

TEETHING PROBLEMS

ANSWERS

WHAT DOES YOUR PONY USE HIS INCISORS FOR?

- A** To bite grass
- B** To groom other ponies
- C** To chew food into smaller pieces

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF YOUR PONY'S MOLARS?

- A** To bite grass
- B** They have no purpose
- C** To chew food into smaller pieces

WHO CAN CHECK YOUR PONY'S TEETH?

- A** Only a vet
- B** Vet or qualified equine dental technician
- C** Your dentist

WHAT'S THE MOST COMMON PROBLEM WITH PONIES' TEETH, AND WHAT TOOL IS USED TO FIX IT?

- A** Sharp edges and a rasp
- B** Sharp edges and a nail file
- C** Wobbly teeth and a rasp

QUESTION TIME!

HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOUR PONY HAVE HIS TEETH CHECKED?

- A** Once a year
- B** Every six months
- C** At least once a year, unless the vet or dentist recommends more often checkups



TRUE OR FALSE!

Teeth take up more space in your pony's head than his brain.

TRUE
FALSE

TRUE: How crazy is that?!

Not all ponies have wolf teeth.

TRUE
FALSE

TRUE: Just like human wisdom teeth, not all ponies have wolf teeth. If a pony does have wolf teeth, they may be removed if they cause an issue.

Mares and geldings have canine teeth.

TRUE
FALSE

FALSE: Only geldings have canines! This is because in the wild they use them to fight other male horses.

Ponies' teeth stop growing when they turn five.

TRUE
FALSE

FALSE: Ponies' teeth grow continuously throughout their lives! However, by age five their milk teeth have been replaced with adult teeth.

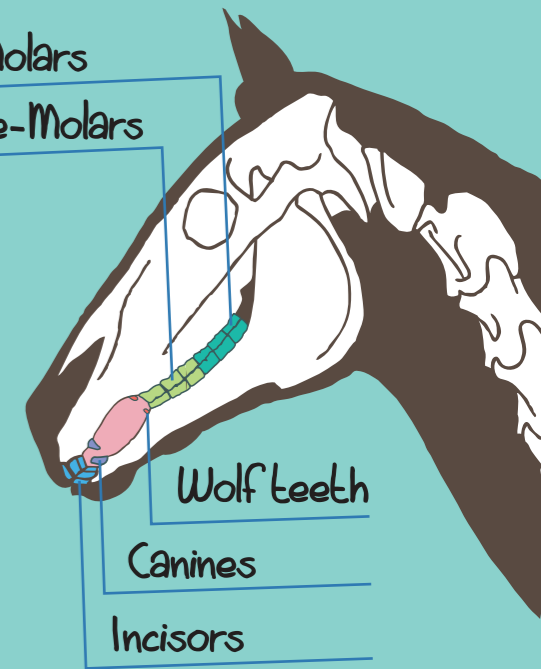
Foals are born with 24 milk teeth, known as caps.

TRUE
FALSE

TRUE: Teeth begin to surface within a week of birth and by six months, all 24 caps should be visible!

LABEL THE DIAGRAM!

Molars
Pre-Molars



CANINES
PRE-MOLARS
WOLF TEETH
INCISORS
MOLARS

HOW DID YOU GET ON?

0-5 POINTS
Uh oh! Looks like you need to brush up on your teeth knowledge – why not do some research online to get started?

6-11 POINTS
Great effort! You've got good baseline knowledge, but there's still room for improvement. You could watch a pony having his teeth checked to learn some more!

12-15 POINTS
Wow, you totally smashed it! You know loads of fun facts about teeth and your knowledge on caring for your pony's teeth is fab – well done!

I SCORED...

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