

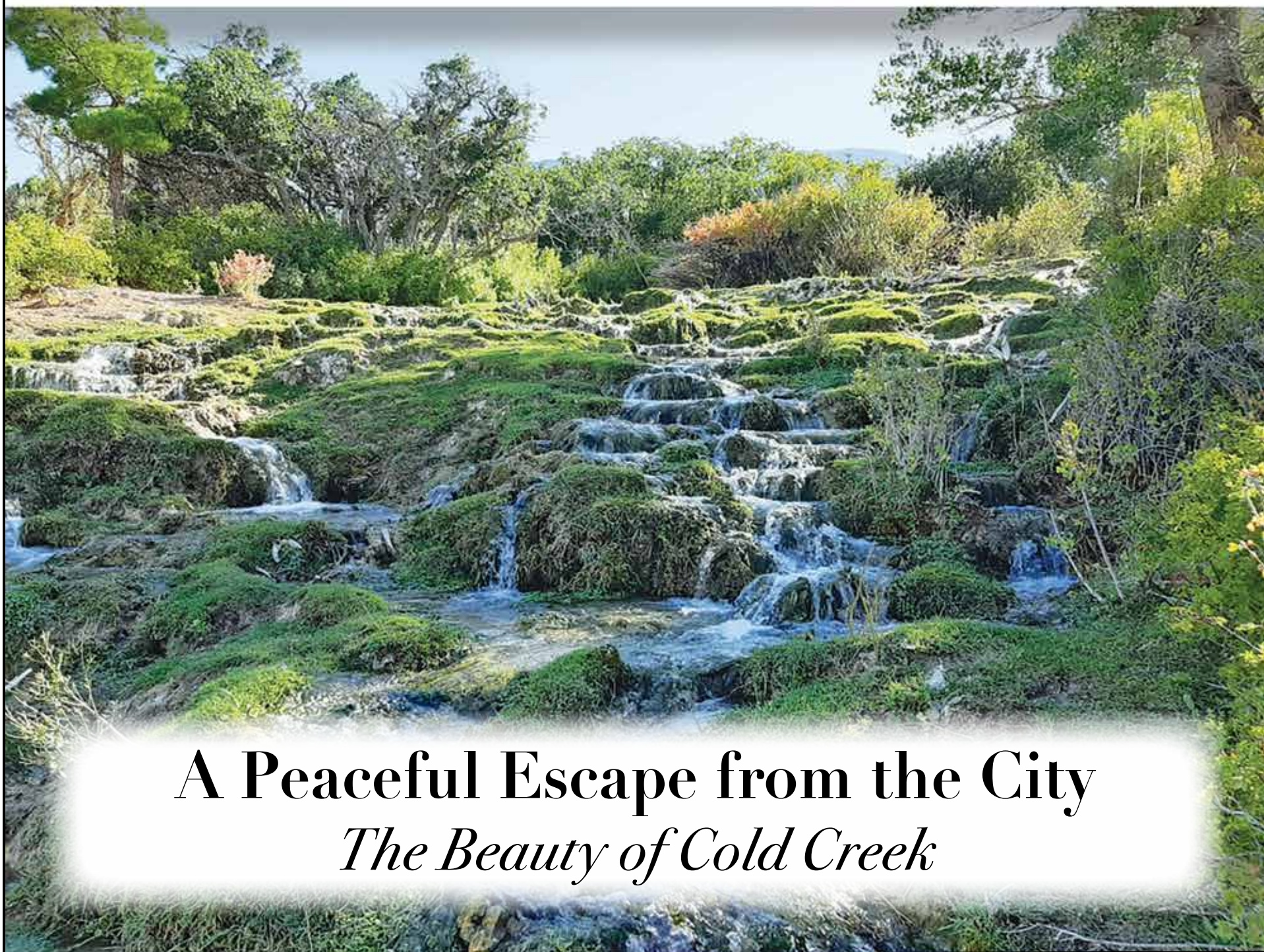
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Do You Dream of Horses?

