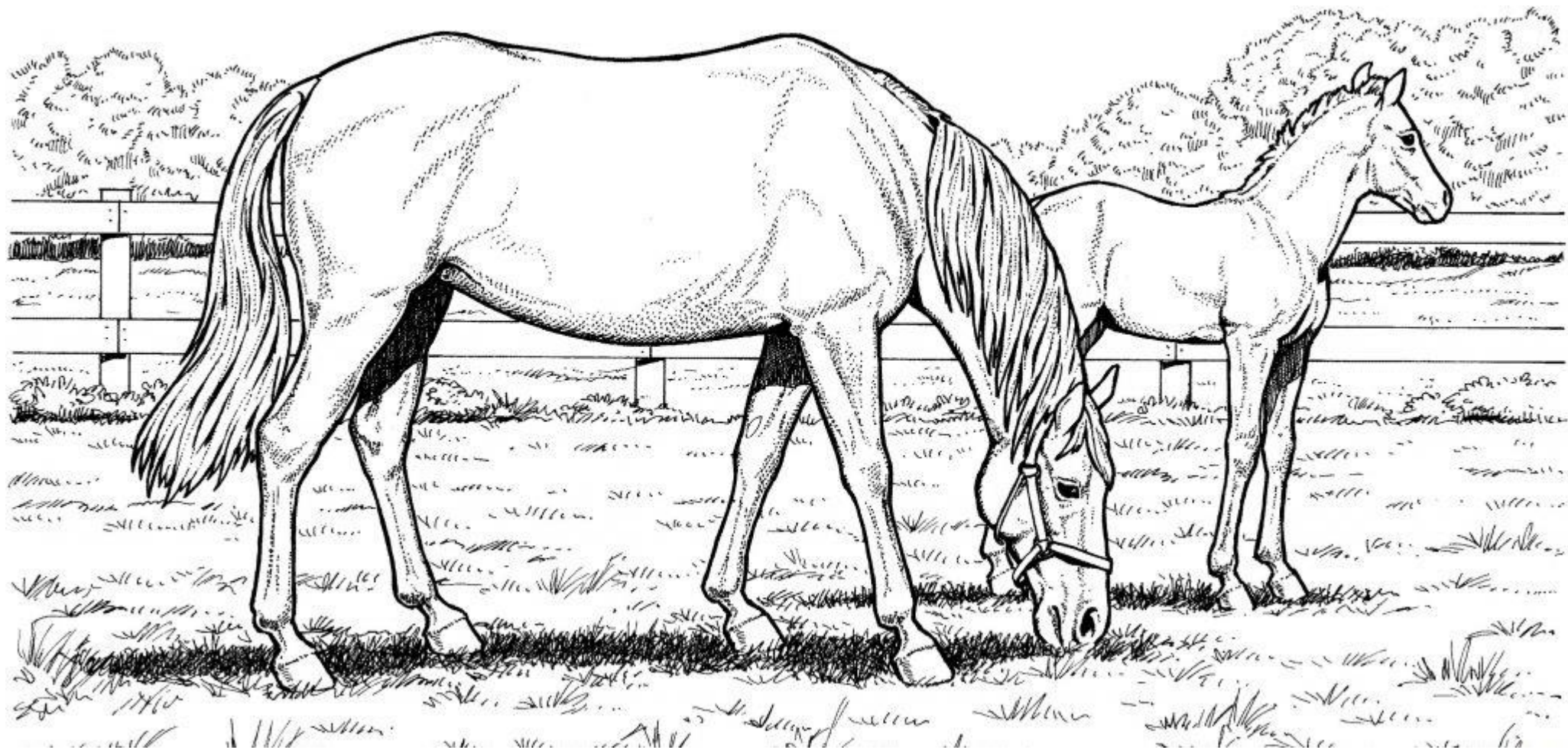
Due to the current circumstances you may be feeling a range of emotions. If there is anything you need, or if you would just like a chat – please call us.

