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WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF GYPSY VANNERS

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

If you know me you know that I love all my horse cousin breeds. But the **Gypsy Vanners** is really amazing. They have quite a family story.

Gypsy Vanner Horses come from the **United Kingdom** (U.K.). Gypsies bred them mostly for transportation and sport. People in England and Wales knew about these horses but never thought of them as a real breed. But the gypsies kept their **prized herds** a secret for many years.

Not until Dennis Thompson and his wife Cindy discovered a little stallion called The Log running across a roadside field while on a trip in the U.K. And the rest is history.

This year is going to be an amazing year for the Gypsy Vanner Horse. Breyer is making a model horse of **Kuchi**. **Odd Job Bob** will be in a Hollywood movie called the *Greening of Whitney Brown*. **Magic** is in a new book from Random House. Watch for these big stars in 2010!

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THE GYPSY'S HORSE

From a secretive gypsy world of horse trading, a small group of about fifteen families found their perfect recipe for a horse... uncanny smarts, versatility for different jobs and sports, and a love for people. That was about 60 years ago.



This horse would capture the **magic and elegance** of their gypsy culture and way of life. This was private work. It was shared only with these families and close friends. They were not breeding a horse for the whole world.

Such treasures had to be protected so the gypsies hid these horses. The herds were split up so that if a thief found one he would not find them all. But such a beautiful horse couldn't be hidden forever.

About twenty years ago, an American couple spotted one of these magical horses running in a field in Europe. When **Dennis and Cindy Thompson** asked the farmer about it they learned that it belonged to a gypsy. "He has a band of mares that look just like this stallion," the farmer revealed.

The Thompsons were intrigued with their discovery. They named these horses Gypsy Vanners - a tribute to their gypsy breeders. After careful tracing of the genetic heritage of these horses, history was made. The Thompsons had found a new breed of horse. In 1996 the **Gypsy Vanner Horse Society** was created in the U.S. to proudly protect and promote these special horses.

Learn more about Gypsy Vanner Horses at www.vanners.org.



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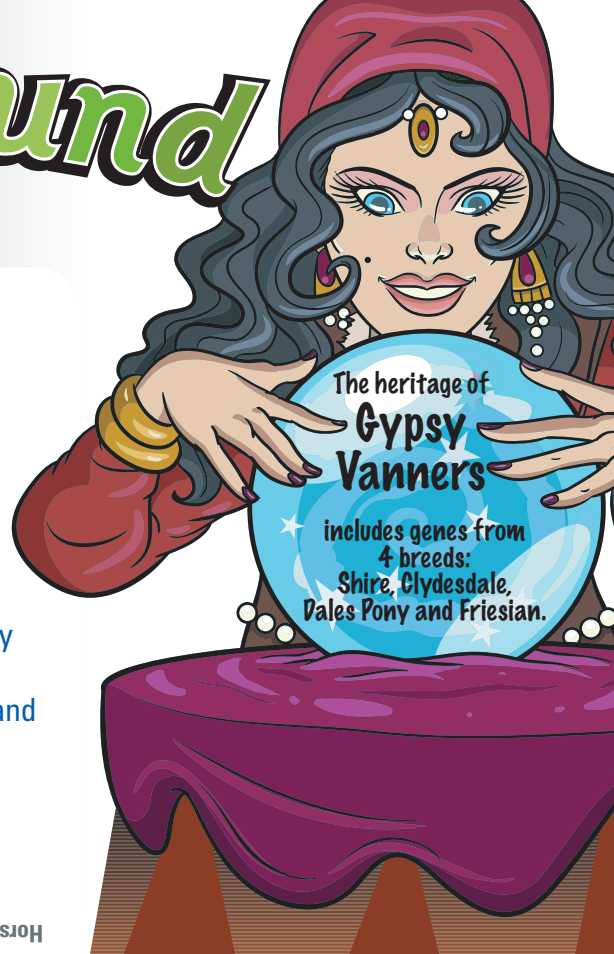
Horsing Around

HORSE SMARTS

Test Your Gypsy Vanner knowledge by matching phrases in column A and B to finish the sentence correctly.

