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WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF APPALOOSAS

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

If you know me you know I love all my horse cousin breeds. But the Appaloosa bunch is really something. They get a second look wherever they go.

If you love *Appys* as much as I do, how about joining the **Appaloosa Youth Association (AYA)**. There are lots of fun activities for all youth, no matter what your age. You'd join youth members from nearly every state and province, and from countries around the world. And you don't have to own a horse to be a member.

The AYA offers tons of fun contests too with great prizes. Show off your artistic talents in the **Appaloosa Art Contest**. Express yourself in an essay. How about the **Appy Photo Contest**? Earn an **Achievement Award**. And then there's the **World Championship Appaloosa Youth Show** for young riders. You can even apply for an **Educational Scholarship!**

Join the AYA and learn more about the Appaloosa breed. An AYA membership is all about fun and friendships that last a lifetime! That's Spot On!

Visit www.appaloosa.com or contact AYA at (208) 882-5578 to get a brochure and application in the mail.

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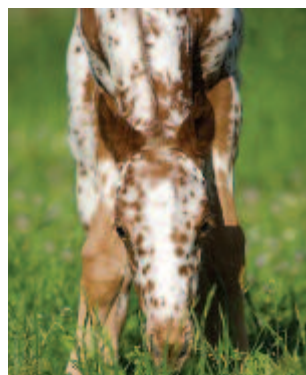
HORSE OF MANY COLORS!

Say the word "**Appaloosa**" and many people think "Old West" and "Native American Indian tribes". But Appaloosa history dates back much further than that.

Spotted horses have been found on pre-historic cave wall paintings and on ancient statues and pottery. Appaloosas existed long before recorded history which makes them one of the oldest, most recognizable breeds in the world.

Appaloosas are wonderful animals. They're intelligent, hardy and athletic. But their strikingly **colorful coats** are their signature characteristic. These splashy, flashy coats can be beautiful combinations of many colors and patterns.

But strangely enough, not all Appaloosas have spotted coats. They can be solid in color. But take a closer look and you'll see some other distinguishing "Appy" features that no other horses have.



A registered Appaloosa horse could have a white **sclera** (the area of the eye surrounding the iris). It could have **mottled skin** (pink & brown) around its muzzle and eyes, and its hooves could be marked with vertical **black and white stripes**.

Once the favorite mount of the Nez Perce Indians, today the Appaloosa is used for ranch work, trail riding and in parades. They excel in Western classes like pleasure, halter, cutting, reining, and timed events. You'll see them in rodeos too! And best of all, the **Appy** makes a great family horse!

Learn more about these amazing horses at www.appaloosa.com or write to: Appaloosa Horse Club, Attn: Youth Coordinator, 2720 W. Pullman Rd., Moscow, ID 83843.

Horsing Around

Did You Know?

The Appaloosa Horse Club is the third largest horse registry in the world.

HORSE SMARTS

TEST YOUR APPALOOSA KNOWLEDGE?
ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE?

1 **T or F**

Appaloosas used to be called Palouse and Le Tigre.

2 **T or F**

Appaloosas can't have any facial or leg markings.

3 **T or F**

Nez Perce Indians called their horses Appaloosas.

4 **T or F**

Appaloosa is Idaho's State Horse.

5 **T or F**

To be an Appaloosa the horse must have a spotted coat.

6 **T or F**

Appaloosa coat patterns can change as they get older.

7 **T or F**

If a horse has spots, it's an Appaloosa.

8 **T or F**

Spots are the same as dapple markings.

9 **T or F**

Appaloosas have sensitive pink skin.

10 **T or F**

No two Appaloosas are alike.

Blaze Star Bright Zip

A beautiful Appaloosa stallion, and an all around amazing horse, **Bright Zip** was a Star! He was the equine partner of America's Most Trusted Horseman, **John Lyons**, for 27 years! Inducted into the **Appaloosa Association Hall of Fame** he is one of the most recognized horses in the world! And he's a Breyer model horse too!

Join the CLUB!

You don't have to own an Appaloosa to join in the **Appy** fun. There are all kinds of ways to get involved with the **Appaloosa Youth Horse Association** and have fun all year long.

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Get SPOTTED

Appaloosas are known for their dizzying spots and coat patterns.

Can you match the patterns in **Column A** with their descriptions in **Column B**?

PATTERN

DESCRIPTION

1. Leopard



a. dark coat with a lighter color over hips

2. Snowflake



b. roan coat with dark spots all over

3. Blanket



c. light colored with dark egg-shaped spots over loins and hips

4. Marble



d. white specks with dark background

5. Frost



e. dark coat with spots all over the body

Nice Blanket!



Did You Know?

The "leopard" Appaloosa is the Dalmatian of the horse world with a pale body covered in black spots.

RIDDLE ME THIS?

What breed was developed by crossing a Shetland stallion and an Appaloosa mare?

A POA (Pony of the Americas).

can YOU SPOT the Differences

These two pictures look alike but they aren't.

WE FOUND 7!



Did You Know?

The white around the Appaloosa's eye makes it look more like a human eye.

seeing SPOTS!

See how many words you can spot in the word **Appaloosa**. Make as many words as you can. We found 18 but maybe we missed a few!

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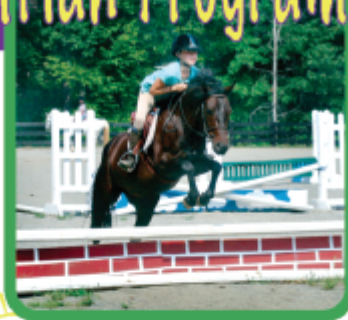


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Answers:

Horse Smarts

1-T; 2-F; 3-F; 4-T; 5-F;
6-T; 7-F; 8-F; 9-T; 10-T

Get Spotted:

1-c; 2-e; 3-a; 4-b; 5-d.

Seeing Spots:

pal, lap, so, slap, slop, soap, polo,
lop, sloop, sap, pop, also, pool,
spool, as, solo, loop, plop.

Spotty Job:

1. higher (36); 2. lower (4);
3. higher (100 F/ 38 C);
4. higher (350); 5. higher (58);
6. lower (1/4 inch/.64 cm);
7. lower (1); 8. higher (9 lb/4 kg);
9. higher (10 gal/38 liters);
10. lower (40-45 lb/18-20 kg).

Spot the Differences:



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