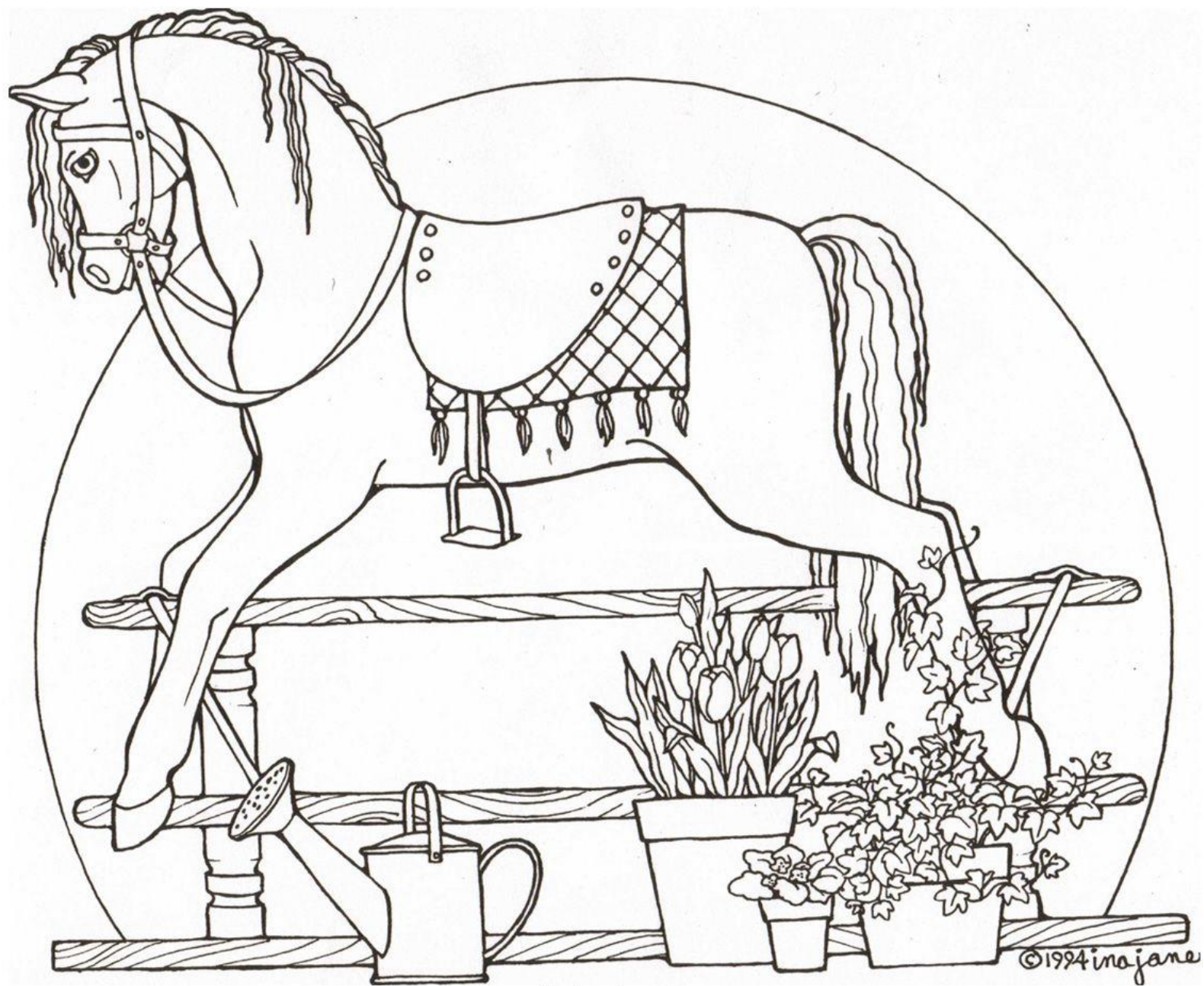
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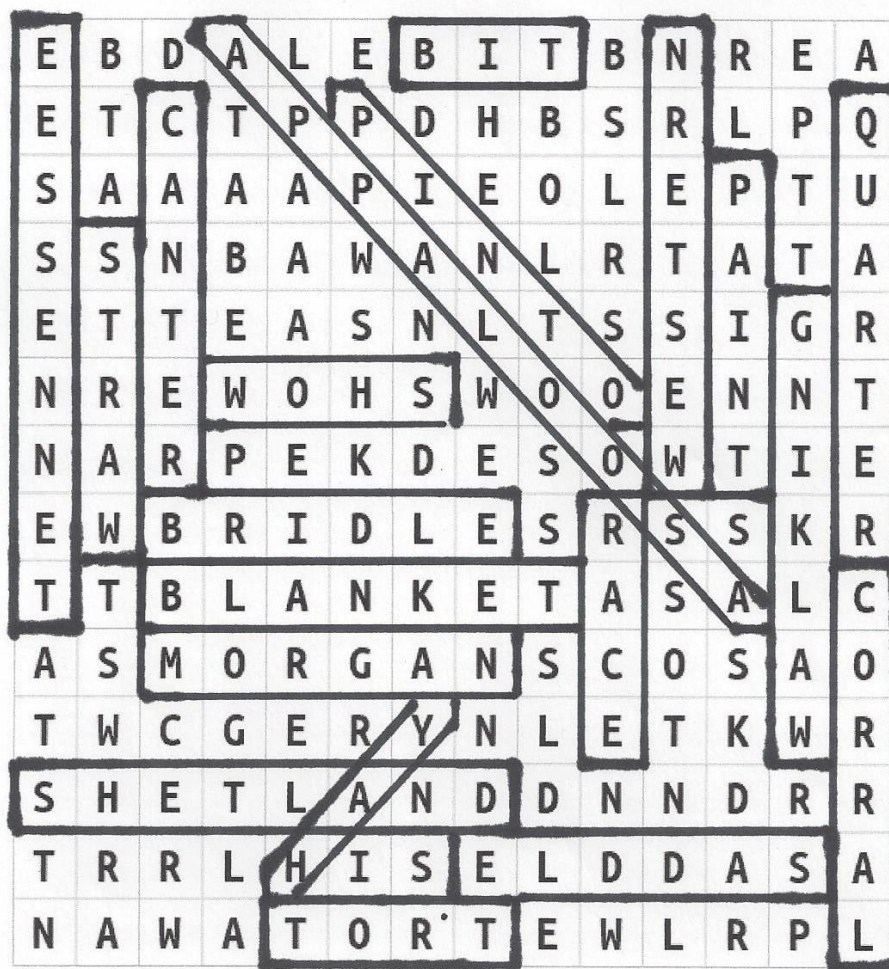


