

Horse Names

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Did You Know

According to encyclopedia Britannica 2009, Muhammad is the most popular name in the world.

***What's in a name? That which we call a rose.
By any other name would smell as sweet'***

Juliet by William Shakespeare

In its purist form the ritual of naming a horse carries with it **significant history and etiquette** of using the sire and/or dam names or lineage in the foal's name.

Many breed or competition bodies require new registrations be provided with 4-6 names, given the first choices may be taken. If none of these names are available depending on the rules of that Association the name is either provided by the Association or more names are requested to be submitted.

There are also times when an expert, professionals who can feel aura's, have suggested the horse's name be changed as the horse doesn't like it. Yes, true, I personally have had such an experience. A client's horse did get a new name and seemed to respond to that name very well. Another of her horses also had a name change but didn't seem to respond so well to it so she reverted back to the original name. Good to be open to options but ultimately you make the decision - see what feels right for your horse, what 'fits' with them and you.

There are various sites for horse names; you could loose half your life by drowning in the contents. Our intention is not to replicate these. Instead we've sought to provide you with some important considerations for naming your horse or if the case may be the renaming your horse.

Our listings of names include some of our favorite horse names. These have been chosen not just for how beautiful the name sounds as a spoken word, or how it looks when written, but for the names meaning or achievements of horses, or other animals, of the same name. Enjoy the interesting bits of trivia attached with the named; sometimes it was a famous or infamous person who had that name previously.

We invite you to send through any name/s you'd like included here as suitable for someone's noble steed and why that name is one you'd recommend. A picture is helpful to send along.



with Compliments

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Changing a horse's name



"Nicknames stick to people, and the most ridiculous are the most adhesive."

Thomas C. Haliburton

Firstly if you're worried that they won't know their new name if you decide to change the existing one **DON'T. Stop worrying.** It will not take long at all, less than a week, for them to associate that name as being theirs if you call their name every time you approach them with food, and reward them for coming to that call of their name.

There are many theories on if changing a name is superstitious, bad luck or good luck. At its most basic take a breath and reflect on why it is that you wish to change their name, is it that their current one is difficult or ugly to say (and hear being said)?

Does the current name have bad memories for you, ie: it's the name of that horrid kid from your school days that bullied you, or that horrid person in the work place? My best suggestions re the good/bad luck scenario for changing names is that most people in their lifetime get given nick names and these stay with them for part or all of their lives. They haven't changed their original name, they just don't use it much and they still respond to that nick name or shortened version of their original. **Millions of people all over the world can't be too wrong.**

Ultimately the choice is yours.



Ground Rules

Remember those names of people that you've met, whether in the playground as a kid or as an adult, and your first reaction is "oh wow, what were their parents thinking?"

Keep your pen and paper steady when you embark on making up a name or creating a double barrel name that no one will be able to pronounce let alone enjoy saying. Do you really want everyone to feel they have a speech impediment when they try and say your horse's name?



**“Proper names are poetry in the raw.
Like all poetry they are untranslatable.”** W.H. Auden

1. Get to know the horse for a few days/weeks before settling on that name. See if it fits them, let them wear it.

Caution: If you take too long to name the horse other people may name it for you, such as: “the little brown fella”, “the wobbly one”, “cute face”.

2. Make sure you know if the foal is definitely a filly or a colt before you name it. Don’t laugh. I know where this did happen. Magnificent Friesian foal born and announced by experienced horsewoman to be a filly – hadn’t checked the under tail area as visual from belly area what looked clearly like two small teats had been identified. Even the vet confirmed filly, again without checking under tail, just the ‘teats’. So it was, proudly announced welcome to the world Anika. Oops, two weeks later Anika was found to be urinating with a penis showing and those two teats were now infact testicles that had dropped. Big oops, welcome Aragon.
3. Check how the name will sound when called out across the paddock or show environment? Naughty, nice, not normal?
4. Will people have trouble saying it, spelling it? Will the announcer at the show mangle its pronunciation and sound like he’s got a speech impediment? Are you going to spend the rest of your horse’s life correcting people’s enunciation?
5. Can it be shortened? What could that be? Do you care? Horses with names such as Wilem have been known to be shortened to Willie. Ok when you’re at home in your own stables but not if the announcer whom you’ve known forever and accidentally calls out over the P.A. *“can Ms Blah Blah take her Willie to Ring 1 immediately please.”*

Finding your horses original name – By brand or Association

Within Australia the history of your thoroughbred horse, sire/dam, even down to relatives and vaccination dates, can be found at [Australian Studbook](#).

Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory all have publicly available sites where you can search for your horse by their brand or microchip number, the sites are:

For [Queensland](#)
For [Northern Territory](#)
For [Western Australia](#)



Some inspiration

Alcohol Connection

Brandy, Whisky, Champs, Sherry, Margarita, Chardonnay, Port.

Books/Literature

In some of your favorite readings you may find names that you attribute positive memories to. Such as Hermione if you're a Harry Potter fan, Beauty or Blackie from Black Beauty, Pilgrim from Nicholas Evan's block buster first novel The Horse Whisperer. Where for art thou Romeo, Juliette? If you've forgotten characters just Google the book names to rediscover them.

Celtic/Gaelic names

Eion, Bryn, Bryony, McNolty

Characters from history

Cleopatra, Caesar, Napoleon, Sampson, Barton, Hercules, Elizabeth, Ned Kelly, Churchill.

Happy Names

Euphoria, Mirage, Sunshine, Sunrise, Comet, Moonbeam, Lightening, Smiley, Giggles.

Horse Words

Philip (or Phillip)

From the Greek words philos and hippos, meaning lover and horse, respectively – means, obviously a lover of horses, as in Philip of Macedonia or Prince Philip of England.

Hippalectryon

Four legged beast with the foreparts of a horse and the hind parts of a rooster.

Hipparch

A cavalry commander.

Hippia

Referred to Athena, as the "horse goddess".

Hippiatrics

Equine Veterinary medicine.

Hippocampus

A sea horse in classical mythology.

Hippodrome

An arena for equestrian spectacles.

Hippogriff

A creature with foreparts of a griffin and hind parts of a horse.

Hippology

The Study of Horses

Hippophagist

One who eats horseflesh, practices Hippophagy.

Hippophile

One who loves horses

Hippopotamus

A "river horse"



Tigers die and leave their skins; people die and leave their names.

Japanese Proverb

Some inspiration

Initials

Sometimes taking the initials of their show name makes for a great stable name. For example Django Junior was the name of a colt foal whilst in utero, we didn't know what it would be a filly or colt, but we did know the sire so Django Junior it was. Then when born this little champion colt was called D.J.

Make up your own



Makybe Diva – When owner, Tony Santic was stuck for a name, for his new filly he passed on the problem to five of his women employees in his fishing business. Not finding inspiration from the bloodlines, the women settled on using the first two letters of their given names in naming the filly. The five women were **Ma**ureen Dellar, **Ky**lie Bascomb, **Be**linda Grocke, **Di**anne Tonkin and **Van**essa Parthenis whose names are now part of Australian racing history. Makybe Diva went on to be the first racehorse to win three consecutive Melbourne Cup races (2003, 2004, 2005)

Myths and Legends

Pegasus, Zeus, Constellation, Osiris, Persephone

Famous People or Horses

Winston, Churchill, Alexander, Lincoln, King William, Charisma, Milton, Phar Lap (or Lightning, its meaning).

