



## Species Fact Sheet



### MAMMALS

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## Horse

*Equus caballus*

**Peoria Zoo Exhibit**    **Contact Area**

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**Habitat:** Grasslands, steppes and semiarid shrub country

**Range:** Original populations were once found in the Steppe zone from Poland to Mongolia. Domesticated occur throughout the world.

**Activity Cycle:** Diurnal— active during the day

**Size:** Variable in size and weight depending on the breed.

**Social Structure:** Live in herds, usually made up of small bands of up to 10 members.

**Structure:** Females are seasonal breeders, giving birth to one foal after 11 months. Foals can follow their mom 15-25 minutes after it is born.

**Distinguishing Features:** Coloration depends on the breed but most colorations consist of gray, brown, black, and white. They are large hoofed mammals. Over 180 different breeds of horses exist today.

**Diet:** Feed on hay and grasses

**Life Span:** 20-30 years

### ***Did you know?***

***The only true wild horse left today is the Przewalski's horse, an endangered animal which is thought to be found only in captivity.***