All about Horses

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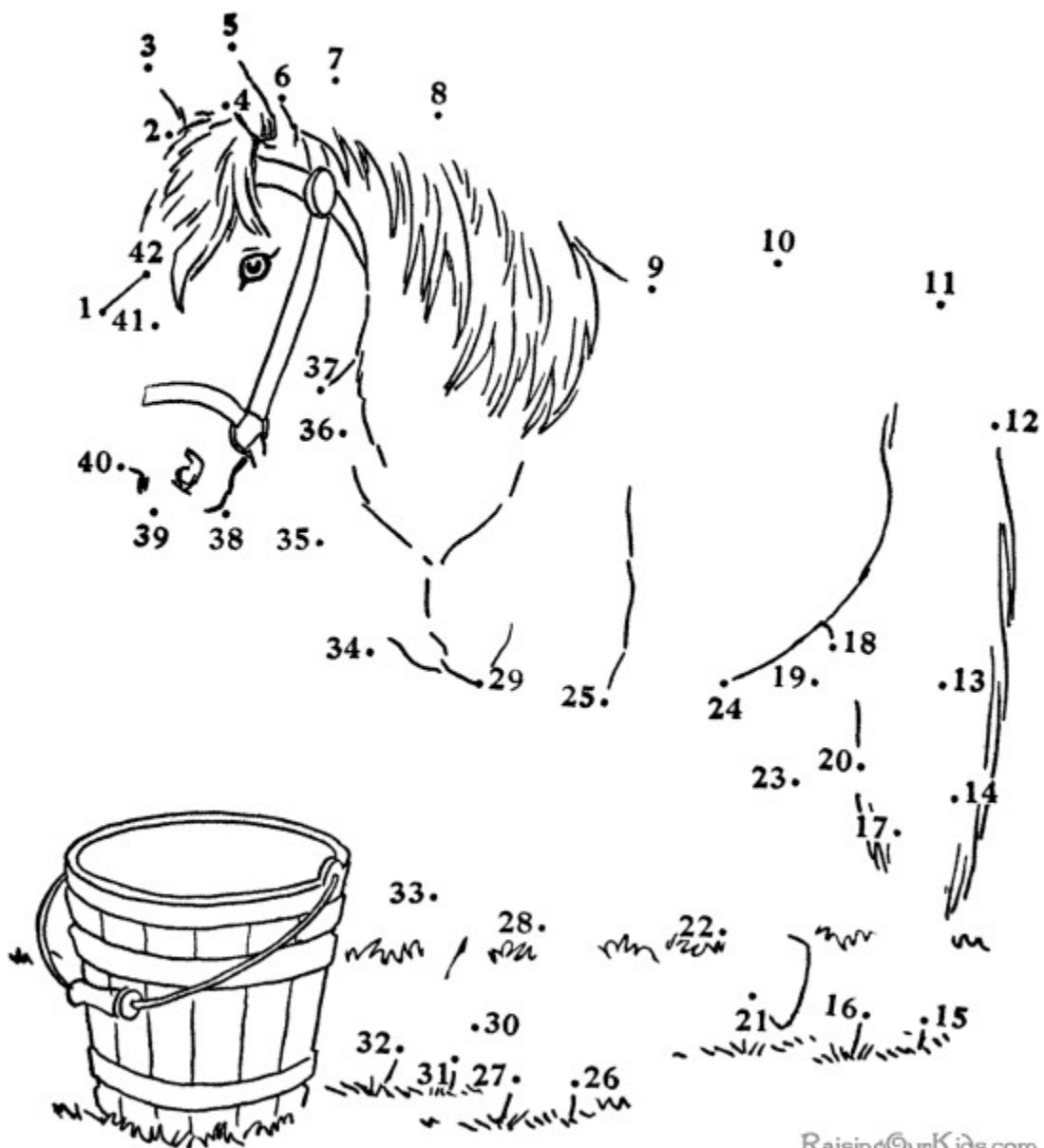
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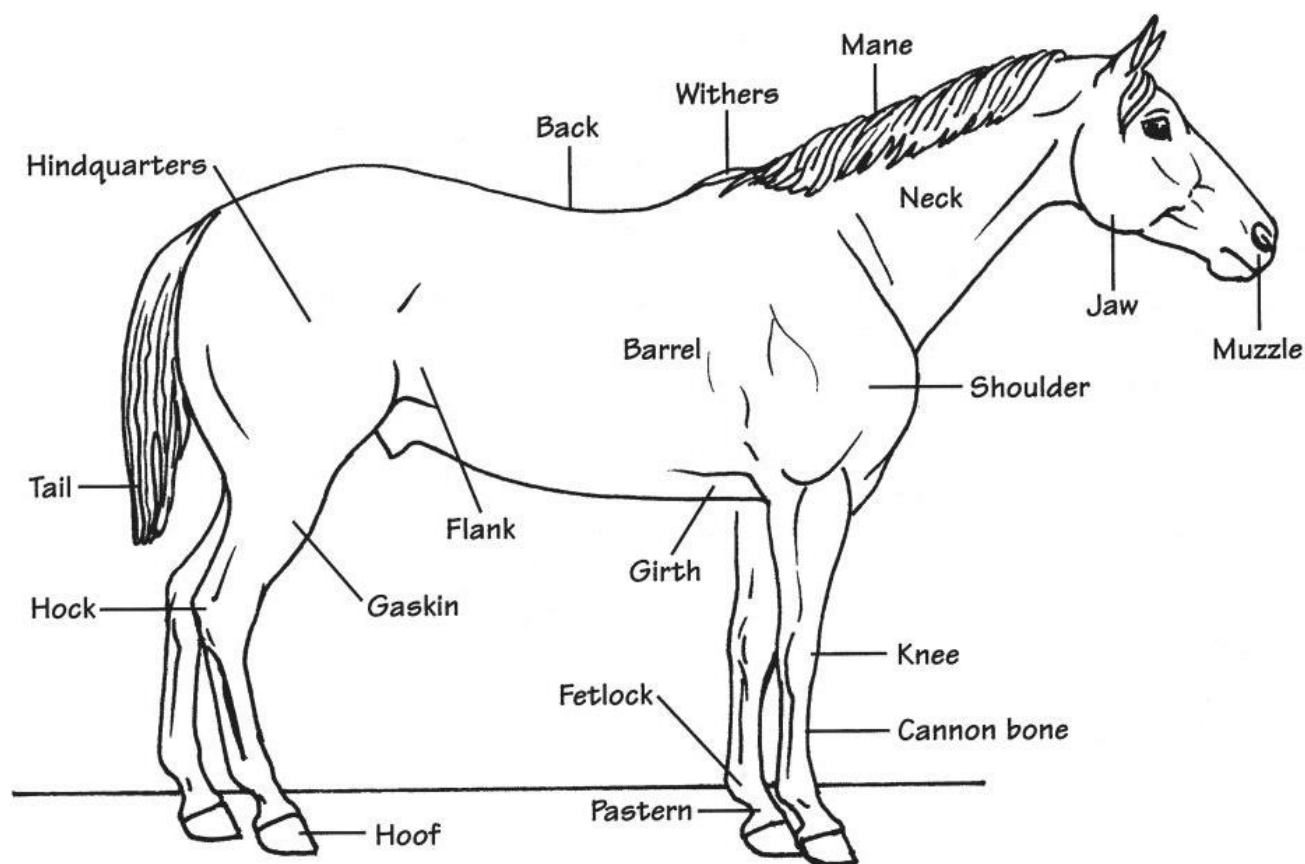
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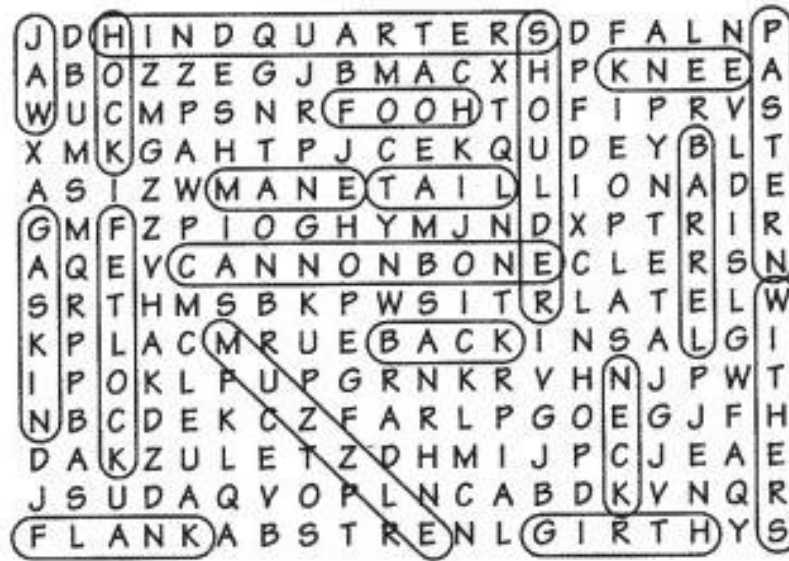