Place Name

Paris, Nile, Ireland, India, Seychelles, East, Aspen.

Stable Names

Typically they're very descriptive – such as the Big Guy, Brownie, Blaze, Doof Doof, Fang, Nipper, Speedy, Psycho, Liquid lunch, Poo Head.

Breed Specific Names



Given some breeds have unique histories which include where that breed originated, what climate, what era, what challenges faced along that breeds path to survival. Often names become specific to the 'culture' of that breed.

As a horse owner you can choose to respect that country and 'culture' associated with your horses breed and choose a breed specific name accordingly, or NOT. Totally up to you.



Be mindful however some Associations govern the registrations according to their heritage and hence if you make suggestions for registration names that are to outside their breed 'guidelines' you can expect that those names will be declined. For example: The Friesian Stud Book manages registrations for Friesian foals and traditionally desires names in line with the sire/dam and lineage of that foal or at least traditional Dutch or Frisian names. If you attempted a registration with the Friesian Stud Book of your new pure Friesian foal with the names of Pegasus, Orians Mark, Euphoria, Makybe Diva, Towering Inferno, or such like you could expect them to be declined.



Below feature some suggestions and links that we hope help you to decide on the decision in your choice of names to go the 'cultural' connection, or NOT.

Breed Specific Names

Friesian Horse Names

Traditionally they are Dutch or Frisian names which can be difficult to pronounce for new comers to the language. Some hints: where an e on the end of a word it is pronounced a, ending word sje is pronounced "sha", the letter j is pronounced y and ch is pronounced k. [Lowchens Western European names](#) and [Horse names](#) include general and Friesian horse names.

Morgan Horse names

All Morgan's trace back to a single foundation sire, a stallion named *Figure*, who was born in West Springfield, Massachusetts in 1789. He was at one time owned by a man named [Justin Morgan](#). The horse later came to be identified by the name of this particular owner, and "the Justin Morgan horse" also gave its name to the breed.

The original Morgan horse is thought to have stood about 14 hh (1.42 m), and to have weighed about 950 lb (430 kg). He was known for his prepotency, passing on his distinctive looks, conformation, temperament, and athleticism. Perhaps if your horse looks like this one you could call him Justin?



Everybody has a right to pronounce foreign names as he chooses.

Winston Churchill

Arab Horse Names

In days gone by Arabian horses were named by their owners for their color, markings, temperament, courage etc. The Prophet Mohammed's favorite mare was "Al-Awra", "The one eyed mare". Arab breeders encourage the use of distinct dessert Arab names. Perhaps you would like to name your Arab in Arabic? How about names such as:

MALE	Amir - meaning commander, ruler, leader, master, chief, superior, prosperous, prince.
	Amid- pillar, support, head.
	Amin- trustworthy
	Basher- bearer of good news
	Minhat- gift, favor.
FEMALE	Ansam- breath of life
	Aquib- result, consequence
	Elmeera- princess
	Malak- angel



From antiquity people have recognized the connection between naming and power.

Kate Swift

Shetland

For such a small breed, small names might fit such as: Trinket, Confetti, Rainbow, Bon Bon, Dibbs, Minuet, Gingerale, Gizmo, Ditto, Taffy or Pistachio.

Breed Specific Names

Warmblood

Several of the large warmblood registries abide by rules for offspring. Included here are some of the most popular breeds, and the naming guidelines.

Danish Warmblood	Named with first letter of sire's name.
Dutch Warmblood	Named with first letter of name dictated by year of birth. A was used in 1982 and again in 2005. E was used in 2009. Omit letters Q, X and Y.
German Warmblood	One word short names.
Hanoverian	Named with the first letter of the sire's name.
Holsteiner	Colts have the first letter of sire's name. Filly's named on a year based Schedule: 1998-N, 1999-O, 2000-P, 2001-R, 2002-S, 2003-T, etc.
Oldenburg	Colts named with first letter of sire's name, fillies with first letter of dam's name.
Selle Francais	Year based naming schedule: A was last used in 1988 and L is the letter used for 1998. Omit W, X, Y and Z. No numerals, initials and no more than one word.
Trakehner	Named with the first letter of dam's name.
Westphalian	Named with the first letter of sire's name

General Names For lists of other suggestions you can go to: [Lowchens horse names](#).

Meanings of Names

Most parents go through the dilemma similar to what you're going through right now – what to name their child, align with family tradition or not, be unique and make something up, go with the trends of that time and make it the 1,000th Joshua or Madeleine born that month. However it goes for you often there is also the consideration what does that name mean. Names mean the same thing, whether they're place names, human names or animal names.

So helpful places to get some guidance on what the [meaning of a name](#) you may be considering and other [options for first names](#) just click on these links.



Words have meaning and
names have power.

Author Unknown

Famous Names

Horses have overcome many challenges – natural and man made, over their partnership with us these last 5,000 years or so. Below feature some great horses and their areas of expertise.

Uniquely Australian Names					
Melbourne Cup Winners	Archer	** 1981 &	Historical Names	Barton	1st Australian Prime Minister
	1862	First Cup		Edward Barton.	
	Race Carbine	1890		Explorers	Cook, Jackson, Monash, Phillips, Deakin, Bourke, Wills, Hume, Hovel, Tasman, Sturt, Wordsworth, and Christopher Columbus.
	Phar Lap	1930		Bushrangers	Ned Kelly, Jesse James
	Peter Pan	1932 & 1934			
	Comic Court	1954			
	Galilee	1966			
	Rain Lover	1968 & 1969			
	Kiwi	1983			
	Vintage Crop	1993			
	Saintly	1996			
	Might & Power	1997			
Makybe Diva	2003, 2004, 2005				
	*Amazing record.				
People	Chang (Victor, heart surgeon)		Locations	Barrier, Cape, Opera, Bridge, Harbor, Surf, Sydney, Adelaide.	
Albert (Einstein, inventor.)					
James (Bond, movie character)					



“From our ancestors come
our names, but from our
virtues our honors.

