

TOP SPEED

How fast can they run? Clydes aren't the fastest horses around, but can gallop at an impressive 20 mph (32 km/h).



DO YOU HAVE THAT IN A SIZE 22?

Have you heard the saying "No Hoof, No Horse"? It means that a healthy horse needs healthy hooves. Clydesdales have really large frying pan-sized hooves. Their horseshoes measure about 22 inches (121 cm) from end to end and weigh five pounds (2.2 kg) EACH. That's more than twice as long and five times as heavy as a typical shoe worn by a riding horse.



LET'S GET HITCHED

Clydesdales are popular parade horses. They pull wagons in teams of two, four, six or eight. Each horse has a specific job in the hitch and a natural ability to do it. Horses closest to the wheels are the largest and strongest. The lead horses are the fastest, and those in the middle are the most agile to turn the wagon.

BIG BABY

These horses are big at birth too. New-born foals weigh about 150 pounds (70 kg) and stand around nine hands high.



DINNER TIME

These humongous horses can eat! And the more work they do, the more they need to eat. A full-grown Clydesdale can eat 25-50 pounds (11-22 kg) of hay and up to 10 pounds (5 kg) of grain in a single day!



PULLING ITS WEIGHT

When it comes to horsepower, Clydesdales got their fair share. They're able to pull many times their own weight. Whether plowing steep, rough hills or pulling a freight wagon from city to city they make it look easy.



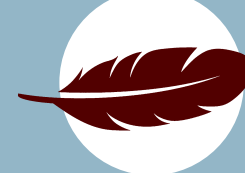
FAMOUS CLYDES

North America's most famous team of horses is the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales. Eight horses strong, these teams are busy pulling wagons on TV commercials and parades all year long. Their names are kept short – Duke, Captain, Mark – so it's easy for their driver to give them commands during performances.



TRADEMARK FEATHERS

Another distinguishing feature of this breed is their feathers – the long, silky leg hair that flows over their hooves to the ground. Besides being beautiful, their feathers provide warmth against the cold winters in their native country of Scotland.



A BIG TRIBUTE

The magical Kelpies is the largest pair of equine sculptures in the world. The enormous horse heads were modeled after two real-life Clydesdale horses, Duke and Baron. The man-made wonders stand 100 feet (30 metres) tall and pay tribute to the working horses of Scotland that once pulled barges along the country's canals and worked in the field where they now stand.

