

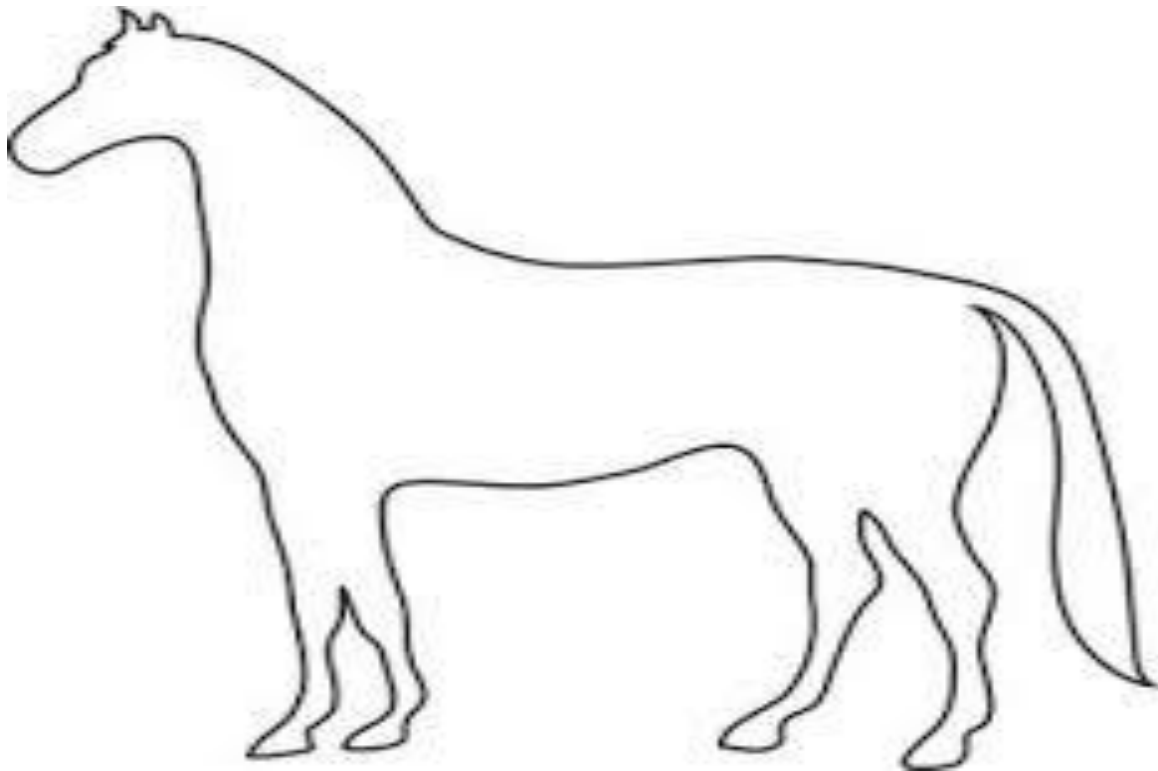
Farm Facts: Horses



Have you watched Jayne's video and listened to her five interesting facts about horses? Continue your learning here with some fun activities to try in the classroom or at home.

Activity 1:

In your own words, write down each of the 5 facts Jayne gave you on the video. Copy, trace or print the horse outline below and write your facts in the blank space. Perhaps you could cut them out and stick them into a scrapbook, or display them on a noticeboard or the fridge?



Activity 2: Best in Show

In the Land Agent’s Office at Tatton Park’s Farm, there are rosettes and awards won by ‘showing’ animals, in competitions. For Shire horses, there are two types of competitions. ‘In hand’: where they are run up and down with their handler running at their side. The horses are judged on movement and also on their ‘conformation’, which means the structure of their bones and muscles. Nowadays, there are also ‘ridden’ classes for Shire horses, where the horses are again judged on their conformation, but also their ability to correctly follow commands from their rider.

Below are 3 pictures of horses from Tatton Farm. Choose one which deserves a rosette.

- Explain why this horse is being given an award – write this in your own words
- Make a rosette for your winning horse using materials you have at home. (Look up rosettes on the Internet to find some inspiration).



BLOSSOM



TABITHA



SENSATION

Activity 3: The Perfect Stable

When they are not out enjoying the fields, horses spend time in their stable. They will sleep and eat in there. It is important for a horse’s health and happiness that their stable is clean and dry, and a reasonable size.

Can you answer the questions below to help create the perfect stable for Sensation? You will find the answers at the bottom of the page.

- 1) Sensation is 16 hands high – ‘a hand’ is a unit of measurement that tells us how tall the animal is. If you know that 1 hand is the same as 10.16cm, can you calculate how tall Sensation is in centimetres?
- 2) For a horse of Sensation’s size, we would like to create a stable that is 1.5m wide and 2.4m long. What would the area of the stable be?
- 3) Roughly, horses should eat 2% of their body weight every day. Sensation weighs 498kg – can you work out how much food she should be given?

Answers:

1) $10.16\text{cm} \times 16 = 162.56\text{cm}$

2) $1.5\text{m} \times 2.4\text{m} = 3.6\text{m}^2$

3) $1\% = 498 \div 100 = 4.98$, $2\% = 4.98 \times 2 = 9.96\text{kg}$

