

Blaze News



WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF Paint HORSES

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

I have a really cool job being the mascot for *Blaze* readers. But I'm not the only lucky horse that gets to "spread the word" about what great animals we horses are.

I've just been introduced to another mascot. Maybe you already know him! His name is **Paint Horse Pete**, and he's the mascot for the **American Paint Horse Association**. He's one awesome horse... and the only one I know that walks on two legs!



Paint Horse Pete is a busy guy. He makes appearances all around the country at Paint Horse shows and events. He always draws a crowd, educating kids about Paint horses, having fun hanging out, racing against speedy kids, handing out goodie bags, and posing for photo opps.

Keep your eyes open for him and get your picture taken with the one-and-only Paint Horse Pete. And be sure to ask him for a copy of his autographed hoof print. I've got mine hanging on my Friends Wall in my stall!



*Gotta Gallop
Your Friend Blaze*



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Painting the Next Generation

THE AMERICAN JUNIOR Paint HORSE ASSOCIATION



The American Paint Horse Association (APHA) is really well-known for two things. Horse lovers can always recognize the flashy coats and good looks of the horses they register. But did you know that the APHA is the 2nd largest breed association in the world. Wait... three things... its youth members are some of the most busy and fun groups around. They're part of the **American Junior Paint Horse Association (AjPHA)**!

AjPHA members are part of a huge family of friends sharing a common bond – a love for the American Paint Horse. Youth leading youth is what it's all about, and they are 7,000 members strong.

They know they are the next generation of leaders and they're wasting no time in setting goals. The **AjPHA Presidential Project** for 2010–2011 called **See it in Color** has set its goal to raise \$400,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. WOW!

There's something for everyone in this big family. Some AjPHA members show their horses on a regular basis, some just ride for fun, and some don't even own a horse. That's right. No horse required to join in the AjPHA fun!

To learn more and get involved, visit www.ajpha.com.



Horsing Around

HORSE SMARTS

TEST YOUR PAINT HORSE KNOWLEDGE WITH THESE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS!

The American Paint Horse is found in...

1. **a** U.S.A. only.
- b** U.S.A. and Canada.
- c** U.S.A., Mexico and Canada.
- d** around the world.

Which National Football Team has a Paint Horse mascot to celebrate hometown team touchdowns and field goals?

2. **a** Indianapolis Colts
- b** Kansas City Chiefs
- c** Dallas Cowboys
- d** Denver Broncos

Paint Horses were popular with Native Indians because...

3. **a** they stood out in a crowd.
- b** their spots provided camouflage.
- c** none of the above
- d** a and b

The skin color under the white markings of a Paint is...

4. **a** pink.
- b** black.
- c** pink and black.
- d** white.

A Paint Horse can also be registered as

5. **a** a Quarter Horse.
- b** a Thoroughbred.
- c** a Pinto.
- d** All of the above

Blaze Star

Meet Hidalgo

Based on the true story of the greatest long-distance horse race ever run, Disney's 2004 film *Hidalgo* is an epic action-adventure about one man's journey of personal redemption. Five different **American Paint Horses** played the role of Hidalgo. Each served a specific and very important purpose. Leading man **Viggo Mortensen** rode them all and was amazed by their beauty, intelligence and athleticism. Mortensen said he respects all breeds of horses, but really likes the way Paints look. "It's a beautiful breed and I'm proud to own one."

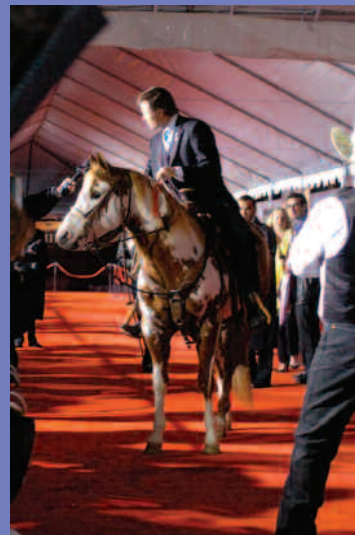


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AJPHA WORD SCRAMBLE?

TO UNSCRAMBLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS USE THE DEFINITIONS AS CLUES TO FIGURE THEM OUT!