By The VHN Writing Team



Horse dreams are some of the most common and vivid dreams that people have, even more so for us horse enthusiasts. For centuries, horses have been a symbol of freedom, grace, and strength, and their presence in our dreams can be both exciting and confusing, as well as comforting if it's a familiar face. But what is the meaning behind horse dreams and what may they be trying to tell us?

First and foremost, it is important to understand that the meaning of a dream is highly subjective and personal. What one person may interpret as a positive dream about horses, another may perceive as a negative one. However, there are some general interpretations that can be applied to horse dreams based on common themes and symbolism.

One of the most common themes in horse dreams is freedom. Horses are known for their wild and free-spirited nature and dreaming about them can symbolize a desire for freedom in our own lives. This could manifest in a variety of ways, such as a desire to break free from a restrictive job or relationship, or a need to let go of negative emotions that are holding us back.

Another common theme in horse dreams is power and strength. Horses are incredibly strong and powerful animals and dreaming about them can symbolize a desire for these qualities in ourselves. This could mean that we are seeking more confidence, courage, or assertiveness in our personal or professional lives. Perhaps there is a task that takes more confidence than you feel you possess and it is now manifesting in your dreams as a worry. In addition to freedom and power, horses are also associated with beauty, grace, and elegance. Dreaming about horses can therefore be a reflection of our own desire to be more graceful and elegant in our daily lives, or to appreciate the beauty in the world around us.

However, horse dreams can also have negative connotations. For example, dreaming about a wild or uncontrollable horse could symbolize our own feelings of being out of control in a situation or relationship. Similarly, dreaming about a horse that is injured or sick could be a reflection of our own feelings of vulnerability or weakness.

One important factor to consider when interpreting horse dreams is the color of the horse. Different colors can have different meanings and interpretations. For example, dreaming about a black horse could symbolize mystery, danger, or the unknown, while dreaming about a white horse could symbolize purity, innocence, or spirituality.

It is also important to consider the context of the dream. For example, if the horse is running freely in a beautiful field, this could be a positive dream about freedom and joy. However, if the horse is being chased or hunted, this could be a negative dream about fear or danger.

In conclusion, horse dreams can be both fascinating and complex. They can offer insights into our deepest desires, fears, and emotions. However, it is important to remember that the meaning of a dream is highly individual and will vary from person to person, and should be interpreted in the context of our own unique experiences and circumstances. If you are unsure about the meaning of your horse dream, consider speaking with a therapist or dream interpreter who can offer guidance and insight.



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Spring, A Good Time for Barn Cat Adoption

By The VHN Writing Team



Barn cats are a common sight in many rural areas. These feline friends are a valuable addition to any barn, as they help control rodents and other pests that can damage stored grain and equipment. However, barn cats require a certain level of care and attention to thrive in their environment. If you're thinking of employing a barn cat, here are the benefits of having barn cats, their basic needs, and tips for keeping them healthy and happy.

Benefits of Barn Cats

Barn cats are excellent at controlling rodents and other pests that can ruin stored grain, equipment, and feed. They are natural hunters and will keep the barn and surrounding areas free of mice, rats, and other small animals. In addition to being a natural pest control solution, barn cats can also provide companionship to their human caretakers. Depending on the horse, barn cats can even create company for your equine friends.

Basic Needs of Barn Cats

While barn cats are independent creatures, they still have basic needs that must be met to ensure their health and well-being. Here are some of the essential needs of barn cats:

- 1. Shelter:** Barn cats require shelter from the elements. A dry, warm place to sleep, such as a cat bed or a cozy corner in the barn, is necessary for their comfort. Be sure to prepare for each season so your hard working feline can stay comfortable.
- 2. Food and Water:** Fresh food and water should always be available to barn cats. It is recommended that barn cats be fed a high-quality cat food, as well as given access to clean, fresh water. Many owners believe that they will have plenty to eat with the pests around, but a few mice a day won't be enough if your cat does his job well and eliminates them.
- 3. Litter Box:** Barn cats should have access to a litter box, which should be cleaned daily to maintain proper hygiene. By providing a litter box you're also less likely to find an unwelcome present in your barn or aisleway.
- 4. Veterinary Care:** Barn cats should receive regular veterinary care, including vaccinations and wellness exams. This helps ensure that they remain healthy and free from disease. A healthy cat will also live much longer, providing you with pest control and companionship for many years to come.

