

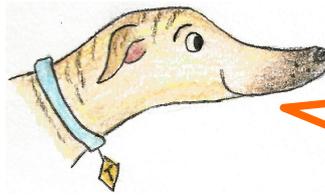


# Horses & Ponies Etcetera!



Level 2 Issue 2: Horse Patterns

A series of educational fact sheets by the Equine Therapy Center, with Monty and Timothy.



Horse coat patterns can be divided into three main groups. If a horse doesn't have a pattern on it's coat, it is known as solid.

**Appaloosa-** This is a horse who has a spotted coat, the spots can range from finger print to hand print size!

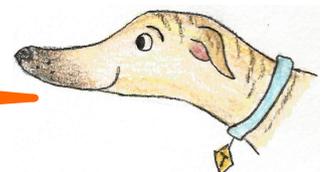
**Pinto-** this is a horse who has a patchy coat, made up of white and any other colour.

**Roan-** This occurs when white hairs are mixed with the horses original coat colour, often roan horses get more white hairs as they get older.

## Types of Appaloosa Patterns

	<b>Leopard</b> A white horse with spots all over the body.		<b>Few Spot</b> A white horse with few spots, usually around the face, chest and flanks.
	<b>Blanket</b> A coloured horse with a white patch over its rump, that has spots within it.		<b>Snowcap</b> A coloured horse who has a white patch over its rump, with no spots in it.
	<b>Snowflake</b> A solid coloured horse with white spots on their body.		<b>Varnish</b> A mix of coloured and white hairs, the white increases as they age. Spots can be present.

Appaloosa is a breed as well as a colour, there are also other breeds which always have a spotted coat. Why don't you look them up?



# Types of Pinto Patterns

	<p><b>Tobiano</b> Smooth edged patches of colour, they usually have white legs but a coloured head.</p>		<p><b>Sabino</b> Tall socks that often extend to the top of the legs, and under the belly.</p>
	<p><b>Overo</b> White patches on a coloured horse, the white doesn't cross the back.</p>		<p><b>Tovero</b> A mix of Tobiano and Overo, colour is normally around the ears, chest and flanks.</p>
	<p><b>Splash</b> The white markings are usually limited to the legs/ stomach, all legs are white.</p>		<p><b>Rabicano</b> White hairing on the flanks, belly and tail, is often in lines, called 'bars'.</p>



In the UK, we use the terms Piebald and Skewblad, Piebald means black and white, Skewblad means any other colour and white.

There are three types of roan, can you match the photos, names and descriptions below?



Blue Roan

A chestnut horse with white hairs spread throughout.



Bay Roan

A black horse with white hairs spread throughout.



Red Roan

A horse with a brown body, and black points, that has white hair spread throughout.

**Did you know?**  
Red Roans are sometimes called Strawberry Roans, because the horse can look pink!