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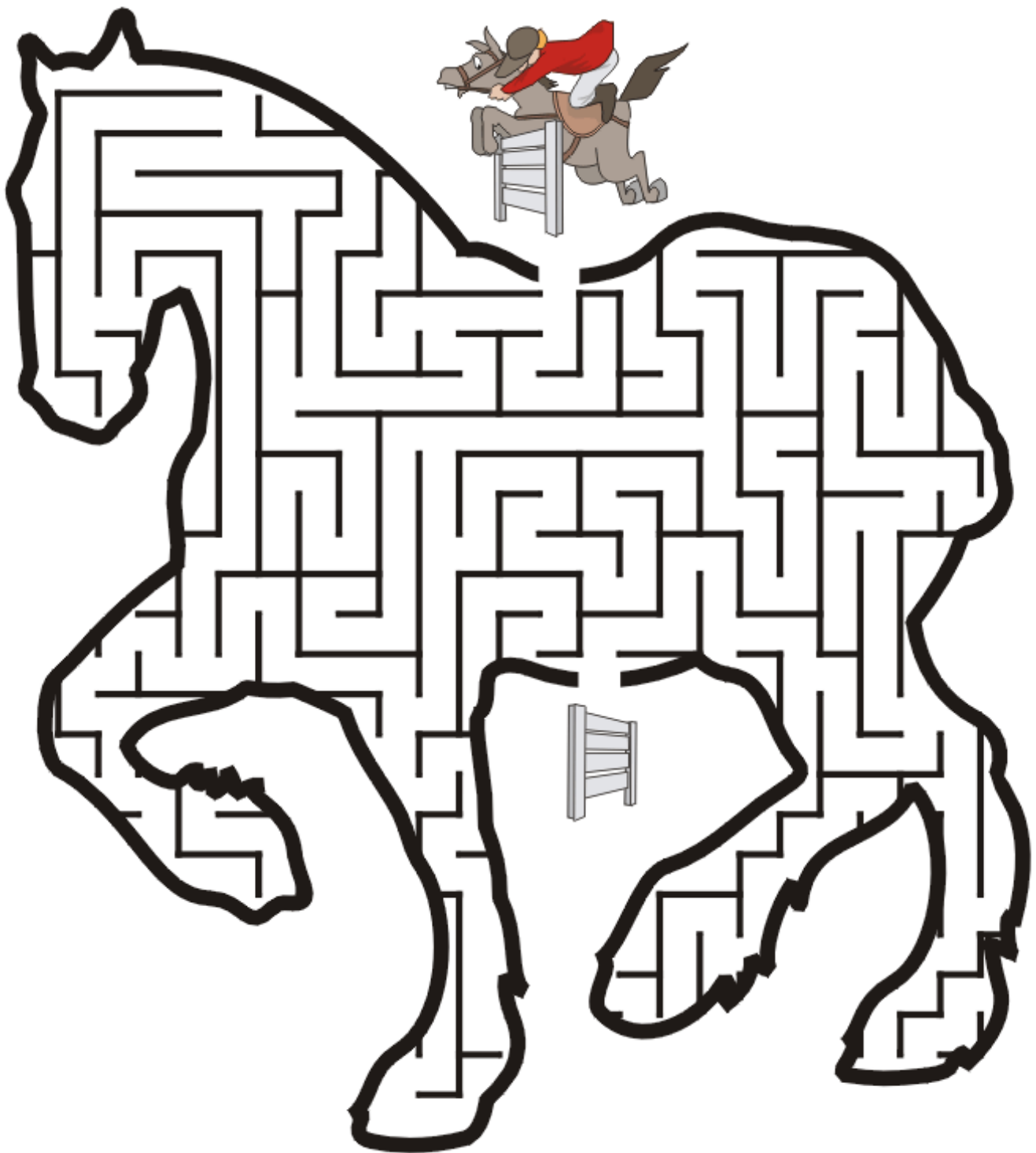
Parts of the Horse Word Search

Answers



Show Jumping Maze

Start below the horses belly at the vacant jump, and find you way to the jump on you trusted mount.







Proverbs About Horses

The wagon rest in winter, the sleigh in summer, the horse never (Yiddish)

It is not enough for a man to know how to ride; he must know how to fall.
(Mexican)

Riding is the art of keeping a horse between you and the ground. (Unknown)

No hour in life is wasted that is spent in the saddle. (Winston Churchill)

The wind of heaven is that which blows between horse's ears. (Arabian)

A sage once wrote that there are 3 things a man never forgets: a girl of his early youth, a devoted teacher, and a great horse. (CJJ Mullen)

A horse is worth more than riches. (Spanish)

If your horse says 'no', you either asked the wrong question, or asked the question wrong (Pat Parelli)

When God created the horse, he said to the magnificent creature: "I have made thee as no other. All the treasures of the earth lie between thy eyes. Thou shalt carry my friends upon thy back. Thy saddle shall be the seat of prayers to me. And thou shalt fly without wings, and conquer without sword; oh horse." (The Quran)



Properly known as the English Running Horse, the **Thoroughbred** is the fastest of all horses, capable of running for a mile at almost 40 miles per hour.



The Flemington Racecourse site comprises 1.27 square kilometres of Crown land. The course was originally leased to the Victoria Turf Club in 1848, which merged with the Victoria Jockey Club in 1864 to form the Victoria Racing Club. The first Melbourne Cup was run in 1861. In 1871 the Victoria Racing Club Act was passed, giving the VRC legal control over Flemington Racecourse.