Tips for Keeping Barn Cats Healthy and Happy

- 1. Spay and Neuter:** Spaying and neutering barn cats is an important step in preventing overpopulation. This also helps reduce the risk of certain diseases and behaviors, such as spraying or marking territory.
- 2. Regular Feeding:** Barn cats should be fed at regular intervals, and their food should be kept in a secure location to prevent other animals from stealing it.
- 3. Provide Entertainment:** Barn cats can become bored without stimulation, so providing toys and climbing structures can help keep them entertained and active.

4. Protect from Predators: Barn cats are vulnerable to predators such as coyotes, foxes, and owls. To protect them from harm, consider installing a predator-proof enclosure or providing a secure indoor area for them to retreat to.

5. Keep up with Veterinary Care: Regular veterinary care is essential for maintaining the health and well-being of barn cats. Be sure to keep up with vaccinations, wellness exams, and any necessary medical treatments. And keep an eye out for sickness in your barn cat.

Barn cats are a valuable addition to any barn or horse property. By providing them with basic care, including shelter, food and water, litter box access, and veterinary care, as well as attention to their mental and physical needs, you can help ensure that they remain healthy and happy.

With their natural hunting instincts and companionship, barn cats make great pest control partners and loyal friends to their human caretakers.

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salt and pepper to taste

⅓ cup heavy cream

⅓ cup milk

Directions:

Saute chicken in a large skillet for 15 to 20 minutes, or until cooked through and juices run clear.

Add green onion and mushrooms and saute until soft, then add Marsala wine and bring to a boil.

Boil for 2 to 4 minutes, seasoning with salt and pepper to taste. Stir in cream and milk and simmer until heated through, about 5 minutes.



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Springtime Horse Care

By The VHN Writing Team



Springtime is an exciting season for horse owners, and this year it starts on March 20th. With warmer weather and longer days, it's time to start thinking about preparing your horses for the spring and summer months. Here are some tips for spring horse care that will help keep your horses healthy and happy.

1. Check for Injuries

Winter weather can be especially harsh and throw a wrench in your typical equine schedule. Your horse may have suffered an injury or two during the cold months or the cold weather could have worsened an existing ailment. Check your horse thoroughly for any signs of injury, including cuts, scrapes, and limping. If you notice anything out of the ordinary, consult your veterinarian for proper treatment.

2. Update Vaccinations

Spring is a great time to update your horse's vaccinations. As the weather warms up, horses are more susceptible to diseases, such as West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Make sure your horse is up-to-date on all recommended vaccinations, including rabies, tetanus, and influenza.

3. Deworming

Spring is also a good time to deworm your horses. Parasites, such as strongyles, can cause serious health problems for horses, and spring is when they tend to be most active. Consult your veterinarian for the best deworming program and make sure to stick with it.

4. Grooming

Spring is a great time to give your horses a thorough grooming. Winter coats can be thick and dirty with build up from the cold weather, and removing them can help keep your horse cool and comfortable during the warmer months. Grooming also helps remove any dirt or debris that may have accumulated during the winter, particularly from your horse's sweating. It's also a great time to wash and store your blankets.

5. Hoof Care

Spring is a good time to have your horse's hooves trimmed and checked by a farrier. Hooves tend to grow more rapidly during the spring and summer, and regular trimming can help prevent injuries and lameness. Winter can cause extra drying and a change in exercise routine can impact the health of your horse's feet.

6. Nutrition

Spring is when the grass starts to grow abundantly again, and horses are able to graze on fresh, sweet, green grass. However, it's important to introduce new pasture slowly, to prevent digestive upset. If your horse has been on a hay diet all winter, slowly introduce fresh grass over a period of several weeks to prevent any issues.

7. Exercise

Spring is a great time to increase your horse's exercise regimen. With warmer weather and longer days, horses are more active and energetic and tend to show some more enthusiasm after the winter cold has gone. Start slowly and gradually increase exercise time to prevent injuries and soreness.