1. **SRADWA** - _____ can be earned at local APHA shows or as year-end achievements.
2. **PHAJA** - _____ the youth program of the American Paint Horse Association.
3. **SBLUC** - _____ local groups of Paint owners that host events throughout the year.
4. **NETCOSTS** - _____ art, photo and essay contests mean you don't have to own a Paint to be involved.
5. **SHEERADILP** - _____ AjPHA offers lots of ways to gain it.
6. **BESHEMMIRP** - _____ youth membership is required to participate in APHA events until you're 19.
7. **CEONIV HOUTY** - _____ classes for kids new to showing.
8. **KIEROO** - _____ first year Novice Youth card holder with no prior breed points.
9. **GOWNISH** - _____ levels and classes for everyone.
10. **THOYU ROWLD** - _____ annual week-long premier show strictly for youth to showcase their talent.

WORDS: • ROOKIE • SHOWING • CLUBS • NOVICE YOUTH • CONTESTS
MEMBERSHIP • AWARDS • YOUTH WORLD • LEADERSHIP • APHA

Painted Horses

The white body markings on every Paint Horse registered with APHA fall into one of three specific coat patterns. These horses are out of order. Match the pattern name to the correct horse.

SPANISH CLASS

“Overo” means
“like an egg”
in Spanish.

1



2



3



A

Tobiano (Tow be yah no)

- Dark colors usually cover one or both flanks.
- Generally, all four legs are white, at least below the hocks and knees.
- Generally, spots are regular ovals or round patterns that extend over the neck and chest.
- Head markings can include a blaze, strip, star, snip, or be solid.
- The tail is often two colors.

B

Overo (oh vair oh)

- The white does not cross the back of the horse between its withers and tail.
- At least one, and often all four legs, are dark.
- The white is irregular and is scattered or splashy.
- Head markings are distinctive and often the horse will have a bald-face, apron-face, or bonnet-face.
- The tail is usually one color.

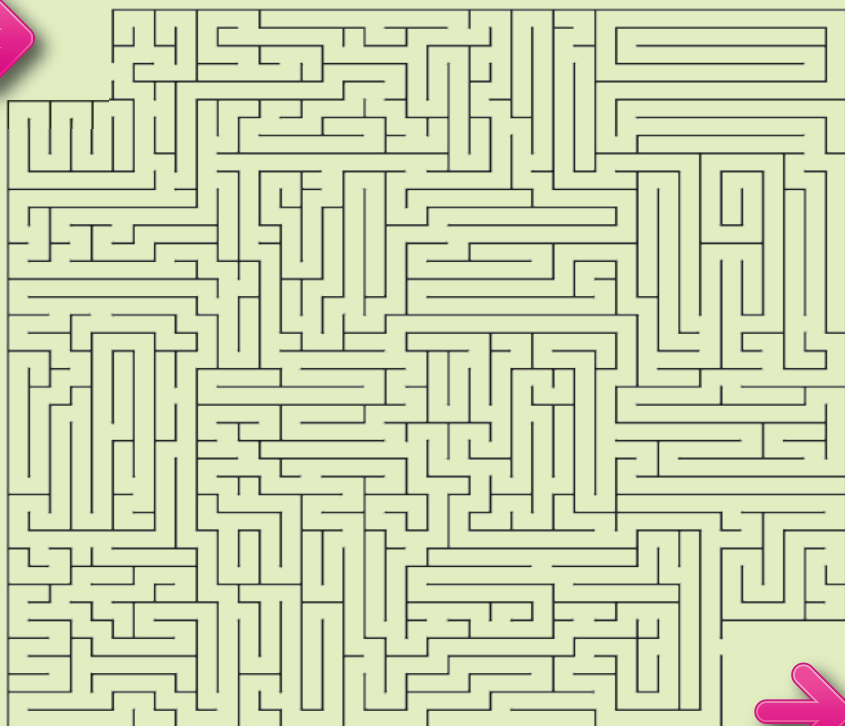
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Tovero (Tow vair oh)

- Dark color around the ears, which may extend to cover the forehead and/or eyes.
- One or both eyes are blue.
- Dark color around the mouth, which may extend up the sides of the face and form spots.
- Chest spot(s) vary in size, and they may extend up the neck.
- Flank spot(s) range in size with smaller spots extending forward across the barrel.
- Spots can vary in size at the base of the tail.

A-MAZING Pete

Mascot Pete is lost. The kids are all waiting for his autograph. Help him get to the fairgrounds on time!



DID YOU KNOW?

A Paint's coat is always a combination of white with any of the basic colors found in the equine rainbow - black, bay, brown, chestnut, palomino and gray, to name a few.

Painted Horses:
1-c; 2-a; 3-b

Word Scramble:
1-Awards, 2-APHA, 3-Clubs,
4-Contests, 5-Leadership,
6-Membership, 7-Novice Youth,
8-Rookie, 9-Showing,
10-Youth World

Horse Smarts:
1-d; 2-b; 3-d; 4-a; 5-d

Answers:



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