The racecourse is shaped not unlike a pear, and boasts a six-furlong (1,200 m) straight known as 'the Straight Six.' The track has a circumference of 2.312 kilometres (1.437 mi) and a final straight of 450 metres (490 yd) for race distances over 1.2 kilometres (1,300 yd). Races are run in an anti-clockwise direction.

The course has a crowd capacity of over 120,000 and contains three grandstands. The biggest ever attendance was on Victoria Derby Day in 2006 when 129,069 people saw Efficient win the Victoria Derby. On 28 November, 1986, Pope John Paul II celebrated the Mass on the racetrack inner oval. The racecourse has undergone a facelift in recent years, with the opening of a new \$45 million grandstand in 2000 and the opening of a new members' grandstand in 2018. It also contains a bronze statue of the famous racehorse Phar Lap, which was donated to the Club as part of Australia's bicentenary celebrations in 1988. Also in celebration was the commission of Harold Freedman's seven panel mural which traces the History of Racing. The mural is housed in The Hill Stand, built in 1977.

Flemington Racecourse was added to the Australian National Heritage List on 7 November 2006, announced during the 2006 Melbourne Cup. The site is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.

Flemington Racecourse today hosts many of Australia's top races, including the Melbourne Cup, Victoria Derby, VRC Oaks, Mackinnon Stakes, Newmarket Handicap, Australian Cup and Lightning Stakes.

Word Search

HORSE COAT COLORS



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N J Z Q T O B I A N O G B I
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White
Perlino
Piebald
Brown
Tobiano

Grey
Paint
Rabicano
Pangare
Overo

Cremello
Palomino
Pinto
Mushroom
Skewbald

Champagne
Chestnut
Smoky
Sabino
Buckskin

Equations for Equestrians!

Horse Sense

Have you ever wanted a horse of your very own? Many kids do. But horses require a lot of special care. As with any pet, it's important to know how to properly care for horses before taking on the responsibility. For each sentence

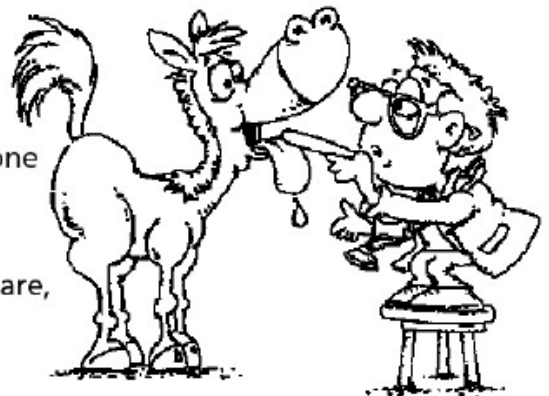
below, solve the math problem. Show your work on a separate piece of paper. Then match each of your answers to a number in the word box. Write the correct words in the blanks to finish the sentences.

21 = manure
144 = pounds
15 = supply

576 = health
112 = expensive
392 = proper

345 = pasture
8 = hooves
70 = weather

1. $96 + 16 = \underline{\quad}$ Purchasing a horse can be . But that's only the beginning! Caring for a horse for a year can cost even more than the purchase price! If you want a horse, be sure your family can afford proper care. Read on to see what you'll need to provide.
2. $39 - 18 = \underline{\quad}$ Give 'em shelter! Horses need a safe, comfortable stable to protect them from bad weather. And remember, you'll have to remove from their stall every day!
3. $376 - 31 = \underline{\quad}$ Exercise time! Horses require plenty of room to move around. They need a safe, fenced in which to exercise.
4. $256 - 241 = \underline{\quad}$ Chow time! Horses need a regular of food. They take two feedings of grain daily and nibble or graze throughout the day.
5. $108 + 36 = \underline{\quad}$ The average horse eats about 20 of food a day.
6. $78 + 498 = \underline{\quad}$ Is there a doctor for the horse? Horses need regular and dental care. Veterinarians may also be needed to provide emergency medical care. Some problems could cost thousands of dollars to treat.
7. $29 - 21 = \underline{\quad}$ Feet first! A farrier (blacksmith) needs to care for your horse's every six to eight weeks.
8. $85 - 15 = \underline{\quad}$ A job for all seasons! Caring for a horse takes a great deal of time, money, and commitment. Someone will need to see to your horse's needs 365 days a year—in good and bad.
9. $587 - 195 = \underline{\quad}$ A friend for life! With care, a horse can live 35 years or more.



A Once in a Lifetime Horse Tale

Most people only dream of true love. I lived it.



How we came to be together.

When I was fourteen, my Mother let me adopt a wild Mustang from the Forestry Commission. We drove three and a half hours inland to the holding yards in Dubbo, NSW. Each yard held dozens of nervous Brumbies milling about like a school of fish avoiding prey. Immediately I spotted a beautiful black stallion in the bunch.

Mom said no.

"Come look at this little bay over here," she said. "I've been watching her. Not too aggressive, not too fearful....and look at those legs." She was pretty!



A signature on the dotted line and a fifteen dollar fee later, she was mine.

Twenty months old and very underweight, I could hide my fingers between her ribs under that dried out matted coat. Skinny chest, narrow hips and legs that seemed too long, she was like a big awkward puppy.

She grew. By the time she was three I was riding her all over the neighbourhood and into town. Mostly bareback and sometimes with a saddle. She continued to grow. She had a case of the long tall skinnies, like you see with teenage boys in High School.

By the time she was six years old she weighed five hundred and sixty five kilograms and was a sixteen hand high powerhouse. That's five foot, three inches to the top of her shoulder. Her chest and hips had filled out.

Not the big bulky Quarter Horse kind of muscles, but the long lean Thoroughbred kind. Deep chest and legs a mile long, I was riding her everywhere. We had to ride over the Highway overpass to get into town. It was the only way to the lolly shop. After all, a girl has got to get her chocolate fix!

Trucks, motorcycles, traffic, dogs, chainsaws...she feared nothing. We used to joke that she would make a great prospect for the Sydney Mounted Police. But she didn't belong in a city. She belonged with me; riding the trails, beaches and national parks around Coffs Harbour. We spent countless hours riding, exploring every nook and cranny; trespassing private properties (I never told my Mother about)...barrel racing, trail rides, camping trips.... we did it all.

