

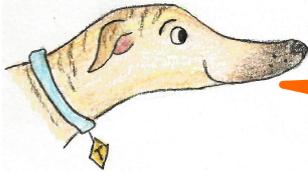


Horses & Ponies Etcetera!



Level 2 Issue 1: Horse Colours

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Horses come in a huge variety of colours,
their fur is also known as their 'coat'.
Their colour is determined by their genetics.
Here are the three basic coat colours for horses

	Black There are two types of black, fading and non- fading. If a horse is a fading black, their coat will fade to have brown tints if exposed to the sun. Non-fading black horses are a blue-black, that isn't affected by sunlight.
	Bay Reddish brown, with a black mane and tail, and black points (legs, muzzle and ear tips). Bay occurs when the Agouti gene works on black.
	Chestnut A orange/ red brown, with a mane and tail of a similar colour.

White or grey or albino?
Lets find out the difference!



Most horses that look white, we actually call greys. A grey horse has dark skin (this can be seen around the eyes and muzzle). Grey horses can be born any colour, but this fades to white as they get older. True white horses are very rare, a true white horse has pink skin and completely white hair. They are born white, and their colour won't change as they grow up. They have blue or brown eyes, never pink. Albino horses don't exist, as this is created by genetic factors that don't happen in horses.

Shades of Chestnut and Bay

	<p>Dark Bay A dark brown coat, with black points.</p>		<p>Liver Chestnut Very dark red, the mane can be either light or darker.</p>
	<p>Red Bay A very bright red with black points</p>		<p>Golden Chestnut A pale red, nearly gold, with the same colour mane and tail.</p>
	<p>Mahogany Bay A darker red brown, with black points.</p>		<p>Flaxen Chestnut Flaxen means that the mane and tail are cream.</p>

We have looked at the most common horse colours, how about some that are more unusual?



All of the colours below occur when the basic colours are affected by cream genes, which causes some or all of the hair to 'dilute' to a paler colour. These are only some other colours, there are many more, for example champagne, pearl, smoky black, and smoky cream.

	<p>Buckskin Yellow cream/ gold with black mane, tail and points.</p>		<p>Silver Bay A chocolate brown coat with a silvery cream mane and tail.</p>
	<p>Dun Yellow/ tan with a darker mane and tail and a dorsal stripe.</p>		<p>Perlino Pale cream with blue eyes, and slightly darker legs, mane and tail.</p>
	<p>Palomino A golden coat (shades can range from cream to chocolate) with a cream mane/ tail.</p>		<p>Cremello Pale cream coat and mane/tail, they often have blue eyes.</p>



There are four types of Grey, can you match the photos, names and descriptions?



Dapple Grey

A horse with a white coat, flecked with tiny dark grey dots.



Iron Grey

A grey horse that has rings of lighter grey hairs spread over their body.



Fleabitten Grey

A grey horse that has a slight reddish tinge to its coat.



Rose Grey

A very dark grey, almost the colour of storm clouds.

Types of Dun

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Can you find the five types of dun?
 Blue dun can also be called Grulla.



yellow dun white dun blue dun red dun
 bay dun