

ANIMAL BITES

HORSES IN NEW ZEALAND

Discover all about these
beautiful animals

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ALL ABOUT HORSES

EARS

Horses can turn their ears in different directions to hear where sounds are coming from. They also use them to show their mood.

EYESIGHT

Horses have almost 360 degree vision, apart from small blind spots in front of and behind their heads.

SOUNDS

Horses make a range of sounds. They neigh, whinny, or snort (for danger); males even roar to attract females.

BODY

Horses can weigh anywhere between 380 and 550kg. A larger type of horse, known as a draft horse, can weigh 1000kg or more.

MANE

The mane is the hair that grows from the top of a horse's neck. When people tamed horses they began breeding them with longer and longer manes.



SCIENTIFIC NAME

Equus ferus caballus

LIFESPAN

Domestic horses live to be around 25-30 on average.

A horse named Old Billy, who lived in the 19th century, was said to have lived to 62.

HORSE NAMES

- A filly is a female younger than four years.
- A mare is a female horse four years or older.
- A colt is a male younger than four years
- A stallion is a male four years or older.
- A baby horse is a foal.

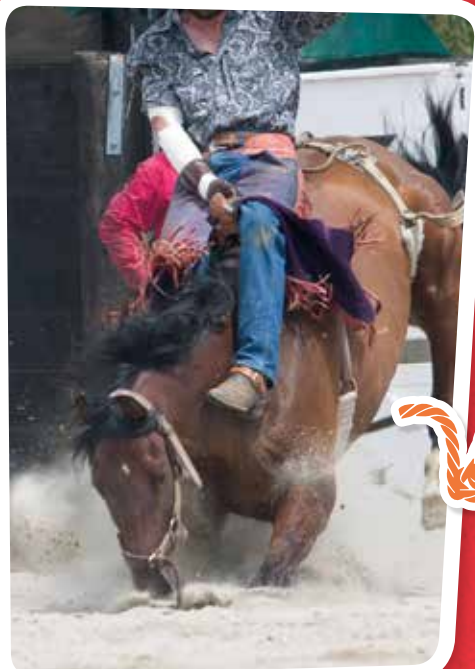
A HISTORY OF HORSES



Current evidence puts horse domestication sometime around 4000-2000 BCE. Use of horses spread far and fast across what is now Europe and Asia. They were used for transport, agriculture and warfare.

Horses were brought to New Zealand in 1814 by missionaries. Here in Aotearoa, horses were used for transport before cars and trucks were common.

ANIMAL ISSUES



RODEO

Horses are ridden and raced in rodeo events.

In riding events a flank strap is pulled tight around the horse's middle. This makes them buck. Riders must stay on the bucking horse for at least eight seconds. Stressed horses have crashed into barriers, breaking legs and damaging spines.



In racing events horses make tight turns around barrels at high speeds. Horses have lost their footing, broken bones and damaged muscles.

HORSE RACING

Horses love to run, but do not like to run long distances at fast speeds. Race horses are heavy and weigh around 500kg. Their legs are delicate and easily injured. Common racing injuries are leg fractures and breaks. A leg injury will usually result in a horse being put down.



In jumps racing horses run around a track jumping obstacles along the way. This is very difficult and injuries in jumps racing are painful and serious. Horse deaths from bad landings and crashes are common.



SAY NO TO RODEO

Horses don't want to be part of the rodeo. They are forced to take part. Rodeo causes horses and other animals, such as calves, pain and stress. You can help these horses and other animals by avoiding the rodeo, and asking others to avoid it as well.



AVOID HORSE RACING

Horse racing causes injuries and pain to horses. Help these horses by avoiding horse racing, and encouraging others to avoid them too.

Did you know New Zealand has wild horses?

The Kaimanawa Heritage Horses society is dedicated to the care and welfare of these horses both domestically and in the wild.