Anon

Medal Winners

Medal Winners			
Showjumping		Dressage	
Milton	First horse ever to earn \$1 million pounds in showjumping.	Klimke	Reiner Klimke, eight time equestrian Olympic medal winner and superb educator, German Team, 1964-1988.
Baloubet du Rouet	Ridden by Brazilian Rodrigo Passoa Individual Gold 2004 Team Bronze 2000	Werth	Isabell Werth, also eight times equestrian Olympic medal winner, German Team. 1992-2008.
Medal Winning Horses	Sapphire, Cedrick, Star Man, Genius, Pedro, The Freak, Cassiana, Aspen, Ole.	Anky	Anky van Grunsven, also eight times equestrian Olympic medal winner, Netherlands. 1992-2008.
Champion Names	Roycroft, Passoa, Bradley, Whitaker	Medal Winning Horses	Emperor, Taine, Hummer, Master Rufus, Absent, Ikor, Piaff, Rembrandt, Keltec Salinero, Bonfire, Gigolo, Gimpel, Dux, Antoinette, Mariano, Ultimo, Courage 10, Plot, Neptune.
Eventing		Modern Pentathlon	
Charisma	Pocket rocket that took NZ Eventing legend Mark Todd on many international rides of his life, and lots of medal collecting.	Medal Winning Names	Boris, Lars, Sven, Harland, Bo, Pier, Carlo
Medal Winning Horses	Kibah Tic Toc, Ready Teddy, King, Marius, Priceless, Master Craftsman, Peppermint Grove, Sunburst, Darien Powers, True Blue Girtwood, Shear H2O, Supreme Rock.		



Famous Horses

Famous Pacers			
Messenger	(1780-1808) a direct descendant of the Darley Arabian, an English gray thoroughbred taken to the USA in 1788 is the founding sire of all standardbreds. Messenger sired many racehorses, including Man O'War and Whirlaway. His particular strength was siring trotters and pacers.	Bret Hanover	Record holder in 1966 and Horse of the Year 1964-1966.
Dan Patch	Set world records in 1903-1905.	Sleepy Tom	Holder of the world speed record in pacing in 1879, even though blind due to harsh treatment in his early days.
Dean Hanover	And Alma Sheppard, his 11 year old driver, set the world speed record for a woman driver in trotting in 1937.	Lady Suffolk	The famed "old gray mare" in the American Song, she began her career pulling an oyster cart and went on to hold the world record for a trotting mile.
Hambletonian 1849-1876	Grandson of Messenger he sired 1,331 foals and almost all trotters and pacers racing today can trace history back to him.		
Rodeo Feature Horses			
Buckjumpers, Saddle Broncs & special others that couldn't be ridden.			
1950's	Rocky Ned	1990's	Chainsaw
	Rise Up	2002	Archer
	Mickey the Mouse		
	Ghost		



Famous Horses

Pairs			
Special teams of two or names that just go together that you may want to use if your lucky enough to have more than one incredible horse			
Beauty	Beast	Buttons	Bows
Ernie	Bert	Calvin	Hobbes
Jean	Billy	Credit	Debit
Bourke	wills	Doc	Holiday
Fred	George	Hume	Hovel
Jack	Joker	King	Queen
Laurel	Hardy	Pebbles	BamBam
Butch	Sundance	Zenith	Nadir
Jack	Jill	Dollar	Cents

War Horses

FAMOUS HORSES - War horses	
Incredible feats made by courageous horses.	
Almond Eye	Warhorse of Major General Benjamin F. Butler, nicknamed “Beast Butler” and together they road into several battles of the American Civil War. Almond Eye acquired his name from the unusual shape of his eyes.
Babieca 	The white Andalusia warhorse of Spanish hero, Ruy Diaz, better known as “El Cid”. Babieca was never ridden again after El Cid’s death in 1099. Babieca died 2 years later at the incredible age of 40. Allegedly, upon his death, El Cid left instructions for Babieca to be buried alongside him and his wife at the Monastery of San Pedro de Cardeña and that his body be secured on Babieca in full armor and with sword raised
Bayard	General Bosquet’s mount in the Crimean War fought between the British Empire, France, the Ottoman Empire and the Kingdom of Sardinia against the opposing Russian Empire (1853 – 1856). The Crimean War was the first war to introduce technical changes affecting the future course of warfare; first war thoroughly documented in photographs and the first tactical use of railways and the telegraph.
Beauregard	The steed of James Russell Wheeler who left Union-held Baltimore under cover of darkness and joined the Confederate Calvary. Beauregard survived long after the war. He died in 1883.

War Horses

Bijou

French for, “jewel”, was the horse of Count Johan Augustus Sandels, in the Finnish War (1808-1809). The Count led the Swedish troops to victory against the Russian forces, at the Battle at Virta Bridge.

Billy



The powerful and stout warhorse of Major General George Henry Thomas nicknamed, “Slow Trot Thomas”. Thomas was a hefty man weighing nearly two hundred pounds requiring a large steed capable of carrying him. Billy named after Thomas’ friend, William T. Sherman, was a dark bay about 16 hands high. Billy was, like his owner, calm and measured in all his actions even in the turmoil of battle. His master defeated the Confederate arms in the winter of 1864. This was the last battle in which Thomas and Billy participated; it brought both to their death.

Black Jack



A black Morgan x Quarter Horse named to honor of General J. (Black Jack) Pershing, the only person to be promoted in his own lifetime to the highest rank ever held in the United States Army — General of the Armies.

Black Jack served a long and great military career. He was the riderless horse, with boots reversed in the stirrups, serving more than 1,000 Full Honor Funerals, the symbol of a fallen leader. He participated in four state funerals of presidents John F. Kennedy, Herbert Hoover, Lyndon B. Johnson and 5 star general, Douglas MacArthur. Black Jack died after a 29 year military career in Feb 1976. He is one of few horses to be buried with Full Military Honors.

Bucephalus



Could only be ridden by Alexander the Great, who founded the city of Bucephala about 326BC in honor of his beloved horse.

Cincinnati



General Ulysses S. Grant's most famous horse during the American Civil War. At an early age, Grant emotionally bonded to horses. Cincinnati was a gift during the Civil War, he was black as night and 17hh. Handsome and powerful, he quickly became Grant's favorite.

Grant rode Cincinnati to negotiate Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House and the horse became immortalized.

Comanche



A cavalry horse that was the only survivor of Lieutenant Colonel George A. Custer's “last stand” in 1876. Vic, Custer's horse, died in the battle.

War Horses

Copenhagen



The favorite mount of the Duke of Wellington, who rode his famous charger to victory in the battle of Waterloo, 1815.

Dixie

The mount for Edward Porter Alexander. Alexander was the officer in charge of the massive artillery bombardment of the Battle of Gettysburg in the American Civil War. And also, was the battle steed for Major General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne. While mounted at the Battle of Perryville, Dixie was shot from under Cleburne. The Major was last seen advancing on foot toward the Union line.

Fearnaught



The steed of William Henry Harrison. He was a white horse being very conspicuous to everyone, including the enemy in the Tecumseh's War at the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811. During the battle, Fearnaught ran away and Harrison rode Col. Owen's horse. In turn, Col. Owen captured Fearnaught and mounted him in the combat. Knowing Harrison's gallant white steed, the Indians shot the man on the white horse. Unfortunately, Col. Owen was the recipient of the shot and he died. In a way, Fearnaught's flee saved William Henry Harrison's life.

Gazala

The horse of Baldwin I of Jerusalem. Baldwin was one of the leaders of the First Crusade. During the Crusade of 1101, the Egyptians were victorious and Baldwin lost most of his army. He escaped on the back of the mare, Gazala

Kasztanka



The horse of Marshal Józef Piłsudski, interwar Polish leader and most likely the most famous Polish horse. She became the service mount of Commandant Józef Piłsudski, in the Polish Legions' battles at the side of Austro-Hungary and Germany in World War I, for the independence of Poland.

