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WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF AMERICAN SADDLEBREDS

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

Did you know that I have something in common with the American Saddlebred Horse? We're family! Rocky Mountains and Saddlebreds are part of the family of gaited horses.

Gaited horses are efficient movers with a lot of stamina. We're born with the ability to perform one of the smooth four-beat gaits – called “ambling” – which means we keep at least one foot on the ground at all times. Our riders say our gait is as “smooth as silk.”

So sit back with this *Blaze* News for a ride with my cousins, the **American Saddlebreds**. And to learn even more, visit the American Saddlebred Association at www.saddlebred.com to get involved in their Youth Program!

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Your Friend *Blaze*



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AMERICAN SADDLEBRED TRIPLE CROWN



Just like Thoroughbreds have their Triple Crown races, American Saddlebreds have Triple Crown horse shows!

The American Saddlebred Triple Crown consists of the **Lexington Junior League Horse Show**, held in July in Lexington, Kentucky, the **World's Championship Horse Show**, held in August, in Louisville, during the Kentucky State Fair, and the **UPHA/American Royal Horse Show**, held in November in Kansas City, Missouri.

For an American Saddlebred horse exhibitor, winning at any of the Triple Crown shows is a great feat that many work their whole life to achieve. Earning a blue ribbon at the World's Championship Horse Show makes your horse a World's Champion.

Exhibitors from around the world vie for a prestigious Triple Crown title. Each show comes with a rich history. For example, mentioning the Lexington Junior League Horse Show brings to mind the red clay at the Red Mile on a warm summer night. The World's Championship Horse Show is famous for its green shavings. The American Royal Horse Show is a special place too.



Horsing Around

HORSE SMARTS

TEST YOUR AMERICAN SADDLEBRED KNOWLEDGE.



1 During which event is the American Saddlebred World's Grand Championship Horse Show held?

- a Missouri State Fair
- b The Olympics
- c UPHA American Royal
- d Kentucky State Fair

2 How many beats are in the slow-gait and the rack?

- a 1
- b 4
- c 3
- d 2

3 Saddlebreds are allowed to pace in the show ring in any riding class.

- a True
- b False

4 American Saddlebred show horses are often compared to what bird?

- a Eagle
- b Red Bird
- c Peacock
- d Hawk

6 A switch is used on what part of the horse's body?

- a Head
- b Tail
- c Leg
- d Mane

7 Saddlebred Horses are required to flat walk in which division?

- a Five Gaited
- b Three Gaited
- c Pleasure
- d Fine Harness

8 Fine Harness carts have how many wheels?

- a 1
- b 2
- c 3
- d 4

9 Which division allows horses to wear protective boots in the show ring?

- a Pleasure
- b Five Gaited
- c Park
- d Three Gaited

10 The horses Wing Commander and My-My won the Five Gaited World's Grand Championship six time each.

- a True
- b False



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AND THE WINNER IS...



The 2011 Frank Ogletree Youth Award goes to **Ashley Biggins**. As a current junior ASHA member, the recipient of this award must have shown impeccable sportsmanship in and out of the show ring, demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the American Saddlebred, and will have earned awards at local, state and/or national levels of competition.

Congrats Ashley!

RIDDLE ME THIS



There are over 250 different breeds of horses! American Saddlebreds and Rocky Mountains belong to the gaited horse breed family, but there are others too!

Can you name three other gaited horse breeds?

Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes riding CH Sprinkles bareback



PHOTO BY HOWARD SCHATZBERG



Color your DREAM Saddlebred



CAN YOU FIND
ALL 5 CROWNS?

Saddlebreds
are fun to ride no
matter what the
weather's
like!

WE'RE NOT
JUST PRETTY
FACES YOU
KNOW!

BEAUTIFUL FACES!

American Saddlebreds can be
different colors and have a
variety of facial markings.

Help us identify which face has a
Star, Blaze, Snip, Stripe,
Bald Face.

a



c



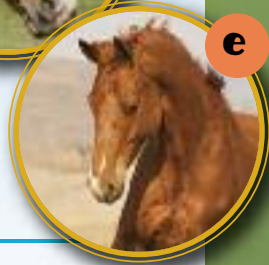
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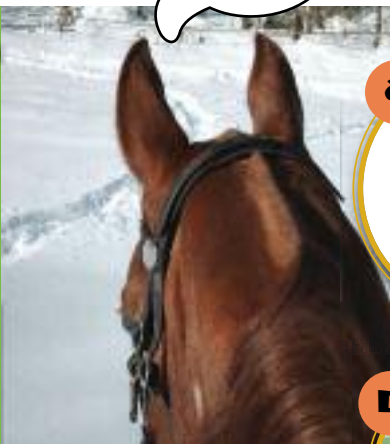


DID YOU KNOW?

A horse can live to be
20 to 25 years old.

A horse is measured in
hands. Each hand
measures around 4 inches
(10 cm).

Horses love to eat hay,
grass, and grain.



AMERICAN SADDLEBRED WORD SEARCH

C	Y	S	T	A	S	Y	F	O	P	U	J	L	S	E
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BAY
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COLT
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FILLY
FINE
HARNESS
FIVE GAITED
FOAL
HALTER
HORSE SHOE
JUMPING
PLEASURE
SADDLESEAT
SNAFFLE BIT
TROT
WESTERN

Horse Play:

1-d; 2-b; 3-b; 4-c;
5-b; 6-c; 7-d; 8-b;
9-a.

Riddle:

Icelandic,
Kentucky Mountain
Horse, Paso Fino,
Peruvian Paso,
Tennessee Walker,
Missouri Fox
Trotter.

Pretty Faces:

a-Bald Face;
b-Blaze;
c-Stripe; d-Star;
e-Snip.

Saddlebred Facts

American Saddlebreds compete in English
and Western classes including jumping,
barrel racing, driving, show jumping, cross
country jumping, cutting and reining.

The Saddlebred has an elegant slow gait and
the flashy, fast rack.

William Shatner, actor and star of *Star Trek*
and *Miss Congeniality II*, owns American
Saddlebreds.

Here's one friend who won't lead your kids astray.

Kids face more challenges growing up today than ever before. So do their parents.

Sometimes a good friend can keep a child on the right path, and a friend who is a good teacher is often the best one of all.

As long as there have been kids, horses have been that kind of friend. One that gives a child a true sense of belonging and accomplishment, while teaching responsibility, respect and real love.

To find an American Saddlebred stable near you, visit www.saddlebred.com

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