I went to her when I was happy. I went to her when I was bored. I went to her crying my eyes out with teenage injustices. She was a good listener. She was my best friend. She was perfect. She was more than perfect. As far as I'm concerned, she was the most beautiful creature on four legs to ever walk the Earth.



How she saved my life.

Some years latter.....I was lying flat on my back, in the hospital on strict bed rest. I was six plus months pregnant with twins and diagnosed with Preeclampsia. It's a temporary disease that pregnant women can get. It is life threatening. The only cure is to not be pregnant any more. The trick was to stay pregnant long enough for the babies lungs to mature. The nursing staff was monitoring my blood pressure round the clock. My blood pressure was hovering on the edge of an emergency caesarean to save my life.

"If your blood pressure gets any higher we will take the babies," I was told. "They may not be able to breathe on their own. We may have to fly

them Sydney by helicopter to a more advanced neonatal unit. Try and stay relaxed."

Stay relaxed! The nurses were checking my blood pressure every two hours. I was scared. The nurse approached with the arm cuff. "Please," I asked her. "Will you give me five minutes? I need a few minutes to get my pressure down before you take the reading."

I closed my eyes and envisaged we were standing at the hitching post, just me and my horse. I could smell that sweet earthy smell, with just a hint of horse sweat. I took a long deep breath just to take it all in. With brush in hand I started just behind her right ear. Short swift brush strokes chased the dust from her coat. I lifted her thick black mane that hid the BLM brand on her neck and brushed underneath. I moved to her shoulder. The wind would catch the dust that came from her coat and blow it back on to me. Horse dirt. The best kind of dirt in the world. Copper highlights in her coat glistened in the sun. I brushed her back and belly and ran my hand into her silky tawny coloured armpit. I brushed the caked dirt off her long black legs and admired the elegant black points of hair that grew just behind her beautiful hooves. She had good feet. The vet told me she had the best looking feet he'd ever seen on a horse. She was just like that. Perfect all over. I didn't bother with her long black tail. It was just messy enough to suit us both. I was just getting 'round to the other side when I was rudely interrupted.

"It's time to take your blood pressure."

The nurse had returned to do the dirty deed. She jotted down the results on her chart and then looked at me curiously. "How do you do it? How are you keeping your blood pressure down?" she asked.

"It's quite simple really. I've been brushing my horse."





Sadly

My mare had developed an annoying little cough that just refused to go away. Then came the dreaded news. "She is in the early stages of emphysema," explained the vet. "It's very common here. There's nothing that can be done for it. When the disease progresses farther, you can bring her in for steroid shots. It will help her breathe easier for a while.

My heart fell on the floor.

From then on every ride was precious. The months rolled by and I watched her disease progress. I said to Mom "Help me keep an eye on her. When she begins to show the first signs of distress, I am going to put her down," I said firmly. "I'll be damned if I'm going to let her suffer a moment." She is too good for that.

The day came when I knew what had to be done. We had two hours before the vet would arrive. I took her down to the lower pasture where the green grass was over a foot high. I talked and she grazed and listened. We reminisced twenty years of adventures together.

"Do you remember being in the wild before you came to me? When you ran with the herd? And you played with the other yearlings on those long skinny legs of yours? I would have loved to have seen that! You were free before you came to me. You are my first love. You are my best friend. You gave me freedom. You gave me pride. You gave me more pleasure than a person could ever dream. You gave me your heart. I cannot ask for more than that.

It is time for me to give you your freedom back. The Vet is going to come and he's going to help me open the gate. When he does, I want you to run out as fast you can... wild and free because you're a Brumby; it's in your blood! No more fences. It is time for you to go play. I don't want you to worry about leaving me. When I'm finished here, we'll go on a ride together, I promise. You know how exciting it is when we're on a new trail!"

The Vet came. I did not shed a tear. I could not then and I cannot now. Love is bigger than death. She is not gone. She is not lost to me. Love cannot be divided by time or dimensions or a whole universe. I will see her again and no one will ever convince me otherwise.



It's you.

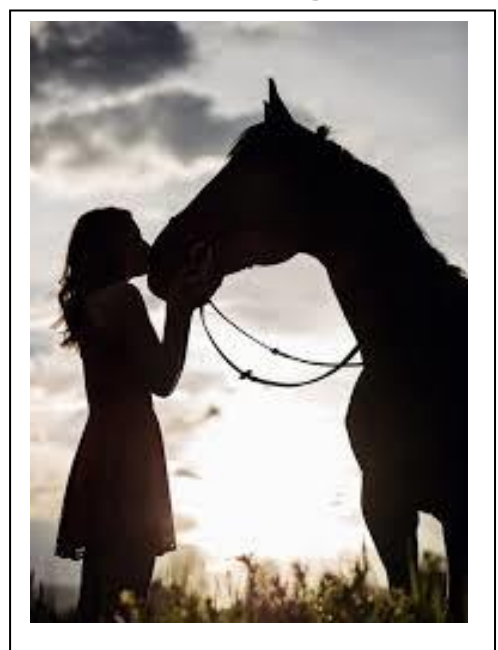
She came to me in a dream on night. Have you ever seen the ghosts in the Great Hall in the Harry Potter movies? It was just like that. She came running right through the walls, barrelling down, straight at me. She was followed by a ghostly dust cloud as she slid to a wild stop. She was alive with joy and energy. Her eyes were bright and playful. She tossed her big head and let out a great big blow.

"Hello Beautiful," I smiled with recognition. My heart swelled with so much love it nearly burst from my chest. With that she spun around on her heels and thundered out, right through the wall. Wild and free as the inter-dimensional wind she blew in on. It was a great big beautiful hello from a great big beautiful Brumby. She always leaves me smiling!

And I will see her again.

