

COMMON HORSE TERMS

STALLION - A mature male horse that can reproduce

MARE - A mature female horse over 4 years old

FOAL - A young horse of either gender that is still with its mother

FILLY - A young female horse under 4 years old

COLT - A young male horse under 4 years old

YEARLING - A horse that is officially 1 year old

GELDING - A male horse that has been castrated

PONY - A mature horse of either gender that will never grow taller than 14.2 hands tall

HANDS - The unit of measurement used to determine the height of a horse. A hand is 4" tall.

MULE - A cross between a horse and a donkey

TACK - The equipment used when working with horses - halter, saddle, bridle, etc.

GREEN HORSE - An untrained or inexperienced horse

WITHERS - The slight ridge in the horse's backbone, just behind the mane. A horse's height is measured from the tallest point of its withers.

FARRIER - also called a horseshoer, this is a skilled craftsman who trims and shoes horses hooves