Little Sorrel



Also known as Fancy and Old Sorrel, became famous as the mount of the great Southern leader, General Thomas Stonewall Jackson. In 1861, while Jackson was in command, they captured a trainload of supplies and horses. One horse attracted Jackson's attention and he purchased the animal for his own personal use. Little Sorrel was chosen initially for Mrs. Jackson however, the General commandeered Little Sorrel because his horse, big sorrel, proved unreliable in battle.

Marengo



Napoleon of France's gallant gray Arabian war mount ridden at Waterloo and captured by the British. Marengo was a stallion, he never produced offspring. A small steed of only 14.1 hh, incredibly reliable, steady, and courageous. Named after the Battle of Marengo, through which he carried his rider safely. Marengo was wounded eight times in his career and outlived Napoleon by eight years and died of old age, 38yrs in 1831. His remains were preserved, the hide with the 'N' brand was lost, but his skeleton is on display at the National Army Museum in Chelsea, London. The skeleton is minus a hoof because General Angerstein presented it to the officers of the Brigade of Guards for use as a snuffbox in the officers' mess.

War Horses

Merlin	Sergeant George W. Tucker's mount. Tucker was with Stonewall Jackson when he received his fatal wound at Chancellorsville. Jackson and his men were under heavy artillery attack and galloped back toward the Confederate line. Many knowing this would be a mistake; for the Confederates would assume they were foe. Severely shot by his own men, Jackson died within a few days.
Nelson 	The heroic warhorse of General George Washington, and probably his favorite steed. Nelson was a light chestnut gelding that was great in battle scenarios because he held steady under fire. Named after Thomas Nelson Jr., who gave him the horse. Nelson was the horse with him when General Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown. Washington went on to become the 1st President of the United States and to this day remains the only president to receive 100% of the electoral votes.
Pocahontas	The steady steed of George H. Steuart. He was a Confederate general during the American Civil War. When his brigade entered Maryland during the Gettysburg Campaign in June 1863, he is said to have jumped down from his horse, Pocahontas, kissed his native soil and stood on his head in jubilation.
Reckless	A small Korean racing mare, served as ammunition carrier for a US Marine platoon during the Korean War (1950-1953). The mare was made a sergeant and received a medal for bravery under fire.
Romeo	The black gelding belonging to General George Edward Pickett. Pickett was a career United States Army officer who became a general in the Confederate States Army during the American Civil War. Pickett astride Romeo along with his troops rode with General Lee to the Appomattox surrender.
Sandy 	See below – he's one of our favorites – the only Australian horse to return from World War I.
Traveler 	The favorite mount and almost inseparable companion of General Robert E. Lee. Traveler was with Lee from Appomattox to Richmond and went with him to Lexington when Lee became President of Washington College.
Trojan Horse 	The huge legendary wooden horse built by the Greeks in whose hollow body Greek soldiers hid to gain entry into the city of Troy to conquer it. The story is told in Homer's 'Iliad'.

Famous Horses

FAMOUS HORSES – Other than War Horses

Factual to Fantasy

Al Borak	He is said to have carried Muhammad from earth to the seventh heaven, according to Muslim legend.
Aristides	Won the first Kentucky Derby in 1875.
Befair	A Chestnut gelding ridden in the eventing 1974 world championships and 1976 Olympics whose career ended with a major tendon injury after going clear in the cross country of the 1976 Olympics.
Black Beauty	The horse that is the main character in a book of the same name written by Anna Sewell to call attention to common abuses of the animal in the 19 th century.
Black Horse	From the Bible (Revelations) is the horse of Famine.
Bulle Rock	First thoroughbred to be imported from England to America (1730)
Byerly Turk 	The Byerley Turk or Byerly Turk, (c.1684-1706) was the earliest of three stallions that were the founders of the modern Thoroughbred horse racing bloodstock (the other two are the Godolphin Arabian and the Darley Arabian). The stallion is believed to have been captured by Captain Robert Byerley at the Battle of Buda (1686), served as Byerley's war horse when he was dispatched to Ireland in 1689. Reportedly a dark brown horse with the strong oriental or Arabian features of large eyes, arched neck and high carriage of the tail, many of his offspring were also noted to be either bay or black.
Clever Hans 	Lived in the early 1900's, was a famous 'talking' horse whose owner claimed he could solve arithmetic problems. It was later proven that Clever Hans picked up the cues from his owner on the answers to the math questions – if the owner was out of view Hans didn't answer the question correctly. It was a major introduction to horse's ability to detect and respond to extremely subtle body language.

Famous Horses

Darley Arabian



One of the three stallions on which the Thoroughbred line of racehorses was founded. The Darley Arabian was one of three dominant foundation sires of modern Thoroughbred horse racing bloodstock, the other two being the Godolphin Arabian and the Byerley Turk. This bay Arabian horse was bought in Aleppo, Syria by Thomas Darley in 1704 and shipped back to Aldby Park in England, where he stood at stud, usually private but sometimes open to outside mares. By all accounts, the Darley Arabian stood about 15 hands high and was of substantial beauty and refinement.

Democrat

Best show jumper with Billy Stenkarus, Captain of the US team, through six Olympics. Career began in 1940 and included the Europe Olympic Games. He was retired in 1946 and bought back into work in 1952 at the age of 19 and won the team Bronze at the 52 Olympics.

Diomed

Won the first English Derby at Epsom Downs, in 1780.

Doublet

HRH Princess Anne's horse, bred by Queen Elizabeth, highlight of his career was European Individual Title at Burley in 1971. Sadly broke a hind leg during a dressage test and had to be put down.

Eclipse

An English thoroughbred foaled in 1764 was the ancestor of many modern thoroughbreds.



Fion

Pictured here by famous artist George Stubbs.

Horse that won the 1967 Grand National Steeplechase, Fence 23 was thus named after him in honor of Fion's courage. All the other horses fell over or the riders fell off!

Flanagan

Mount of Pat Smythe a 3 day event horse whom under Pat's guidance went onto to become one of the world's leading show jumpers. Also a member of the 1956, and 1960 Olympic teams.

Flicka

A main character in the well known novel 'My Friend Flicka' by Mary O'Hara.



Gladiator



First French horse to win the Epsom Derby, and by 3 lengths. Gladiator (1862–1876) was a French Hall of Fame Thoroughbred racehorse who won the English Triple Crown in 1865. Called a legend by France Galop and "One of the best horses ever to grace the turf in any century" by the National Sporting Library of Middleburg, Virginia. A large colt, Gladiator raced best at long distances.