It's also a great time to check your horse's body condition and see what kind of exercise regimen would be best to get him back into tip top shape.

8. Clean Stalls and Pastures

Now is the perfect time to thoroughly clean stalls and pastures. Winter weather can make it difficult to keep stalls and pastures clean, and spring is a good time to remove any accumulated manure and debris. This helps prevent the spread of diseases and parasites and keeps your horses healthy and comfortable.

9. Replace Worn Out Tack

Spring is a good time to also replace any worn out tack you may have. If your horse's halter has seen better days or if his saddle blanket is looking a little too worse for the wear, consider investing in new ones before the weather turns warmer. That way, you'll get plenty of use in before any serious summer heat.

10. Stock Up the Essentials

If you have any old supplements, pain medications, or topical remedies in your barn, check their expiration dates. After the cold weather, some things will need to be thrown out. Now's the time to stock up on the essentials and get rid of any medications that have sat for too long.

11. Make a Plan

When the weather finally turns nice, we often have a million things we want to do. So take this list and also make your own. Make the most of the spring season and get out and ride. Go on the trail ride, try a new sport, upgrade your barn. Anything you've been waiting to do, there's no time like the spring time.

Spring is a season of renewal and growth for both horses and their owners. And there are so many ways you can take advantage of it.

By following these tips for spring horse care, you can help ensure that your horses stay healthy and happy throughout the spring and summer months. Consult with your veterinarian for specific recommendations for your horse's individual needs and enjoy the beautiful weather with your equine friends before the summer heat kicks up.

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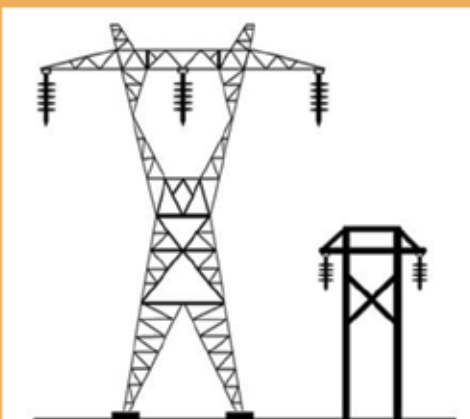
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Choosing a Name for Your Equine

By The VHN Writing Team



Choosing a horse name is both an important and exciting task for horse owners. The name you choose will be how you refer to your horse for the rest of his life, both professionally and as a nickname, and it will be the name that other people will associate with your horse. Therefore, it is important to choose a name that is meaningful, memorable, and fitting for your equine buddy. Read on for some tips and considerations to keep in mind when choosing a horse name.

1. Consider the horse's personality: The name you choose should reflect your horse's personality. If your horse is playful and energetic, you may want to choose a name that reflects that, such as "Buddy" or "Sparky." On the other hand, if your horse is calm and docile, you may want to choose a more gentle name like "Grace" or "Serenity."

2. Consider the horse's breed: Your horse's breed can provide inspiration for a name. For example, if you have a Thoroughbred, you may want to choose a name that has a racing theme, like "Winning Run" or "Track Star." If you have a Quarter Horse, you may want to choose a name that reflects the horse's strong and muscular build, such as "Hercules" or "Thunderbolt."

3. Consider the horse's lineage and color: If your horse comes from a line of well-known horses, you may want to incorporate the lineage into the name. For example, if your horse is the offspring of a famous racehorse, you could use the parent's name as inspiration for the name, like "Secretariat's Legacy." You can also use color for inspiration, like "Black Beauty."

4. Keep it simple and easy to pronounce: You will be saying your horse's name a lot, so it is important to choose a name that is easy to say and remember. A simple name like "Max" or "Sandy" will be easier for you and others to remember than a complex or lengthy name.

5. Avoid offensive or controversial names: It is important to avoid names that are offensive or controversial, as they can offend others and reflect poorly on you as a horse owner. This is especially so if you plan on doing any professional activities with your horse. Names that are derogatory, racist, or sexist should be avoided.