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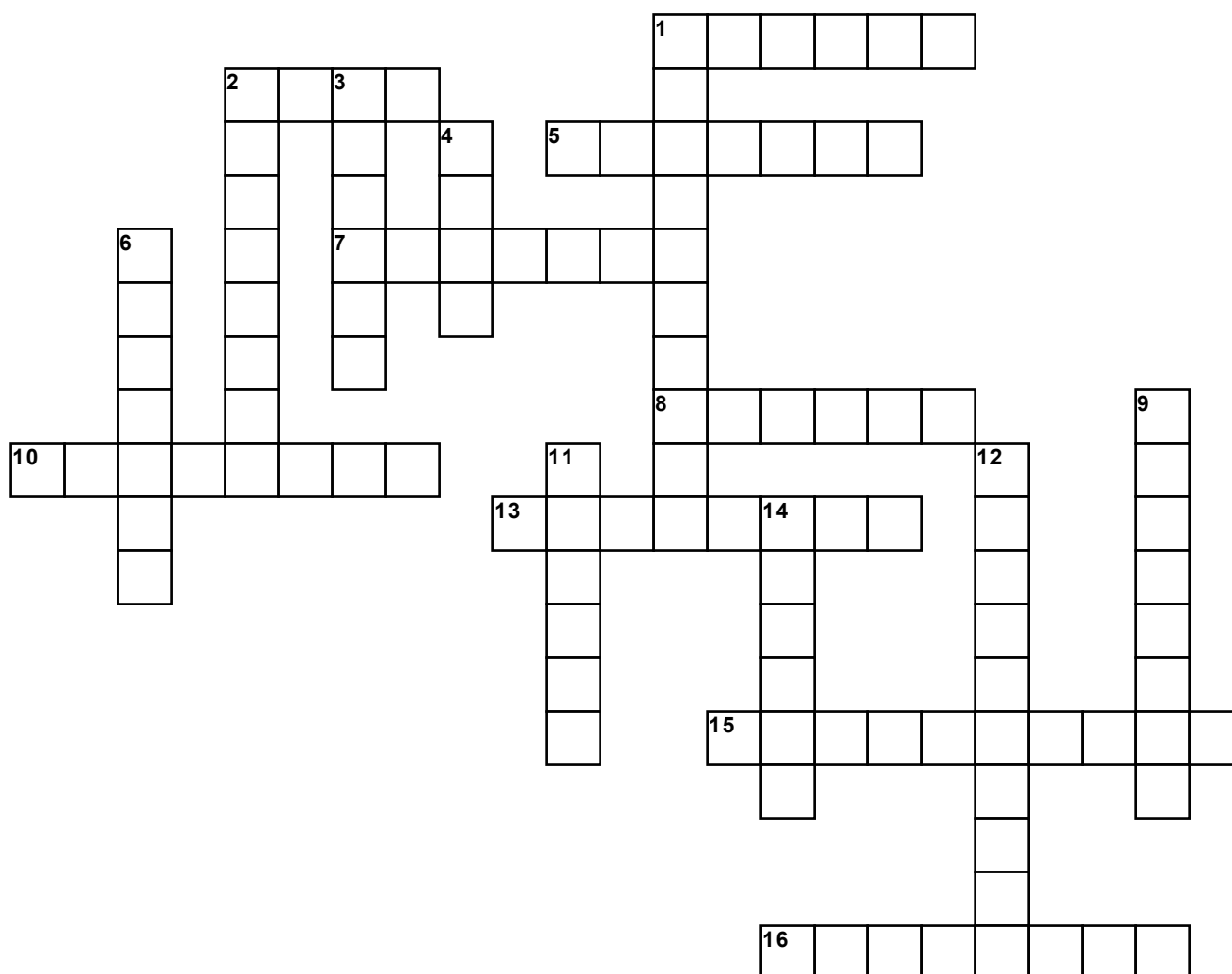


The Melbourne Cup is Australia's most famous annual Thoroughbred horse race. It is a 3200-metre race for three-year-olds and over, conducted by the Victoria Racing Club on the Flemington Racecourse in Melbourne, Victoria as part of the Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival. It is the richest "two-mile" handicap in the world and one of the richest turf races. The event starts at 3:00 pm on the first Tuesday of November and is known locally as "the race that stops the nation".

The Melbourne Cup has a long tradition, with the first race held in 1861. It was originally over two miles (3.219 km) but was shortened to 3,200 metres (1.988 mi) in 1972 when Australia adopted the metric system. This reduced the distance by 18.688 metres (61.312 ft), and Rain Lover's 1968 race record of 3:19.1 was accordingly adjusted to 3:17.9. The present record holder is the 1990 winner Kingston Rule with a time of 3:16.3.