Famous Horses

Godolphin Barb (or Godolphin Arabian)



The Godolphin Arabian (c. 1724 – 1754), also known as the Godolphin Barb, was an Arabian horse who was one of three stallions that were the founders of the modern Thoroughbred horse racing bloodstock (the other two are the Darley Arabian and the Byerley Turk). He was given his name for his best-known owner, Francis Godolphin, 2nd Earl of Godolphin. The veterinary surgeon Osmer, as quoted by Prior, described him in the following manner: "There never was a horse (at least, that I have seen) so well entitled to get racers as the Godolphin Arabian; for, whoever has seen this horse must remember that his shoulders were deeper, and lay farther into his back, than those of any horse ever yet seen. Behind the shoulders, there was but a very small space ere the muscles of his loins rose exceedingly high, broad, and expanded, which were inserted into his hindquarters with greater strength and power than in any horse I believe ever yet seen of his dimensions, viz fifteen hands high."

Incitatus

Made a priest and consul by the Roman Emperor Caligula about AD40. This horse had an ivory manger and drank wine from a golden pail.

Iroquois

The first American bred horse to win the English Derby, 1881.

Justin Morgan



Foundation sire of the Morgan breed, one of the best known breeds of road horse in America.

Laurieston

Richard Meads mount individual eventing gold at the Munich Olympics in 1972 and won team gold.

Millreef

Galloping home 4 lengths ahead of his nearest rival, as a 2 year old, he won the Salisbury Cup, 1971. Went on to win much more including the Prix de Arc de Triomphe at Lonchamp in a new record time.

Mr Softee

Favorite mount of English show jumper David Broome who saw his potential after only watching him be lunged over a pole at an auction. Won the European Championship in 1962. Unbeatable in many classes and in 1962 won the European Championship again, 1969 won Hickstead and an Olympic Bronze in Mexico.

Famous Horses

Pegasus



The winged horse of Greek mythology that carried the thunderbolt of Zeus and for whom a constellation is named. Pegasus meaning 'spring well'.

Everywhere the winged horse struck his hoof to the earth, an inspiring spring burst forth. Pegasus left Bellerophon and continued to Olympus where he was stabled with Zeus' other steeds, and was given the task of carrying Zeus' thunderbolts. Because of his faithful service to Zeus, he was honored with transformation into a constellation.

During World War II, the silhouetted image of Bellerophon the warrior, mounted on the winged Pegasus, was adopted by the United Kingdom's newly-raised parachute troops in 1941 as their upper sleeve insignia. The image showed here clearly symbolized a warrior arriving at a battle by air, the same as paratroopers.

Rock, The

Won the Olympic individual Silver medal for Showjumping in Rome in 1960 and pre this in 1957 he won a Puissance competition in London, 7 ft 1".

Rosinante

The ugly horse that carried Don Quixote on his bumbling adventures in Cervantes' tale 'Don Quixote'.

Simona

Chestnut mare ridden to success in the Munich Olympics, winning Team Gold, 1974. Her rider sadly went on to have a serious car accident in 1977 and after 6 months in a coma he died.

Sleipnir

The gray horse of Odin, chief god in Norse mythology, was said to have eight legs and be able to travel on land or sea.

Sleepy Tom

Although blind, this horse became the outstanding pacer of the world, racing at top speed with only the voice and signals of his trainer as guides.

Sultan

Sometimes called Ivan, this horse was the favorite mount of William Cody (Buffalo Bill), often in his Wild West shows.

Xanthus

The horse of Achilles, he was predicted his master's death, after being scolded by the mighty Greek warrior.

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Aarjen



Pronounced Arr-yen, the j in Dutch being pronounced as a y. Magnificent Friesian gelding that we've had since a foal. He went through the dinosaur looking phase where his body looked like it would never grow big enough to fit his big head, phew, it did. He taught me many things. The main one being how even people who have admitted to being frightened of horses are somehow attracted to him like he's a magnet. A great name for a truly special horse – unites even the most non horsy humans.

Ahearn

Celtic for "horse" or "horse-lord."

Alban

Patron Saint of refugees. Perhaps a good name for if your horse or foal has been rescued. Alban would be suitable if your horse is protective of others, the rescuer!

Angel



Have you ever had that experience where one horse makes another horse feel more settled and happier? Angel was stabled next to Max, my leader of the stables thoroughbred, for nearly 5 years. Wow, Angel settled my gelding's heart and mind pretty quick. She became known as Max's girlfriend.

Apollo



The skinny thoroughbred that was so emotionally challenged and turned into the magnificent Mr Twinkle Toes. Sad at first to find that he didn't have a name- so I renamed him Apollo, after my recent Luna Landing (serious horse riding accident). I have never ever ridden a horse that is so athletic and light to ride. By light I mean so sensitive to the leg, hands and a wonderful virtual ESP connection with you. If you have such a horse then Apollo may be a perfect name to help take you to heights you've never expected to reach in your riding – welcome to riding virtual Madam Butterfly.

Arabella

A name with a beautiful sound to it, Arabella was one of two spiders (the other named Anita) that were part of early NASA experiments, the Skylab project of 1973 where they spun webs whilst weightless in space.

Aragon



Aragon is a name combining greatness across many different areas. Aragon is among the richest autonomous regions in Spain and was the name of an Olympic Medal winning dressage horse and the name chosen for our Friesian colt foal in 2008. Our Aragon is a cheeky, funny and certainly full of adventure magical black package of inquisitive energy. We invite you to have a look at him playing with his ball. [Enjoy Aragon bending it better than Beckham by watching his you tube clip.](#)

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Argo	From the television series <i>Zena, Warrior Princess</i> , the horse Argo is faithful, intelligent and brave in battle.
Bahadur	21 st Kohat Indian Mountain Artillery Battery gave this name to John (Jack) Simpson Kirkpatrick in 1915 for his work with his donkeys at Gallipoli. It means “Bravest of the Brave”.
Big Bird	Yes a real horse’s name, a big grey mare, almost pure white, drawn from an Indian legend. Reliable, Alpha female, solid matriarch that helped the herd survive near freezing winters in the early 1930’s.
Blaze	Rags to Riches – children lost interest in him so we were lucky enough to buy him, then onwards to 2 nd in Horse of the Year within 6 months. Blaze has a beautiful white blaze on his face, hence his namesake. A kind, cute and fantastically reliable pony.
Boaz	In Hebrew Boaz means <i>swiftness</i> , a great name for a horse that can run fast.
Bonfire	It is hard to consider this word without imagining the veritable explosive sound and light show that a bonfire creates – powerful, unique and expressive. Such is the nature of this word and expressed in real life in Gestion Bonfire. With saddle on and partnered with rider and trainer Anky van Grunsven he has scored 10/10 and show magnificent movement in various Grand Prix elements consistently throughout his Olympic medal winning career.
Boogie	Have you ever met a horse that has that wisdom to them that you know they’ve been here before? Meet Boogie. He’s our HorsePLAY game mascot as well as having taught us sooo very much about how much action can be packed into one 32” mini. Campaigned heavily by his original talented Judge owners he won in significant Royal and National Shows. He’s an Australian Champion and certainly turns heads where ever he goes. Many nicknames such as- Boogaloo, Boogie Man and the Boog Monster. Interestingly even in a herd of multiple personality horses, the Alpha of that herd is yep, you guessed it, he who doesn’t realise how small he is- Boogie.
Boomerang	A suggestion of loyalty as it always returns, “comes back”. A famous Irish Sport horse was named Boomerang, born in Ireland in 1966. A funny thought for any horse named Boomerang is the phrase “it’s only called a Stick if it doesn’t come back”.



