

The Healthy Horse or Pony

How to play the game:

On the table there will be two headings Good Health and Ill Health and a selection of cards with a statement on. Competitors read the statements and decide if they fall under the 'good' or 'ill' headings and place them under the correct heading. Teams will be scored on correctly placed statements under each heading.

Equipment:

Cards with Good Health and Ill Health written on them, ideally taped to the table
Cards with the health statements on, ideally laminated paper or on card for durability
Scoresheet
Answer legend
Clipboard and pens for scorers

Tips for organisers:

Tell the competitors they can talk among themselves, it's up to them which heading they place cards under, they earn one point for each correctly placed statement.

At end of time one helper holds the next team so they can't see the table and explains the round while the second helper checks the statements against the answer legend and fills out the score sheet. To make it easy to score it is recommend to place an A or B on the back of each card in pencil so as not to be seen through the card/paper. All 'good' being A and 'ill' health being B, then the scorer just needs to count up the number of A and B cards under each heading, allocating one point for each correct answer.

Cards should then be randomly spread across the table ready for the next team.

Health statements and answer legend.

All statements with an A are good health and all with a B are ill health. When writing the cards place a discrete A and B as shown on the back of each card to make scoring easy. Ensure that the A/B cannot be seen through the cards.

	Mini health statements		Junior/Senior health statements
A	Pony grazing	A	Sound in action taking strides of equal length
A	Pony drinking	A	Resting respiration of 10-20 bpm
A	Pony doing a poo	A	Grazing and doing droppings approx 8 times per day
A	Pricked ears	A	Sleek and shiny coat
A	Eyes open and clean	A	Bright eyes with salmon pink membranes
A	Shiny coat	A	Legs free from swellings and cool to the touch
A	Clean dry nose	A	Good cover of condition not overweight
A	Good weight, not too fat or thin	A	Urine fairly thick and either colourless or pale yellow
A	Standing or grazing in a group	A	Drinking
A	Resting a hind leg	A	Alert and taking an interest in goings on
B	Smelly feet	B	Not eating or drinking
B	Cut on leg	B	Obese
B	Not eating	B	Dull starey coat
B	Not drinking	B	Mucus running from nose
B	Dull coat	B	Smelly feet
B	Not interested in things going on	B	Thin to the point of ribs and hip bones visible
B	Runny nose	B	Cuts or swellings on legs
B	Mucus on eyes	B	Lame or awkward in action
B	Very fat	B	Resting a front leg
B	Rib bones visible	B	Resting respiration of 20-30 bpm

Healthy Horse or Pony Mini Score sheet

Branch/Centre: _____ Team Number: _____

Health statement	Correct =tick Incorrect = cross
Pony grazing	
Pony drinking	
Pony doing a poo	
Pricked ears	
Eyes open and clean	
Shiny coat	
Clean dry nose	
Good weight, not too fat or thin	
Standing or grazing in a group	
Resting a hind leg	
Smelly feet	
Cut on leg	
Not eating	
Not drinking	
Dull coat	
Not interested in things going on	
Runny nose	
Mucus on eyes	
Very fat	
Rib bones visible	

Total _____/24

Healthy Horse or Pony Junior/Senior Score sheet

Branch/Centre: _____ Team Number: _____

Health statement	Correct =tick Incorrect = cross
Sound in action taking strides of equal length	
Resting respiration of 10-20 bpm	
Grazing and doing droppings approx 8 times per day	
Sleek and shiny coat	
Bright eyes with salmon pink membranes	
Legs free from swellings and cool to the touch	
Good cover of condition not overweight	
Urine fairly thick and either colourless or pale yellow	
Drinking	
Alert and taking an interest in goings on	
Not eating or drinking	
Obese	
Dull starey coat	
Mucus running from nose	
Smelly feet	
Thin to the point of ribs and hip bones visible	
Cuts or swellings on legs	
Lame or awkward in action	
Resting a front leg	
Resting respiration of 20-30 bpm	

Total _____/24