

# Horse markings!



Here at Redwings we have over 1,500 horses and ponies in our care and if there's one thing we're sure of, it's that they're all different! A horse can have a distinctive marking on his face, legs, or somewhere else on his body – or have no markings at all! Here are most of the markings you will see on horses! You could even cut them out and test your friends!

## Blaze



A blaze is a wide strip of white that runs from the horse's forehead all the way down to its muzzle. Some blazes are so wide that the sides reach both eyes!

## Stripe



A stripe is a thin white mark running down a horse's face.

## Star



A star is a white marking on a horse's forehead, which is normally diamond shaped. A star can be anything from tiny dot to a large mark.

## Snip



A white marking on the muzzle between the nostrils. Snips can vary from tiny dots of white to very large splurges.

## White face



A white face is quite similar to a blaze but is wider. It starts at the forehead and extends past the horse's eyes.

## Mealy muzzle



A mealy muzzle is most common on bay horses. It is when the muzzle is very light brown. Other parts of their bodies, like the eye area, are likely to be light brown too.

## Stockings



Stockings are markings on the legs that extend up to at least the bottom of the knee.

## Socks



Socks are markings that end halfway between the fetlock and the knee. If they go any higher they are known as stockings.

There are lots of other markings that horses can have too, for example: A belly spot, which is a big white mark on his tummy, and a dorsal stripe, which is a black line that runs down the spine.