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Borak	A great name for a fast horse – fast of mind and spirit, Arabic for “the lightening”.
Bows 	Bows/Buttons is a great name for part of a pair or for a real little madam. In our case she was a miniature horse, my first experience with a miniature, a great personality who had originally been purchased as a pair with her mate Buttons. Bows continued to step up to all sorts of new adventures under our training and care. You name it she was up for it. So if you have a can do, happy to be with you any time night or day, positive, happy horse Bows is perhaps the right name for her.
Brownie	Now if you want to have some good luck come your way Brownie is a good way to start naming your horse. In the 1960’s a cat named Brownie was bequeathed a share of \$415,000 by his owner, Dr William Grier. Whilst most horses called Brownie get their named from the brown color of their coat this name suggests a windfall of good luck in the past.
Bucephalus 	Alexander the Great's horse and one of the most famous real horses of ancient times. Alexander was an outstanding military leader of that age. Described as having a black coat with a large white star on his brow Bucephalus was a massive creature with a massive head, and supposed to have had a wall, or blue eye. Bucephalus’ name means 'ox-head'. Philip of Macedon bought Bucephalus and the steed was so unruly no one could ride him. Alexander noted that the horse was afraid of his own shadow and therefore rode him facing into the sun.
Bulle Rock	A real ‘first’ name – this was the name of the first thoroughbred to be imported from England to America, the year 1730.
Burbank	A great fun yet stately name. It was the name of Danny Glover’s cat in the 1987 movie Lethal Weapon. A good name for a horse that has start qualities!
Buzz 	Yes the horse we knew had his name from Buzz Lightyear – To Infinity and Beyond. Perfect name for this horse as his stable name because he was either ON, or off. A real Mr Mischief. Very confident can do eventer and talented dressage athlete.

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Calamity 	Whilst Calamity Jane was one of the famous Rodeo Ladies of the American West, travelling the countryside doing shows, the name actually means “great misfortune” or “disaster”. Turned into a show where Calamity was played by Doris Day Calamity is certainly a fun name for a horse that has a bit of a wild side or has lived through a disaster or two.
Caleb	From the Bible. Caleb and Joshua were the only two surviving members of the original band of Israelites that fled from Egypt that lived to enter the Promised Land. Caleb is a positive and strong name for a horse that is a survivor
Charisma	Anyone who has it can experience successful negotiation and a happy life. Lady Diana had it, Shaun Connery has it and the famous international eventer horse ridden by New Zealander Mark Todd certainly had it. Charisma the horse was only 15 3 and described by Mark Todd as a “fat, hairy pony”. His stable name was ‘Podge’ for his love of food. “It was his ability to fight, combined with his mental toughness and bottomless energy, that made him so exceptional,” Mark says. A name that says a great deal. For a truly special horse.
Cisco	Cisco is of Spanish origin. The Cisco Kid was a famous fictional character in a wide range of varying stories, movies, and television shows. "Cisco" is a handy short sounding name which has a long history of being associated with action and adventure.
Cochise	Meaning "hardwood" Cochise was a famous Chiricahua Apache Indian chief who successfully defended his homelands against invasion by settlers. Often described as a tall, powerfully built man with a Roman nose and great dignity interestingly such a stature of a man and character was created in the television series Bonanza, in Joe Cartwright who rode a black and white horse named Cochise.
Comanche	In the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876 the only surviving horse was a bay horse named Comanche. Found two days after the battle, severely wounded Comanche was treated for his wounds and retired from military duty except to be led during formal occasions. He lived until 1891; he was about 29 yrs old.

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Copenhagen 	Was the Duke of Wellington's favorite horse, which he rode at the Battle of Waterloo. The horse was a magnificent chestnut stallion of 15 hands. Meteor was second in the Derby of 1786. However, Copenhagen was a failed racehorse, but a superb battle horse. He died in 1836 at the age of 28. Honouring the horse, a funeral with full military honours on the estate was conducted. Today, Copenhagen's grave is visible, marked by a magnificent turkey oak tree planted in 1843.
Cyrus	From the Bible Cyrus was the King who conquered Babylon at the time many Israelites had been exiled there. King Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to their native land. Possibly a good horse name if you have a powerful horse with a kind and confident nature.
Denni 	If your horse has movement, style, charisma and is the fundamental owner of the line "look at me" then Denni could be the name for you. Denni is the sire of Aragon and a magnificent example of what a modern Friesian stallion should be. Congrats to Gil for importing him into Australia. At the time of writing we had just over 300 Friesians in our great country, and growing.
Dynast	Dyn for short this was the name of a great horse who lived till he was 16, surviving colic surgery but then age took its toll.
Eli	In Hebrew Eli means "height". Possibly a great name for a daredevil mischievous horse or one that can jump well.
Elvira	A pretty sounding name which means "truth" in Latin and "all true" in Spanish. Either way it's a horse that's honest.
Elsa	It's hard not to say this name without it sounding melodious. Possibly best known for the name of the lioness in the 1960 Joy Adamson book, "Born Free: A lioness of Two Worlds". This successful book tells the story of how Joy and husband George raise orphaned Elsa and then return her to the wild. A beautiful mare or filly with a touch of wild in her heart a great name.
Euphoria	An off the track gelding, only slight and 16 1hh made it to be trained by a professional dressage rider and sold for \$70k into Grand Prix dressage. Captures exactly how we should feel when riding. Euphoric!

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Ferrari



Which person doesn't know the symbol of Ferrari?

Speed, high integrity, consistent performance, prestige, power, sleek lines, exceptional confirmation, unique, uncommon!

Does this fit for your horse?

Francis

St Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of Animals, a great name for any animal.

Gandalf

Whilst a fictional character in Tolkien's Lord of the Rings Gandalf is a wizard, a good wizard, Gandalf has also been the name given to a number of great horses, good horses. One being Mark Todd's eventer.

Giles

Living from about 1243 to 1263, Saint Giles was known for his humour, optimism and understanding of human nature. A good name for a male horse with a cheerful, playful personality.

Gulliver

Remember the Jonathan Swift novel, "Gulliver's Travels" in which Gulliver visits a land where the people there are very small, making Gulliver a giant by comparison? Gulliver would be a wonderful name for a Miniature or Shetland, a smaller horse – notoriously known for their big horse attitude – they consider themselves a big horse trapped in a small body.

Hubert

St. Hubert is the Patron Saint of Hunters. This is a good name for a horse that is a Hunter or a Hunter / Jumper, or for a horse used for hunting trips.

Invicta



Meaning Freedom, Unconquered – steeped in history this word is a symbol of great strength and courage that never say never attitude.

If this reflects your horse's temperament then congratulations, perhaps the perfect name.

Ira

Ira means "watchful" in Hebrew. If your horse is the "watchful one" of the stables or herd, consider Ira.