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| A. The Gypsy Vanner Horse Society was created... | 1. good therapy horses. |
| B. Gypsy Vanner Horses first came to America... | 2. America's first Gypsy Vanner Horse. |
| C. All Gypsy Vanners can be cobs... | 3. by Florida's Dennis and Cindy Thompson. |
| D. Cushti Bok is... | 4. in 1996. |
| E. Gypsy Vanners' love of people makes them... | 5. but not all cobs can be Gypsy Vanners. |

Horse Smarts Answers: A-3; B-4; C-5; D-2; E-1



Blaze Star Meet Kuchi



Super smart and so beautiful, model horse fans everywhere will meet Kuchi this year. She's being introduced at Breyerfest at the Kentucky Horse Park this summer as the new Breyer Model horse. Kuchi loves dressage competitions and birthday parties. She just celebrated her tenth birthday with carrots and cards from kids.

SWEET 16 WORD FIND

The beginning of the **Gypsy Vanner** breed in America began with 16 horses. **Can you find them?**

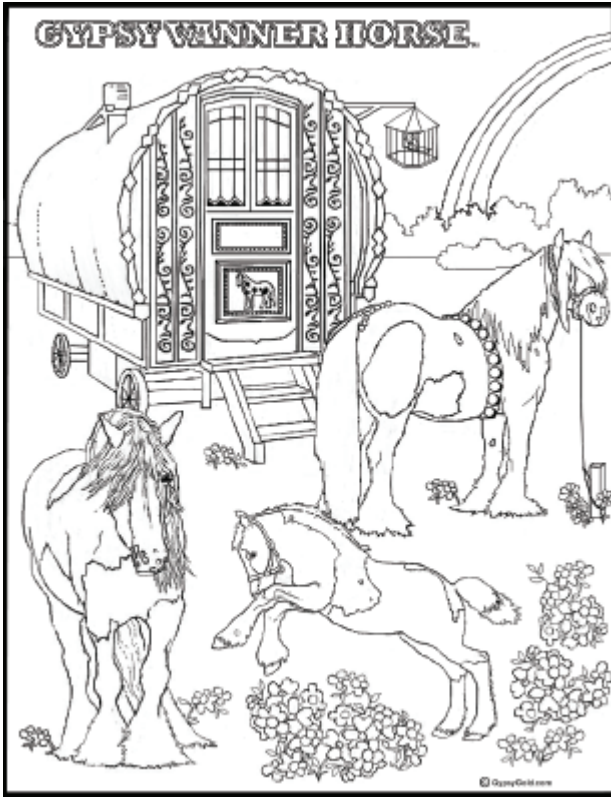
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Cushti Bok
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Kaulo Ratti
Papuza
Imari

Gypsy Princess
Cushti Bok Lady
Jasmine
Esmeralda

Crown Darby
Rexie
Shampoo Girl
The Gypsy King



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Dana Monte with Magic.



Dana Monte with Armani.

SPOTTY JOB
Help! These numbers
are all wrong. Should they be

↑ **HIGHER** or ↓ **LOWER?**

1. ↑ or ↓ An adult female horse has **20** teeth.
2. ↑ or ↓ A male foal is called a colt up to age **6**.
3. ↑ or ↓ **80°** Fahrenheit or **27°** Celsius is a horse's normal temperature.
4. ↑ or ↓ The field of vision of a horse is **180** degrees.
5. ↑ or ↓ There are **10 million** horses in the world.
6. ↑ or ↓ In a month, the hoof grows **1 inch** or **2.5 cm**.
7. ↑ or ↓ Newborn foals stand and walk within **3 hours** of birth.
8. ↑ or ↓ **5 lb** or **2.3 kg** is the average weight of a horse's heart.
9. ↑ or ↓ Horses produce **2 gallons** or **8 liters** of saliva a day.
10. ↑ or ↓ Amount of manure produced in a day is **100 lbs** or **45 kg**.

SPOTTY JOB Answers: Spotty Job: 1-H (36), 2-L (4), 3-H (100 F/38 C), 4-H (350), 5-H (58), 6-L (1/4 inch/0.64 cm), 7-L (1), 8-H (9 lb/4 kg), 9-H (10 gal/38 liters), 10-L (40-45 lb/18-20 kg)

BOB IS ON THE MOVE!!!



Be on the lookout for Bob as he arrives at a cinema near you starring in the highly-anticipated film **The Greening of Whitney Brown**.

The Greening of Whitney Brown tells the story of Whitney Brown, a Philadelphia teenager who gets back in touch with herself when financial hardship forces her parents to relocate the family to her grandparents' house in the country.

The Greening of Whitney Brown stars Aidan Quinn, Brooke Shields, Kris Kristofferson and 14-year-old newcomer Sammi Hanratty. The film is directed by Peter Odierne.

The Greening of Whitney Brown opens in 2010.

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