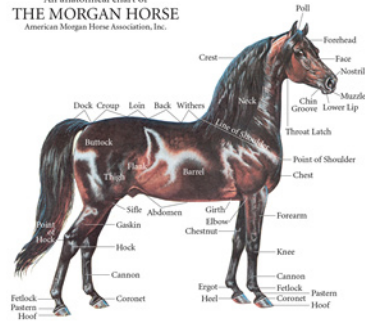


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An anatomical chart of
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Breed Spotlight

Morgans are best known for their athleticism, versatility, heart, and their love of people. They are very compact and refined horses with strong legs, an expressive head with a straight or slightly dished face, well defined withers, laid-back shoulders, and a well-arched and graceful neck. The hind-quarters and croup are well-muscled and run into a short back. The breed's height typically ranges between 14.1 and 15.2

hands. They are generally bay, black, or chestnut, but they can come in almost any color, including pinto, palomino, buckskin, cremellos, or perlino, although these are less common. Some Morgans can perform a gait, such as a rack, fox trot, or pace. They are also known for their courage, intelligence, stamina, personality, soundness, and great disposition.

The story of the Morgan breed was told in a book by author Marguerite Henry called Justin Morgan Had a Horse. All Morgans trace back to just one foundation sire, Figure (born in 1789), who was later named after his beloved owner, Justin Morgan. Morgans are one of the earliest American horse breeds, and the breed was popular for use as a coach horse, harness racer, or as a general riding horse in the 19th century. During the Civil War, many used Morgans as cavalry mounts. The U.S. Morgan Horse Farm, which is currently at the University of Vermont, was established in 1907 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help continue and improve upon the breed. The registry was created in 1909, and it would eventually become the American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA). Morgans influenced other popular breeds, such as the American Quarter Horse, the Standardbred, the Hackney, and the Tennessee Walking Horse.



Don't forget that CHA has some great items for sale at www.CHA-ahse.org and your TEAM CHA membership gets you the CHA member discount! Many great books and videos are available that promote enjoying horses safely, effectively and having fun with them!

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**Katelyn Livermore,
Age 14, Henderson,
CO – CHAMPION**

When my dad realized I had a passion for horses, it didn't take much to convince him to skip out on his Saturday "To-Do List" and take me to the stable for riding lessons. That was about four years ago. I still remember my first day in Pony Pals and how nervous I felt tying the halter, cleaning hooves, and managing my reins. I was so little I couldn't even come close to throwing my saddle up.

My dad and I looked for any opportunity for horse time. Fortunately, Promenade Horsemanship

Academy offers many ways to get involved: stable chores, horse grooming, classes, performances, and assisting with beginners. I think my dad and I tried them all! After riding for three years, we purchased our first horse, an Appaloosa named Chip. He's energetic, curious, and fun to ride. Chip can be focused and disciplined in class, but he really loves a lazy trail ride or an afternoon in the pasture with his friends. I've trained him to smile on command, and he's always using it to make people laugh.

I joined Team CHA last year when my CHA Certified Instructor, Kim Gieseke, started a CHA class at her stable. In our class, we study the material in the manuals and work on passing the riding tests. Each week we discuss horse handling and learn something new about horsemanship. Some days can be challenging, especially with the weather in Colorado! But working

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Congratulations to our 2015 TeamCHA Horse Connection Reward Winners!

Every year, participants gain points for doing things with horses, such as grooming a horse, taking a riding lesson, doing stable work, cleaning tack, volunteering at a stable, showing, riding in a parade, reading a non-fiction horse book, or watching a non-fiction horse video. Prizes are given at different award hour levels.

Top Five Champions:

- 1st Place:** Katelyn Livermore, Henderson, CO
- 2nd Place:** Patricia Kackert, Menifee, CA
- 3rd Place:** Rebecca Cornn, Corbin, KY
- 4th Place:** Brianna Torrens, Woodbourne, NY
- 5th Place:** Becca Millage, Maple Valley, WA

To enroll for this year, contact us at office@CHA-ahse.org or call Terri at 859-259-3399. No cost to enroll in the Horse Connection Rewards Program. It is not too late to earn points for great year end prizes for TEAM CHA members!

RIDE ON!

CHA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:
 October 20 – 22, 2016 at Middle Tennessee State University
 in Murfreesboro right outside of Nashville. Student rate
 of only \$45 a day and that includes lunch! Visit the CHA
 website to find out more and hope to see you there.

did you know?

**Q&As,
 PUZZLES,
 RIDDLES, &
 RHYMES**



Equestrian Celebrities

Did you know that the following celebrities are also avid equestrians?