6. Get creative: Don't be afraid to get creative with your horse's name. You can choose a name based on your horse's appearance, like "Chestnut Beauty" or "Golden Mane," or a name based on your horse's favorite treat, like "Apple Jack" or "Carrot Crunch." Sometimes the silliest or most unique names are the most fulfilling.

Choosing a horse name is a fun and important task for horse owners. It's key to consider your horse's personality, breed, lineage, and appearance when choosing a name while also thinking of your own interests. Keep it simple, easy to pronounce, and avoid offensive or controversial names. With these tips in mind, you can choose a name that is meaningful, memorable, and fitting for your horse.

And remember, as long as it suits your horse and you like it, that's all that really matters!

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A Peaceful Escape from the City: The Beauty of Cold Creek

By The VHN Writing Team



For any horse enthusiast that has experienced events or any kind of riding in the city of Las Vegas, it's easy to see what makes this location stand out from other equestrian places in the U.S. Bold sunshine, extremely hot summers well into the triple digits, the glitz and glamour of the Strip alongside dry desert trail rides with sage, cactus and Joshua trees, and colorful mountain ranges in every direction just teeming with spaces hardly touched by man.

Throw in a rapidly expanding population and horse events that range throughout the calendar year, Vegas is a truly fast paced, 24/7 horse city with its own unique feel and a bigger horse community than most would guess.

And to most, that horse community appears as only that, in Vegas. But what lies outside of Vegas city limits, specifically just 28 miles by road from the city is a change in scenery that would make you believe you've travelled ten times as far.

Off of the 95 North, as you watch Mount Charleston, Charleston Peak, and Bonanza Peak come about on your left, you'll be headed toward a small and secluded, unincorporated community in Clark County known as Cold Creek.

This community, so named for the creek that runs right through it has a history that can be traced back to 1800's. From a successfully running sawmill, the location then became a dude ranch in the 1930's and finally a fully-fledged working horse ranch in the 1940's.

Its roots were founded in the lifestyle of horses. After these businesses came and went, the historical site was left behind as a ghost town, and the location of Cold Creek ultimately became home to the tight knit group that lives there now.

The mountain ranges that surround the town create a scenic backdrop to the community, with Bonanza and McFarland Peak looming in the distance. These mountains and the peaks that make them have existed since the Paleozoic Era, that's around 542 to 251 million years ago!



While trail riding in the area, horse enthusiasts are riding in not just recent but very ancient history, as everything used to be underwater as part of a giant prehistoric ocean. Imagining this ocean is a little easier with the elevation of Cold Creek, as it sits at an average of 6,500 feet. The creek itself that is the town's namesake feeds three small ponds and supports a wide variety of vegetation as well as flourishing animal life. The bodies of water are perfect for fishing, and outdoor activities like trail riding, hiking, and camping. Herds of elk and wild horses are bold and abundant as well, keeping residents' company throughout each season's mild yet breathtaking beauty.

One resident of the town, Debbie, recounts what made her, and her husband decide to settle in this hidden spot.

Q: How long have you both lived in Cold Creek?

A: "We've lived here for three years now. [It's a] totally different landscape, we've lived a little bit of everywhere in Vegas before that."

Q: And what made you decide to move to the town in the first place?

A: "It's quite beautiful – you get four seasons, wild horses, elk, deer, everything all over the place. We have two ponds, a little lake, absolute gorgeous waterfall that goes throughout the community. It was so picturesque; we fell in love with it. UTV and ATV riding, horse trails that go out everywhere, Wheelers Pass, Indian Springs, and over to Pahrump. It's all right here."

And according to Debbie and many of Cold Creek's residents, it's a perfect place for equestrian people looking to find an escape from the intensity of cities, like Las Vegas.

Q: How long have you been horse owners?

A: Laughing – "I've had horses all of my life."



Q: And if you had to pick the best thing about the area, what would it be?

A: "I love the beauty of sitting on my deck in the summertime. It's so quiet, I can hear the sound of the waterfall. It is so majestic looking, like something out of a painting. I look at the valley below, it's almost surreal. The views are my favorite, the stream and the peacefulness of it all.

