

CAN YOU MATCH MOST POPULAR BREEDS OF HORSES USING THE CLUES BELOW?

This breed of horse has a stocky, muscular build. Their coats come in a variety of colors, including brown.

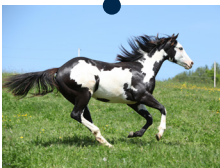
This breed of horse is tall & has a long neck. Their coats come in a variety of colors, including white.

This breed of horse has a spotted pattern of white and dark coat colors.

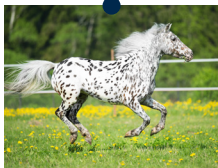
This breed of horse typically has an eye-catching spotted coat and striped hooves.



Tennessee Walking Horse



Painted Horse



Appaloosa Horse



Quarter Horse

CIRCLE THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1. What subject helps Grace Baughman the most in her job?
a. math b. science c. social studies d. reading
2. A female horse is called stallion.
a. true b. false
3. There are over how many horses in Georgia?
a. 14,000 b. 34,000 c. 54,000 d. 74,000
4. Eddie and Vicki Sullivan have a playground, corn maze, and hayrides on their farm.
a. true b. false

EASY JET NO BAKE COOKIES

(A Treat Enjoyed by Horses and Humans!)

Ingredients:

- ½ cup peanut butter
- ¾ cup powdered sugar
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 cup quick or old fashioned uncooked oats
- ¾ cup unsweetened puffed wheat or granola
- ¼ apple chips crunched into small pieces

Directions:

1. Combine peanut butter, sugar and milk, mixing well.
2. Stir in the remaining ingredients.
3. Drop rounded teaspoonfuls onto wax paper. Let stand until firm.

HORSE FACTS

- There are over 74,000 horses in Georgia.
- Horses can sleep both lying down and standing up.
- Horses are herbivores (plant eaters).
- Horses gallop at around 27 miles per hour.
- Domestic horse has a life expectancy of 25 to 30 years.
- A male horse is called a stallion.
- A female horse is called a mare.
- A young male horse is called a colt.
- A young female horse is called a filly.
- A baby horse is called a foal.



GRACE BAUGHMAN

County Extension Agricultural and Natural Resources Educator - Haralson County

BIOGRAPHY

I was born and raised in Ringgold, Georgia. From the time I was 8 years old I spent my summers as a ranch hand on a local farm until I graduated High School. I knew I wanted to pursue a career working with animals. I worked at a local Veterinarians office during college. After I graduated from Dalton State College with a bachelor's degree in biology, In May of 2022 I found a job working at Haralson County Extension. It sounded like a job I would get paid for doing what I love, so that is where I am now.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR JOB.

I provide agriculture advisement to the people of Haralson County. I help collect water and soil samples, help identify various plants and insects, and I also help with livestock or anything that has to do with agriculture.

WHAT SUBJECT IN SCHOOL HAS HELPED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR JOB?

The science classes I took in college have helped me the most. Those classes helped me learn how to do lab work and analyze soil and water samples. It is important to understand the Ph of soil so farmers and gardeners can have a successful crop.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I don't have to sit at a desk every day! I enjoy meeting with and helping people in our county when they have issues or questions. Because of the nature of the job, no two days are the same which is fun to me.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE WITH YOUR JOB?

I grew up with livestock so I am very comfortable with that part of my job. My job also involves plants and insects and that's something I am not super familiar with. I am having to study and learn as I have situations come up. It's definitely a learning curve for me, but I am learning more every day and I enjoy the challenge.



EDDIE & VICKI SULLIVAN

Farm Owner/Manager - Possum Patch Tallapoosa, Ga. (Haralson County)

HOW LONG HAS YOUR FAMILY BEEN IN THE FARMING BUSINESS?

My uncle has been in the farming business raising chickens and cattle for about 35 years. I bought my first heifers from him in the fall of 2014. The following year I purchased 3 more heifers and then I purchased 11 full grown cattle. Now, I have about 160 head counting all the cows, calves and bulls.

WHEN DID YOU START THE POSSUM PATCH?

We purchased Charles Williams old dairy farm in 2018 and we started working on the farm to have a means for income other than cattle. They opened the Possum Patch in the fall of 2019, but it was very slow and not many people visited because they didn't know about it. Then COVID hit and really hurt us. The fall of 2022 was much better, and we offered field trip opportunities for the schools as well as being open to the public on the weekends. We started with a playground, corn maze, hayride and some animals. Every year we have added a few more things. Now we have a jumping pillow, 2 pipe slides, a pipe with saddles on it to pretend they are riding a horse, a small petting zoo, corn maze, hayride, train ride, horses, duck race game, a corn box, and a playground. We have also added a pavilion for birthday parties in the off season as well as offering our space for photographers.

WHEN DID YOU GET INTO THE HORSE BUSINESS?

In 2022 we purchased our first Reining Competition horse. It is a palomino quarter horse. We are having it trained to be a show horse. The trainer came to us at the end of 2022 and said he was losing his facility so we are in the process of building a horse barn that will house 18 horses. It will have a tack room, a wash bay, and some liens on each side for feed, hay and the equipment. We are also building a covered arena that is 130 ft wide by 120 long. Eventually we are going to add another 130 feet to the length. Our trainer is going to rent the space to train other horses for competition and reining.

WHAT SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL WOULD YOU SAY HAVE HELPED YOU THE MOST AS A FARM OWNER?

Economics has probably helped me the most to be able to know how to run a business. I was in business for myself for 18 years. We sold that business in 2018 and just knowing how to manage your money and make good business decisions is probably what has helped the most.

WHAT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT THING ABOUT TAKING CARE OF THE HORSES?

Probably the financial side. They eat constantly, we have their feet shod every 40 days. They are kept in stalls, they are not in the pasture, so you must keep the stalls clean. This is a day-to-day job. If they aren't in the stall they are being trained or in a competition.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT BEING A FARMER?

The best part is that it is a way of life. It's peaceful. I can come home from work and sit outside and watch the cattle and just feel relaxed being in nature.

