



# RED'S SHED

## Horse Talk

Horses have lots of different ways to 'talk' to our horsey and human friends – just like you and your mates! Through the various sounds he makes and especially his body language – like his ear position and facial expressions – a horse will tell you how he's feeling and what he's thinking.

### I'm all ears!

Horses' ears aren't just for listening – they're one of the most important ways horses communicate with each other, and their human carers! Watch these ears...

**Both ears forward**  
I'm attentive, happy and alert



**Ears swivelling**  
I'm checking out what's going on



**Both ears flat back against the head**  
I'm cross or afraid!



### Sniff a whiff!

Horses have such an amazing sense of smell that they can smell water from over one kilometre away! Sometimes you might see a horse curling his top lip, this is the horse's way of getting a better sniff of any unusual whiffs!



### 'Eye' saw you!

You've probably noticed that a horse's eyes are positioned on the side of their heads, which means they can see in front and behind. In fact, horses only have two blind spots to worry about and those are directly in front of their nose and a few yards behind them.

### Let's talk

Horses don't just say 'neigh'! They make seven different types of sound and each has a different meaning. Here are a few you might hear!

**Whinny** - a loud neighing sound  
Means - Where are you, my friend?  
Or, are you coming to see me?

**Blow** - a soft blow out through the nose  
Means - Hi, who are you?

**Nicker** - a soft vibrating sound  
Means - I'm so pleased to see you!

**Squeal** - a high-pitched sound  
Means - I'm worried or scared!

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