Summertime we average around 90 degrees. Spring is gorgeous, everything is in bloom and you can smell it all. Fall comes, it gets cooler, and then all of that wonderful foliage starts to turn color. We do get snow, but nothing over six inches truly and it doesn't stick.

There is a full-time maintenance guy here, so there's upkeep during the snow and harsher weather. And the snow is actually pretty and enjoyable, all four seasons honestly. That's what attracted us [me and my husband]. We camped for two years so we could see all of the different months and seasons and there were no bad months."

Aside from having a full-time maintenance man, Cold Creek also has a volunteer fire department just up the main road that watches over the community in all of its season.

With living in such a smaller, out of the way place, you're also bound to know your neighbors. In contrast to communities in bigger towns and cities where you barely know the individuals that live next to you these days, Cold Creek is refreshingly different.

Q: I've heard the community is quite close, is that true?

A: "The community is more tight knit and you know your neighbors. You do look out for each other while you're there."

But the natural beauty is what's hard to beat when visiting Cold Creek.

Q: And the wildlife?

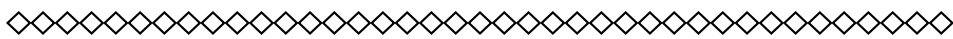
A: "Wild horses and elk will come right up to you. A herd of elk came right up to my German Shepherd. And a bull elk has shown up as well. I've even had a couple horse babies born on my property." [photos below]



Residents of Cold Creek might appear to sacrifice what is so popular in cities like Las Vegas, but it seems that this majestic area more than makes up for it with what bustling cities cannot have.

A: "But the peacefulness was it. Peacefulness was the absolute draw."

Any horse enthusiasts, whether they're from Vegas, looking for a place to call home, or just visiting the area for a vacation will find the town of Cold Creek to be a serene and peaceful escape.



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The Appearance of White Hair Spots

By The VHN Writing Team

Our equines can be full of all kinds of mysteries, from behavior to biology. Most of the time these unique processes only add to their unique charm, while others can leave us scratching our heads and simply asking, "But, why?"

One oddity of our equines' biology is the appearance of random white spots in their coats. These spots aren't due to getting older or a natural overall color shift because of breed and genetics. And they can be quite stark if you have a darker colored horse.

These spots tend to pop up after an injury, on any color horse as well. If your horse suffered from a scrape or a cut, chances are the hair that grows back after healing could turn white. It might be only a few single hairs, or it might be a complete splotch of white that grows back in. Other times still, the hair might grow back in the same color as the rest of your horse and you would never know.

So, what gives?

In your horse's skin exists special types of cells that produce pigment or melanin, the same substance that gives humans our eye, hair, and skin color. This pigment is responsible for your horse's coat color too. They are called production cells and unfortunately, they are quite easy to damage. You might be prepared for a nice, hairless scar to appear after a wound heals or for the hair to return as normal. But you'll be a bit miffed when a bright, prominent splash of white crops up instead, and the reason is due to these very same production cells being damaged to the point of no return. When the hair grows back in without these cells, there is no pigment to color the hair so it remains white.

What's extra tricky about these color producing cells and how easy they can be to damage is that it doesn't always take a wound with broken skin to cause the loss of pigmentation.

Your horse can have white splotches appear due to a fall that doesn't cause a laceration. The impact and bruising from the fall can be enough to kill the cells melanin production. This also goes for ill-fitting tack. Riders may notice that white spots pop up right where a saddle rests or rubs on their horse's back. This can be a sign that you need a different saddle fit for your horse to be comfortable.

Freeze brands are also a good example of this pigment loss as the brand typically stands out white against a horse's color. Another much more well known example of this effect is in horses that express specific genes that cause them to shift from one color to white. The Lipizzaner or Lipizzan breed of horse is famous for this very feature. When born, the foals are typically black or bay in color. Over the course of their younger years, they gradually turn white because their cells stop making the melanin for their coats. When they reach between 6 and 10 years of age, they will have become the dazzling white Lipizzan color they are so famous for.

There is also the autoimmune disorder Vitiligo that affects humans as well as horses. With vitiligo, the immune system actually targets the melanocytes in the cells so that depigmentation occurs. This usually presents as lots of pink or pale splotches in the skin as well as the hair and in areas like the muzzle, eyes, and ears.

