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## WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF PINTOS

Hi Kids! It's me Blaze,  
your trusty *Blaze magazine* mascot.

I'm so excited to introduce you to another one of my awesome horse cousins. The Pinto family is just amazing. The word "Pinto" actually means **spotted**. Pintos aren't actually a breed of horse, but rather a type of horse with specific color patterns!

Pintos have a rich family history. One of the most asked questions about "patterns" is about the "medicine hat." *The what?*, you might ask.

A horse marked by the medicine hat is white except for a "hat" of color over their ears and forehead. It comes from an American Indian legend that says that horses born with this coloration were **sacred** and **cherished** horses in the tribe's herd.

Although the **Pinto Horse Association of America** accepts horses of many different breeds, even a Rocky Mountain like me, my solid coloring means I can not be a Pinto. Oh well, we're still family and we can still be friends!

*Gotta Gallop*  
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## FLASHY SPLASHY PINTOS



*A Pinto. What's that?, you ask. Is it a bean?  
Is it a car? How about a horse?*

Yup. It's all of these things. For horse lovers, **Pinto Horses** are those unmistakably beautifully colored horses each with a **pattern** all of their own. They are horses that are named for their **colorful coat patterns**, not a breed. In fact, they can be just about any breed.

Their colorful coats have fascinated people for thousands of years. Drawn on walls of caves, and found on broken pieces of Egyptian pottery, the attraction to colorful horses is part of our history with horses.

So, when you see a colorful Pinto do you wonder...are they white with black spots or black with white spots? Good Question!

The **Pinto Horse Association of America** recognizes two color patterns - **Tobiano** and **Overo**. The Tobiano coat appears white with large flowing spots of color which often overlap. Spots of color start from the head, chest, flank and buttock and can include the tail too.

The Overo coat describes a colored horse with white markings. Spots of white are jagged and usually start on the horse's side or belly and spread toward the neck, tail, legs and back. White almost never crosses the back.

So... are they black with white markings, or white with black markings? They could be either. It doesn't matter though, because these flashy, splashy horses are show stoppers and great all-around horses.

Learn more about Pinto Horses at [www.pinto.org](http://www.pinto.org). They have a great youth club for you to join too... [www.pinto.org/youth](http://www.pinto.org/youth).



# Horsing Around

Did You Know?

Pintos were popular mounts for buffalo hunters on the Great Plains.

## HORSE SMARTS

Test your Pinto knowledge! Are these statements **TRUE** or **FALSE**?