Melbourne Cup



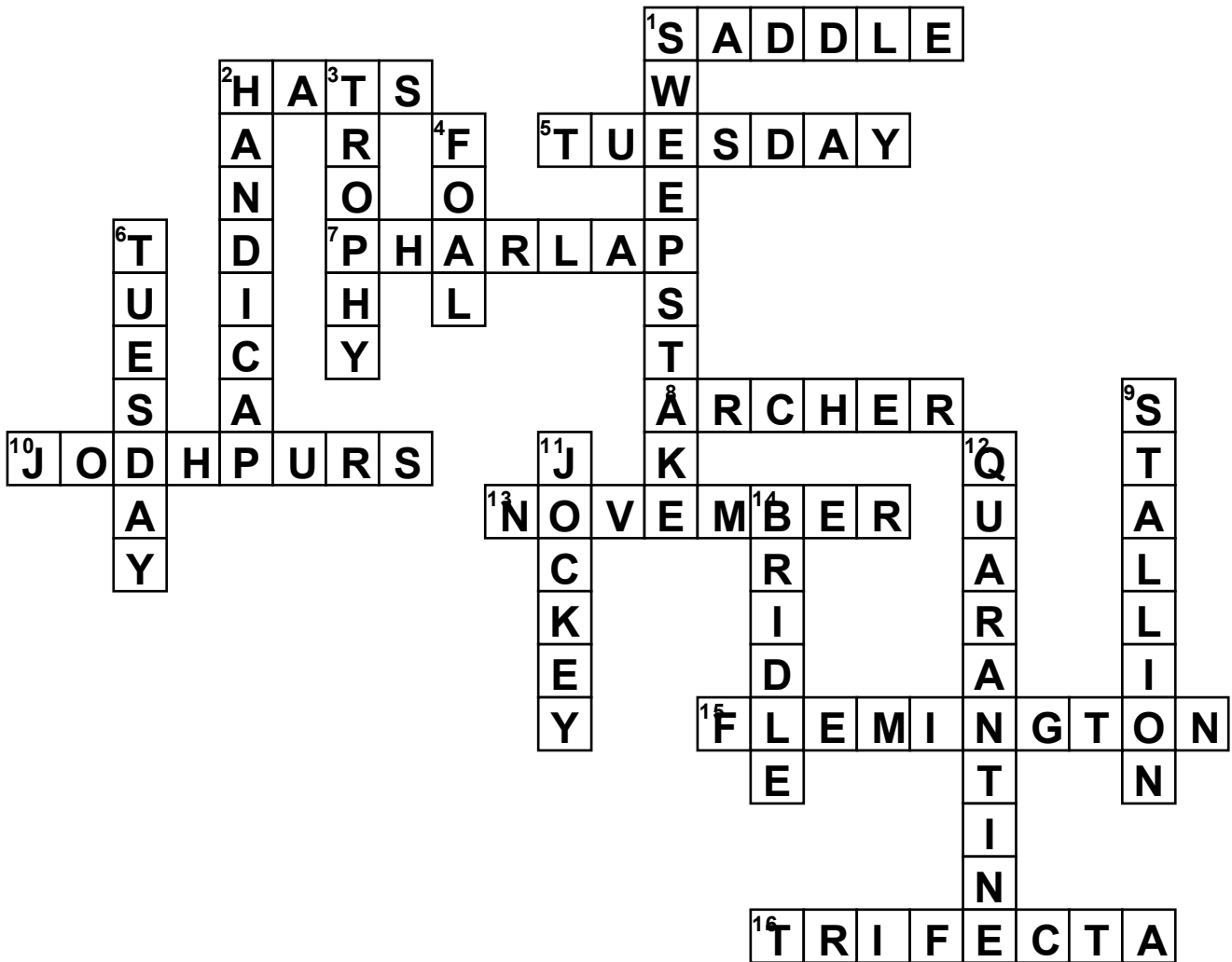
Across

- 1 - Supportive structure on which the horse rider sits (6)
- 2 - What fashion accessory is the Melbourne Cup famous for? (4)
- 5 - On what day of the week is the Melbourne Cup held? (7)
- 7 - Great Australian race horse (4,3)
- 8 - The horse that won the first Melbourne Cup in 1861 (6)
- 10 - Trousers worn for horse riding (8)
- 13 - Month in which the Melbourne Cup is held (8)
- 15 - Name the racecourse where the Melbourne Cup is held (10)
- 16 - A bet in which the first three finishers in a race are forecast in the correct order (8)

Down

- 1 - A lottery in which the stakes of the participants constitute the prize (10)
- 2 - What type of horse race is the Melbourne Cup? (8)
- 3 - As well as prize money, the winner receives a ... (6)
- 4 - A young horse (4)
- 6 - On what day of the week is the Melbourne Cup held (7)
- 9 - An adult male horse that has not been gelded (8)
- 11 - Someone who rides a horse in a horse race (6)
- 12 - International horses are placed into enforced isolation, also known as ... (10)
- 14 - Part of a horse's harness (6)

Melbourne Cup



Word Search

MELBOURNE CUP



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G J V I C T O R I A K R Z H
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O Q E S O C A R N I V A L V
P L P H A R L A P F I E L D

Flemington
Racing
Makybe Diva
Sweeps

Thoroughbred
Jockey
Winner
Australia

Victoria
Carnival
November
Odds

Spring
Phar Lap
Holiday
Field



Name the racecourse where the 'Melbourne Cup' is held.

Name the most famous horse in the history of the 'Melbourne Cup'.

What distance do the horses race in the 'Melbourne Cup'?

What type of horse's race in the 'Melbourne Cup'?

In what year did the 'Melbourne Cup' start?

Why was the 1925 race of special significance?

Why is Bart Cumming's often referred to as the 'Cup's King'?

Can you name the horse that won the first 'Melbourne Cup'?

How many horses compete in the Cup?

In which year did the cup become Australians million-dollar race?



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Flemington Racecourse

Name the most famous horse in the history of the 'Melbourne Cup'.

Phar Lap

What distance do the horses race in the 'Melbourne Cup'?

2 miles or 3200m

What type of horse's race in the 'Melbourne Cup'?

Handicap

In what year did the 'Melbourne Cup' start?

1861

Why was the 1925 race of special significance?

It was the first time it was broadcasted on the radio

Why is Bart Cumming's often referred to as the 'Cup's King'?

Because he prepared most of the 'Melbourne Cup' winners

Can you name the horse that won the first 'Melbourne Cup'?

Archer

How many horses compete in the Cup?

24 Horses

In which year did the cup become Australians million-dollar race?

1985



- * There are an estimated 75 million horses in the world.
- * The smallest horse in the world is the South American Falabella averaging 32 inches / 78 cms and the tallest the Shire from England averaging 5.8 feet or 178 cms.
- * Arabian horses have one less rib, one less lumbar bone, and one or two fewer tail vertebrae than other horses.
- * Brumbies are free-roaming wild horses in Australia. They are in great number in the Australian Alps region in South-Eastern Australia.
- * Horse riding in the U.K. is more popular than rugby, fishing and cricket.
- * 4.6 million Americans are involved in the equine industry as horse owners, service providers, employees and volunteers. Tens of millions more participate as spectators.
- * Mustangs are a breed of horse that roam wild in North America. They are related to the horses the Spanish brought to North America 400 years ago.
- * Wild horses in New Zealand are called 'Kaimanawa'; they are domestic horses released in the 19th and 20 centuries.

About Horses and Native Americans

In 1540 the Spanish introduced horses into America. Some escaped and became wild horses. In the 1600s Spanish missionaries and settlers made their home in New Mexico, west of Texas. The Spanish used the Native Americans as slaves and workers. The slaves and workers soon learned to work with horses; training and riding them, but at that time there was a law that prohibited Native Americans to have horses and guns. In 1680 the Native Americans revolted against the Spanish and drove them off their land and back to Old Mexico. The Native Americans then started to use the horses like the Spanish; breeding them, and teaching other tribes to ride them so they could trade them. The horses changed life for the Native Americans; when before they hunted buffalos on foot, they now had horses. They now could keep up with a running buffalo and get close enough to shoot the beasts with arrows.