Vitiligo is really just a cosmetic issue rather than anything serious, so treatment will be based on that fact. For those of us that do not have a Lipizzan or a horse with vitiligo, well your horse could start to turn white, but it would most likely be from old age or a very small shift in a horse that already has white hair color.

As for what you can do to prevent these white spots from popping up, there's not much to be done to control it. It's impossible to prevent every injury that our horses sustain but providing adequate healing techniques can be beneficial. The longer a wound takes to heal, the messier the end result will be and the larger the amount of white hair that could sprout. If you need to hide a white spot, say for a competition or photoshoot, temporary coloring can be applied. It's best to check on the rules and regulations in this instance.

Besides that, the only thing you could do is invest in white horses in the future, which is a bit funny as lots of horse owners favor other colors over white since they get dirty and stain so easily. When it comes to our horses, there's just no predicting what could happen next, so we might as well just go along for the ride.



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How Growing Up with Horses Can Help Children Succeed

By The VHN Writing Team



Growing up with horses offers a unique and enriching experience for children. From learning responsibility to developing emotional intelligence, the benefits of growing up with horses are numerous. There are many advantages to introducing children to horses and the lifelong skills they can gain from this experience.

1. Responsibility

Caring for a horse is a significant responsibility that requires discipline and commitment. Children who grow up with horses learn to be responsible for the welfare of another living being. From feeding and grooming to mucking out stalls and cleaning tack, children learn the importance of consistency and hard work when taking care of horses. These responsibilities can translate into other areas of life, such as schoolwork and chores at home.

2. Emotional Intelligence

Horses are sensitive animals that can reflect a child's emotional state. Interacting with horses can help children develop emotional intelligence, which includes recognizing and managing their own emotions as well as understanding the emotions of others. Horses are non-judgmental and provide a safe environment for children to express themselves and develop empathy. This can help through every stage of life as their mental and emotional needs change.

3. Physical Fitness

Horse riding requires physical fitness, balance, and coordination. Children who grow up with horses are naturally active, spending time outdoors and participating in physical activities. Riding horses can help improve posture, strengthen core muscles, and develop overall physical fitness.



4. Confidence

Horse riding is a challenging and rewarding activity that can boost a child's confidence. As children learn to ride, they gain self-assurance and a sense of accomplishment. The bond formed between a child and their horse can provide a sense of security and comfort, building their confidence in other areas of life and keeping them well rounded.

5. Social Skills

Horses provide an opportunity for children to develop social skills by participating in group riding lessons and interacting with other riders. Children learn to communicate with others, develop teamwork skills, and build friendships based on their shared love of horses. Horses can also provide a common interest that bridges generational gaps, bringing children and adults together.

6. Problem-Solving Skills

Caring for horses requires problem-solving skills, such as recognizing when a horse is in distress, diagnosing the problem, and finding a solution. Children who grow up with horses learn to think critically and creatively, developing problem-solving skills that can be applied to other areas of life. It also instills a sense of compassion and empathy to take care of not just an animal, but a large and intelligent one.

7. Connection with Nature

Horses offer a connection with nature that is increasingly important in today's technology-driven world. More and more kids are connected to technology every day, like their phones, computers, and tv's. Children who grow up with horses spend more time outdoors, away from constant screen time, learning about the natural world and the importance of caring for the environment.

The bond formed between a child and their horse can provide a sense of peace and harmony that is difficult to find elsewhere. And often children don't realize just how fulfilling this time can be until they try it.

Growing up with horses offers numerous benefits for children, from learning responsibility and emotional intelligence to developing physical fitness and problem-solving skills. The connection with nature and social skills developed through horses are invaluable for personal growth and can last a lifetime.

There's no time, too early or too late, for a child of any age to begin a relationship with horses and enjoy how rewarding it can be on so many levels.

For parents looking to introduce their children to horses, there are many programs and resources available to provide a safe and enriching experience. And for parents that already own horses, you can take care in the fact that your children will benefit in all of these ways as they grow and learn right from the beginning.



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