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Isabel	Isabel is a beautiful name of Spanish or other origins. It is also very pleasing when shortened to "Izzy" as a nickname which may remind you of one of the attractive doctors in the TV series Grays Anatomy.
Jem	A play on the spelling of the word gem, gemstone, a desirable stone, it is also the stable name for Westwell Jem, a 15 3hh dressage Trakehner x welsh cob that went on to surprise everyone but his owner who was 13 and looking for a pony club all-rounder when she got Jem. They became part of the British Dressage team and Jem was still competing and doing Grand Prix at 24. So if stamina, good health and versatile are your horses attributes, you could have a real Jem.
King William	Purchased as a 5 year old from a dealers yard King William went on to become an international very talented eventing horse ridden by Mary King, winning Badminton in 1992 and competing at the Olympics that same year. His stable names were Will or Willy. If you want a name that says tough and talented, this could be it. Throughout Willy's career he never went lame or missed an event.
Klimker	Named after famous equestrian Reiner Klimker, eight time equestrian Olympic medal winner and superb educator. A great name for an aspiring champion or horse that is confident and a leader.
Levi	Whilst in Hebrew, Levi means "attached" or "joined" Levi are possibly best known as a brand of blue jeans created by the Levi Strauss company. Levi Strauss was a real man, born in Bavaria he migrated to America in 1850 and designed what was originally a new style of pants for men. It certainly has evolved to include females. For the rags to riches horse, who has found good luck and fortune with you Levi is a great sounding option.

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Max



Also known as Maximum Rock – a truly inspirational horse. When asking the previous owner to describe Max in one sentence she said that was easy “He’s a soldier and a gentleman. Imagine you’re in the trenches at Gallipoli, guns and cannon fire everywhere. It’s time to get up over the trench and attack; you know you’re going to die. Max is the kind of mate who’ll say – I’ll go first, follow me.” I would have continued to compete if he hadn’t showed me it was time to rest, by stopping at our last tiny jump in our prelim eventing course. I was seriously off balance, having just got out of hospital from a coma, at a slow trot he decided to stop rather than jump it and unseat me. He knew, even though very competitive, he stopped because I was so unstable in the saddle. Thank you Max for helping keep me safe during my recovery, I am forever grateful.

Milton



A horse that was as big as the Beatles, Elvis – fan club, screaming girls, crowds, cards, letters, gifts! First horse ever to earn \$1 million pounds in showjumping prize money if you don’t know the story of Milton, through family tragedy and onto amazing wonderful antics of Milton’s leaping joy when he was at awards ceremonies it’s a must read. If your horse is a super star then try this name on for size? It’s a name for legends in the making.

Mingo

Whilst the Mingo People were part of the Iroquois group of Native Americans the word “Mingo” is possibly best recognized as the name of Daniel Boone’s best friend from the 1960’s television series “Daniel Boone.” In the show Mingo is a half-Cherokee, highly educated Oxford University graduate and Daniel’s constant companion. As a duo of great friends and riders they constantly cover rough ground. Perhaps a trusty trail, endurance horse or sure footed pony deserves such a name.

Monty



Monty, aka Monster and Longcopy Garamont Regular, was 17 1hh, 857kg of extremely athletic for a big Shire horse and such fun.

Always the kids favourite and the horse that even the most scared of horses would gravitate towards. How often did the mummies park the pram with the near newborn in it virtually under Monty’s belly whilst we at the Royal Shows? He evoked confidence in those around him. A horse that taught me more than I could ever have imagined. One of the best coaches, mentors in my lifetime to date. RIP – from all your fans and family xo.

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Noah	Noah is Hebrew for “comfort” but most well known as the man famous for building the Ark to survive a great flood. Suitable for a horse that is very friendly and nurturing.
Olympia	Certainly a horse that carries this name is one of solid performances and a horse that will stand out in a crowd. A name steeped in history and strength certainly a beautiful name to bestow on a suitable horse. Shortened version would probably end up “Olie”.
Peaceful	Great irony in the use of this word for your horse’s name. In the movie "Fancy Pants" with Bob Hope and Lucille Ball, Peaceful is the bucking palomino Bob Hope chooses because the horse's name sounds, well...so peaceful. But Peaceful actually got his name for all the people he had tried to lay to rest – hmm, not so Peaceful after all! So if you’re horse has some major naughty in them, with a bit of nice, Peaceful may be suitable.
Peter Pan	 This name is perhaps suitable for an older horse that acts young, or even for a horse that is such an incredibly amazing and honest jumper that when you ride him you feel like your flying. Peter Pan is also a famous race horse – winner of the Melbourne cup not only once, but twice. A name with legendary roots in fact and in fantasy.
Phoenix	Powerful strong name after the birds that implode fire. Only Phoenix I ever met changed to Ganesh (means elephant....) by an Aura interpreting professional.
Pilgrim	Whilst pilgrim is someone who takes a long journey, or someone who is a traveler or wanderer in a foreign place the name Pilgrim was made famous by Nicholas Evan’s in his first and most successful book The Horse Whisperer. Pilgrim being the lead character horse that has a terrible accident but regains his confidence to return to a healthy life again. If your horse has the spirit to overcome whatever challenges may come their way you may have found the right name.
Poppy	 A feminine name and a word that evokes a link to the red poppy which has been part of Remembrance Day services in Australia since the early 1920's. When given a brief chance to recover, from the battle fire of the war and especially after the 1918 Armistice, the first flowers to bloom were the red poppies. A name for a very special horse.

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Rainbow



If you've got a horse that makes you feel very lucky, like you've got the Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow then like us you're welcome to share this great name.

Sandy



Major Gen. Sir William Throsby Bridges' favourite horse. Bridges served with Australian forces during World War I, and was the first Australian to reach general officer rank. Sandy did not return to Australia with his master's remains. His tour of duty included Gallipoli, Egypt and almost a year later transported to France. The Minister for Defence, Senator George Pearce, called for Sandy's return to Australia in October 1917. Leaving Liverpool England nearly one year later, Sandy arrived in Melbourne in 1918.

Sandy was retired and turned out at the Central Remount Depot in Maribyrnong. Almost five years later, becoming blind and in poor health, Sandy was put to rest in 1923. Of the 136,000 Australian horses sent away to World War I, Sandy was the only horse to return home to Australia. Sandy's head is mounted in a showcase originally displayed at the 1st Australian War Memorial Museum in Sydney and now in Canberra at the Australian War Memorial.

Saqqara



Have you ever had a connection with a horse that's just so powerful and unexplainable? This exists between Saqqara and I. I was there at her birth, helped her stay alive. What a special gift Saqqara was born on my birthday, healthy and spectacular pure Friesian filly.....just perfect – our first live Friesian foal, the actual first one Magic sadly died soon after birth from being 6wks prem. Called Saqqara by a friend after the oldest section of Pyramids in Egypt. Friesians are one of our oldest horse breeds. If you have a horse that gives you the feeling of incredible connection, they're that wise old soul that's been here before, and you feel whatever you ever wish to achieve with your horsemanship you can do with that horse then we'd happily share this beautiful name for your mare/filly. Her shortened names are Carrie and bubba. I guess when she's 30+ she'll still be my bubba!