You can find out more on their website.
kaimanawaheritagehorses.org



KIND FOOD CARROT CAKE

Ingredients

- ¼ cup apple sauce
- 1 tsp vanilla
- ½ cup vegan margarine
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 ¼ cup flour
- ¼ cup soy milk
- 1 cup grated carrot



PREP TIME
15 minutes

COOK TIME
45 minutes



Instructions

1. Pre-heat your oven to 160 degrees Celsius.
2. Grease and lightly flour a baking pan.
3. In a large bowl, combine the apple sauce, vanilla, margarine, salt, baking powder, cinnamon, sugar, flour and soy milk until well mixed.
4. Add the grated carrot.
5. Spread your carrot cake batter evenly in your prepared baking pan.
6. Bake in a pre-heated oven for 45 minutes.
7. Allow your carrot cake to cool completely.
8. Ice the cake with your choice of topping (lemon works well!).
9. Enjoy!



PUZZLE PAGE



DOWN

1. The hair on the neck of a horse
2. When a horse kicks their back legs out
3. Male horse younger than four years old
5. Moving things or people, by vehicle, aircraft or ship
7. Name of the animal in this newsletter
8. A long orange vegetable that horses love
10. The foot of a horse
11. Name for a baby horse
12. Female horse younger than four years old



ACROSS

1. Female horse four years or older
4. The word for when you tame an animal
6. The common noise a horse makes
9. Male horse four years or older
12. The joints in horses above the hoof
13. The name for a very large breed of horse

ANIMAL SQUAD PROFILE

Favourite animal:

I love ALL animals, even spiders and cockroaches (especially the baby ones)!

What got you interested in wanting to help animals?

I've always loved animals and would like to help them all the time in any way I can.

What is your favourite veg food?

I love most vegan food and my favourite dinner is my mum's African beans!

Anything you want to share about animals?

When I grow up I would like to run an animal sanctuary with my friend Jorja and take in and look after any animals in need of a good and loving home, from cats and dogs to pigs, cows, sheep, and birds.



Name: **Lily**

Age: **12**

Hometown: **Hamilton**

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WORD SEARCH

BEAR
 CAT
 CHICKEN
 COW
 DOG

DOLPHIN
 FISH
 FROG
 GIRAFFE
 GOAT

HORSE
 PIG
 RABBIT
 SHEEP
 WHALE



Hold your horses, Buck,
don't you have a vet
appointment today?

Oh no, I'm late...



You'd better 'hoof'
it then...

GOOD READS

Layla escapes the zoo

by Kat Theo

Layla is a slow loris. She has always wondered what the world outside the zoo is like.

So she sets off on an adventure, to see the world, but things are not as they seem!

This story is a delightful rhyming read for younger kids. It's all about the joys of freedom and caring about animals.

You could even read this to a younger sibling, or better yet, read it with them.

Will Layla find her way to freedom? Read the book to find out!



ANIMAL SQUAD HEROES

Maja (14) bake sale:



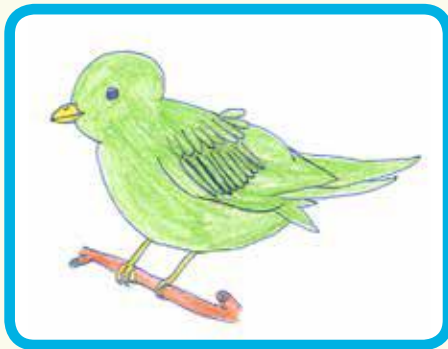
Maja and her family held a vegan bake sale recently. They raised \$107 and handed out heaps of leaflets. Awesome job, Maja and family.

Lily (12) and Jorja (12)



Lily and Jorja held a vegan bake sale at their school and raised \$220.20. Amazing stuff, Lily and Jorja!

Aria (10)



Aria's family tried to rescue a bird, but sadly she died. Aria wrote a poem in memory of the bird.

*Your feathers are green,
Your eyes keen,
Your chirp is loud,
You make your mother proud,
Rest in peace little bird,
May my words be heard.*

Lovely poem, Aria.

JOIN SAFE ANIMAL SQUAD

If you are 8-14 you can **join for free.**

Sign up online at **SafeAnimalSquad.org.nz**

Or email **animalsquad@safe.org.nz**



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DOWN	ACROSS	1. Mare	2. Bucking	3. Colt	4. Domestic	5. Transport	6. Neigh	7. Horse	8. Carrot	9. Stallion	10. Hoof	11. Foal	12. Filly
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