**1 T or F** An Appaloosa horse can also be a Pinto.

**2 T or F** There are no miniature Pintos.

**3 T or F** Gaited horses with colorful coat patterns can be Pintos.

**4 T or F** Pinto horses must have at least 4 inches of color.

**5 T or F** The skin under the white patches of hair is black.

**6 T or F** All Pintos are also Paint Horses.

**7 T or F** Colorful spotted draft horses can not be Pintos.

**8 T or F** Pinto horses are more than 14 hands high.

**9 T or F** Blue eyes and white hooves are Pinto traits.

**10 T or F** Tobiano is a coat pattern.

## Blaze Star

Holly Usiak

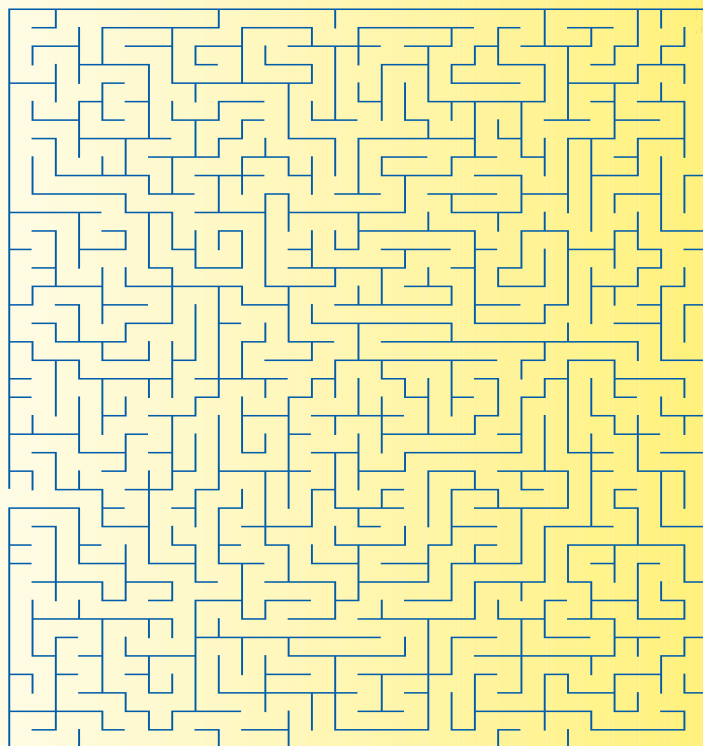
2009 President of  
Pinto Youth Club.

Overseeing the Leadership Conference, banquets, and horse shows are all part of the busy job of Pinto Youth President Holly Usiak and her team! Holly says, "Joining a horse association's Youth Club is a great way to get involved with a breed you love."



## World Championship Bound

Jasmine and her Pinto "Spilled Milk" are heading to the Pinto World Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Help them find their way.





# SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!

THESE HERDS OF Pintos MAY LOOK ALIKE BUT THEY'RE NOT!



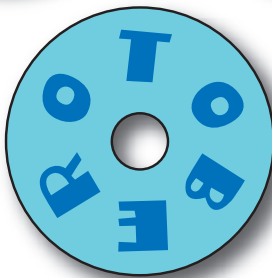
## RIDDLE ME THIS?

A horse is tied to a 20-foot-long rope.  
The horse wants some water that's 30 feet away and gets it.  
**How's this possible?**



## COLOR AND PATTERN CIRCLE RINGS

Each circle describes a Pinto's colorful coat pattern. The letters are in the right order. Find the first one and read clockwise or counterclockwise for the answer.



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"See! It says  
 right here. Sorry,  
 Sorrel Sue. You're  
 no Pinto!"



## RIDDLE ME THIS?

A farmer was asked how  
 many Pintos he had. He  
 replied: "They're all Pintos,  
 except two; all Arabians,  
 except two; and all Shires,  
 but two."

How many  
 Pintos did  
 the farmer  
 have?



## Did You Know?

Drawings of horses  
 with colorful  
 coat patterns have  
 been found on cave  
 walls and ancient  
 pottery.

## Answers

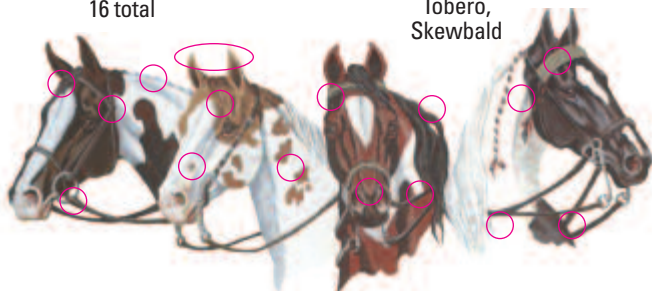
**Horse Smarts:**  
 1-F; 2-F; 3-T; 4-T; 5-F (pink);  
 6-F; 7-T; 8-T; 9-T; 10-T.

**Riddle:**  
 The rope  
 wasn't  
 tied to  
 anything.

**Rings:**  
 Tobiano,  
 Overo,  
 Frame,  
 Splash,  
 Sabino,  
 Tovero,  
 Skewbald

**Riddle:**  
 One Pinto  
 (one  
 Arabian  
 and one  
 Shire).

**Spot the Differences:**  
 16 total



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