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Sam

Short for Sampson, the historical figure that's big, strong and reliable or Samantha, the female expansion of this name, from magical qualities as a link to being the lead character, the good natured witch, in the television series Bewitched. A fun, kind, a spark of sunshine that's jam packed with spontaneous adventure and courage. A friend that you consider family; you'll be mates for the rest of your life.

Seabiscuit

The story of Seabiscuit the 15 2hh stallion flat racing champ of the 1930's and early 1940's has inspired two books and two movies. The film released in 2003, 63 years after the horse's retirement, was nominated for seven Academy Awards. Seabiscuit became an equine symbol of hope for a whole generation of Americans gripped by the depression. 40 million Americans tuned in to listen to the commentary of the 1938 Seabiscuit and War Admiralty race which Seabiscuit won by four lengths. If you have an inspiring horse a legend in the making this could be the name.

Sebastian

Patron Saint of athletes, known for his physical endurance and energy. This would be a terrific horse name for an equine athlete. Don't pick it though if you don't like the shortened version of "Seb".

Seldom Seen

Don't laugh, true story that this grey 14 2hh thoroughbred x Connemara gelding who won individual gold in 1981 and enough internationals to be inducted into the American Hall of Fame in 2005 for his Dressage achievements inspired his own name because as a foal he was so small he was barely visible over the grass! He is known to have inspired many people that were intimidated by the large fancy dressage horses to take up the sport because Seldom consistently showed he could turn up and beat the big guys. If you have a horse that's "out of the ordinary" Seldom could be right for you.

Shadow



A comforting, close name that perhaps suits the horse that is constantly there for you and is like your shadow never leaving you alone.

Not to be mistaken as a dark coloured horse, the shadow that we know, shown here, is a grey.

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Shrek



Shrek a.k.a Shrekles.

Named with the ogre “Shrek” in mind, this unique cross breed of pony has the heart of gold that is illustrated through his urge to be your constant companion, never leaving your side, ever. A name that is great for a horse that may prove your first impression of him wrong. Maybe not your typical show pony but good as gold and such a camera hog. Then there’s the Film Shreks’ donkeys’ catchphrase “I’m a noble steed” and “Now I’m SEXY” that we believe certainly applies to his personality as well. If you have a horse that has way too much personality “Shrek” could be the name for you.

Spradley

Bill Pickett is a cowboy legend as the man who invented bull dogging, or steer wrestling. Spradley was the name of the horse he was riding the very first time he bull dogged a steer. How athletic and courageous is your horse. Does this name suit them? Nickname would possibly be Sprad.

Storm



An incredibly loyal and sweet natured horse, perhaps more of an “eye of the storm”. A surprise package in that he’s the loner type, completely content to stand back as long as your happy and to watch the other horses be, and at the same time will unintentionally get the whole herd to respect him. Our boy Storm is linked to the literal “Storm” due to his undeniable power and his beauty but perhaps most of all, his name is purely his because he’s around to help me throughout the storms of life. If you have a horse that will try anything for you, will give his all to you and yet at the same time stand alone marking his difference between horse and human then “Storm” could be the name for your horse.

Stroller

The only pony to have ever competed in an Olympic Games or won the Hickstead Derby. 14 2hh show jumping legend Stroller, so consistent he won five consecutive years, 1965 – 1970, the Wills Hickstead Gold Medal for points gained in major events that year. During the 1968 Olympics Stroller was one of two who jumped clear, one fence being 6’ 10”. They won 61 international events, including the 1970 Hamburg Derby when Stroller was a young 20 years old! He retired at 21 and lived a happy retirement till passing in 1986, aged 36. A most special name that says so many things.

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Sunburst



A happy sounding name in its own right but especially for Aussies this name reminds us of the Pony that took its dreamy eyed rider from Pony Club when she was 11 years of age all the way to a Gold Medal at the 1996 Olympics when his rider was then 21 and he was 16. A great name for what dreams are made of.

Tammen

Call me a sucker for the romantic moment in Ghost where Patrick Swayze is fading out and going to the light – leaving his wife Molly, played by Demi Moore, and of course that amazing pottery scene. Patrick bred and rode Egyptian Arabians. His breeding stallion was called Tammen.

Theodore, aka Teddy

Theodore O'Connor was his official name, a thoroughbred x Shetland x Arab that was only 14 1hh and became the first ever pony to compete at a four star Rolex Kentucky eventing event in Lexington USA. He came third in 2007. If you have a pocket rocket, a lot of horse packed into a small body, or a horse that looks not a lot of much then whooshka, their big reveal leaves everyone with the new respect not to be so quick to judge. Theodore or Teddy could be a perfect name.

Toby



If you want a courageous name, a name of integrity and certainly of incredible strength and cheeky as well, then Toby is one I could personally recommend. Our especially 32" miniature mate who has shown me determination and endurance to such a level that I have never seen before. Passing away after a courageous 5 day fight with an infection. He knew he was much loved, he felt happy and safe with us, he tried hard to stay. Thank you Toby. Your memory lives on, we simply close our eyes and you are there. RIP xo

Toddy

If you think your horse can jump then this name will certainly help. After Mark Todd, aka Toddy, who managed to stay in the international winners circle of the seriously adrenaline sport of Eventing for 20+ years, having competed at a record level 6 Olympic Games.

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Trottard



If you're after a very romantic name, one surrounded by love and a great long life then we recommend Trottard. Trottie for short.

The Trottard we know and love was named by a Swedish friend, his owner, who was given him as a present nearly 20 years ago. She'd wanted to learn to ride and so her wonderful husband gave him to her as a surprise. Trottard was 7, he's now rising 25 and has had a great life reflected in his ever shiny magnificent chestnut coat, with increasing number of white hairs. Oh and for extra fun great names for other family members include: Cattard, Wolfard and husband Rickard! Hmm

Wiley

Old English name meaning "crafty" or "tricky". A happy sounding name which would be a good choice for a clever horse. Another name for a clever horse that we knew was Magic – this 17 2hh advanced evener could get himself out of paddocks and stables by the use of the most patient and nibble lips we'd ever seen.

Willow



Simple names are often the best. Known for their ability to bend and not be broken in a strong breeze the Willow tree provides a solid link for this name. If you are seeking a name that symbolizes remarkable toughness, size, and a tenacity to live then Willow may be just the name.

Woody

A great nostalgic kind of name for a 'solid' horse – after trees, large wooded areas. In keeping with that thought it was also the stable name for Fresh Direct Glenwod Springs, a 15 3hh warmblood international showjumping gelding. Woody showed such solid abilities he was still competing and winning international jump classes at 19 and most were in speed classes. Winnings of over \$144,000 pounds.

Yogi



A short fun, cute name which has two famous owners of it – Yogi Berra, famous baseball player and Yogi Bear, famous cartoon bear. Is your horse fun, cute, always up for adventure?

Zorro

For the equivalent knight, the horse that has adventure, spirit, good winning over evil, and black like the Friesians in Zorro the movie, then this could be the name for you.

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