

# All about Horses



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## Male horses

How big is a male horse?

Light riding horses are typically 14–16 hands (1.42–1.63m), larger riding horses are 15.2–17 hands (1.57–1.73m), and heavy or draft horses are usually 16–18 hands (1.63–1.83m). Growth can also be influenced by genetics and nutrition.

Are male horses stronger?

Size matters here: male horses are typically a tiny bit bigger, and therefore a little stronger, than females. Stallions tend to be slightly more muscular also, with their necks being curved and stronger than mares. Adult males weigh in at around 1500 to 2000 pounds, whereas mares typically come in at the 1200 mark.



## Female horses

How big is a mare?

A mare is an adult female horse or other equine.[1] In most cases, a mare is a female horse over the age of three, and a filly is a female horse three and younger. In Thoroughbred horse racing, a mare is defined as a female horse more than four years old. The word can also be used for other female equine animals, particularly mules and zebras, but a female donkey is usually called a "jenny". A broodmare is a mare used for breeding.

How fast is a mare?

55 MPH is the top speed of the world's fastest horses.

Quarter horses racing 440-yard have been timed running 55 mph, the fastest recorded speed of any horse. Guinness World Record recognizes Winning Brew, a Thoroughbred, as the fastest horse in the world at 43.97 mph.



## What do horses eat?

In simple terms, horses eat grass and hay or haylage, but salt, concentrates and fruits or vegetables can also enhance their diets, depending on the required work regime and available feed.

## Can horses see in the dark?

Thanks to the larger numbers of rods and the tapetum lucidum, your horse has superior night vision. Galloping at full speed through the woods and pastures is no problem for equines. In fact, they see nearly as well in the dark as they do during the day

# The End !!



I hope you enjoyed my Fact File about horses 😊😊