- Singer **Leona Lewis** has been riding since she was six years old. She has a love of Friesians and dressage.
- Pop icon **Madonna** has trained with eventers such as William Fox-Pitt and Daisy Trayford.
- Actor **William Shatner** breeds and shows Saddlebreds and can often be seen at the Saddlebred World Championship Horse Show.
- Actress **Julia Roberts** has been riding since she was a kid and even lived briefly among the nomads of Mongolia to produce a documentary on the country's wild horses.
- **Jackie Kennedy Onassis** was a lifelong horse lover, and she and John F. Kennedy even had horses at the White House while JFK was President.
- These celebrities also own or have owned horses:
Lisa Vanderpump, Alison Sweeney, Lucy Liu, Georgina Bloomberg, Johnny Depp, Nicole Kidman, Richard Gere, Christie Brinkley, Patrick Swayze, Shania Twain, Drew Brees, Steven Spielberg, Jillian Michaels, Viggo Mortensen, and the Queen of England.

Answer Key: 1. E; 2. D; 3. B; 4. C; 5. A



the basics to new riders as a summer camp volunteer.

I spend all of my free time at the stable in Brighton, CO. In addition to the CHA class, I perform on the drill team and participate in liberty acts. Most of all, I enjoy working with the difficult horses on the property. With the help of my instructor and what I've learned through CHA, I feel like I can do this safely and confidently. Some days this only means cleaning the pen of an anxious horse. Other times I might be able to take a horse into a round pen and do some basic training. I have had the privilege to work with one of my instructor's horses named Hershey. Hershey is a 15-year-old Appendix that I have been riding for two years. In the beginning, he was reactive and prone to bolting. By earning his trust and respect, I've helped Hershey overcome his fears. He was even able to attend the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo last year, where we participated in a few demonstrations.

I'm almost 14 now, and I'm starting to think about the things I want to do over the next few years. My first goal is to convince my parents to buy Hershey. I also know that

towards a goal in wind, rain, sleet, and snow with my riding friends is truly rewarding. What I've learned through CHA has helped me teach

someday I want to take a clinic taught by Julie Goodnight. For now, I want to continue working on softness with my hands and a greater partnership with the horses I ride. I'm sure horses will always be a part of my life.

**Patricia Kackert,
 Age 14, Menifee, CA –
 Reserve Champion**

I joined TEAM CHA so I could learn more about horses and make new friends. I have gained more knowledge and experience about horses while being with TEAM CHA.

I have loved horses practically all my life, and the thing that I love most about them is their willingness to carry us around and do things for us that they would normally not do on their own. I also love their ability to create such a strong relationship with an individual that they would do almost anything for the particular person they happen to bond strongly with. I started riding when I received my first pony on my 5th birthday, and my mom (who is a CHA Master Instructor and Clinician) has been my teacher ever since. My riding experiences since have been mostly positive.

I do every type of riding, but my

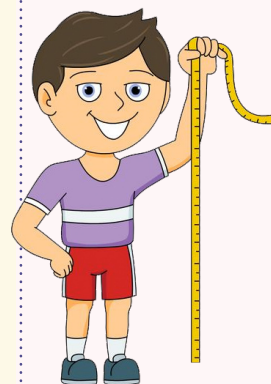
favorite type is probably English, since I can do show jumping and foxhunting, even though I enjoy doing gymkhana and trail as well. I do participate in English shows, Western shows, and rodeos.

I own four horses: Bubbles, Pink Heart, Skippy, and Jingles. Pink Heart was my first pony. She is a Miniature Horse/Shetland Pony-cross, who teaches lessons to little



kids at my mom's stable. Jingles was my second pony and is a Pony of the Americas. Skippy is Jingles' son and a really smart little guy. I am at present teaching him to ground drive so he can pull a cart.

Bubbles is the pony I am riding now, and she is a red and white Pinto. She loves to foxhunt and ride on the trail. When we go foxhunting we ride in a field that has jumps. Bubbles also knows how to shake hands and tickle people. I hope to continue riding horses and become a horse veterinarian.



HORSE MEASUREMENTS

Match up the measurements below with their corresponding definition.

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| 1. Furlong | • The canter |
| 2. Hand | • The maximum height allowed for a pony |
| 3. 14.2 hands | • The length of an average horse's stride. |
| 4. 12 feet | • The measurement used to measure a horse's height; equates to 4 inches. |
| 5. 3-beat gait | • Measurement used in a horse race; equates to 1/8 of a mile |

Silly Stuff

Q. Why did the horse cross the road?

A. Because somebody shouted "Hay!"

Q. How did a cowboy ride into town on a Monday, stay for two days, and ride out on Monday?

A. His horse's name was "Monday."

Q. How long should a horse's legs be?

A. Long enough to reach the ground.

Q. When will a horse let you ride him?

A. Whinny wants to.

Fun Summer Reading

- **The Black Stallion** by Walter Farley (To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the first book, which was published in 1941)
- **The Horse Diaries** by Various Authors
- **Alexandra the Great: The Story of the Record-Breaking Filly Who Ruled the Racetrack** by Deb Aronson
- **The Essential Fergus the Horse: The Life and Times of the World's Favorite Cartoon Equine** by Jean Abernathy
- **Sand** by Luanne Armstrong

FUN QUOTE

"The wind of heaven is that which blows between a horse's ears."

– Old Arabian Proverb