

# Common Horse Terms

**Gelding** - a male horse that has been castrated

**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

**Grooming** - a term used to describe the act of cleaning a horse

**Colt** - a young male horse under 4 years old

**Yearling** - a horse that is officially 1 year old

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

**Mule** - a cross between a horse and a donkey

**Filly** - a young female horse under 4 years old

**Hands** - The unit of measurement by which a horse's height is determined. a hand is equal to 4 inches

