



Game of

Horse Sense

Be a Blue Ribbon Winner!

Test your knowledge with 200 fun facts all about horses.

For 2-4 players • Ages 7 and up

Contents:

- 200 trivia question cards: 50 Care Questions
50 Breed Questions
50 Anatomy Questions
50 Riding Questions
- 4 horse playing figures
- 4 game stands
- Game board
- 16 Pieces of blue ribbon, that form 4 completed ribbons
- Number die

Object of the game:

Players move their horse game pieces around the board, hoping to land on a space that allows them to choose a trivia question card. When a question is correctly answered, they can claim a section of the coveted Blue Ribbon. Whoever is the first to correctly answer 4 trivia questions, one from each of the 4 different categories, must hurry back to the barn to claim the prized ribbon. Beware of your opponents' horses! They will try to take your ribbons away!

Before you begin:

Place the game board in the center of the table where all players can reach it. Each player chooses a horse playing piece and inserts it into a game stand. The horses should be placed in the barn, which is the start position. Shuffle and place the 4 categories of trivia question cards on the game board where indicated.

Punch out and place the 4 red ribbon pieces next to one set of question cards in one corner of the board. Punch out and place the 4 yellow ribbon pieces next to another set of questions, the 4 blue ribbon pieces next to another, and the 4 circular ribbon pieces next to the last set.

Playing the game:

The youngest player begins by rolling the die and moving his/her horse playing piece the number of spaces indicated. Once you move out of the barn, you can proceed in any direction, toward any of the 4 circular sections on the board. However, you can only move in one direction per turn.

-As players travel the board, they attempt to land on the purple spaces in each area of the board. When they do, they are allowed to choose a trivia card representing the subject category in that section and pass it to the player on their right, who reads them the true/false or multiple-choice question.

If, on your turn, you answer the question incorrectly, your turn is over and you do not earn a ribbon. If, however, you answer the question correctly, you claim one of the ribbon pieces adjacent to the category's trivia cards in that section of the board. Your turn is now over. On your next turn, you should travel to another section of the board, hoping to be the first to travel to all 4 areas, correctly answering 4 trivia questions, one for each of the categories.

If you get a trivia question wrong, on your next turn you can either try to land on a purple space in that same section, or travel to another section, hoping to be able to correctly answer a question there. However you choose to proceed, your ultimate goal is to land on purple spaces in all 4 sections, correctly answer the category's trivia questions, and collect all 4 pieces of ribbon. As you collect pieces of ribbon, assemble them so when you have all 4 pieces, it forms the coveted First Place Ribbon (as shown on the bottom of the game box).

The trivia cards:

The 4 categories of trivia cards are filled with fun facts about horses - facts about caring for them, riding them, about the anatomy of a horse, and the different horse breeds. In each set of cards there are also "wild cards," which can either bring you good luck or bad!

Landing on occupied spaces:

If, on your turn, your horse lands on the same space as an opponent's horse, you can send your opponent back to the barn! He/she must immediately move to the start position. (He/she can keep any ribbon pieces collected.)

Note: This is not always a penalty for your opponent, but may, in fact, help him. When you roll the die, you must use strategy to decide if you should land on a space occupied by an opponent or choose to proceed in another direction.

Landing on a Horse Shoe Space:

When you land on a space that has a horseshoe, you can challenge any other player. Choose whom you will challenge, choose a trivia question from any of the 4 categories, and read it to that player. If the question is answered incorrectly, you can take any ribbon piece from that player. If the player answers correctly, he/she then gets to challenge you! Another trivia card is chosen and you must answer the question. If you answer correctly, you are safe. However, if you answer incorrectly, he/she can take any ribbon piece from you!

(When challenging, if you select a Wild Card, instead of challenging your opponent, follow the instructions on the card. For instance, if you are challenging another player and the card you choose says "Take a red ribbon piece from any other player;" you simply follow the instructions and take a red ribbon from any other player. The player you chose to challenge does not have to answer a question.)

Once you have completed your turn, play passes to the left.

Note: When one of your opponents has claimed all 4 parts of the ribbon and is heading back to the barn in order to win, you should, on every turn, try to land on a horseshoe space, so you can challenge this player and hopefully take a ribbon piece away from him.

Winning the game:

Once you have collected all 4 parts of the coveted first place ribbon, you must quickly return to the barn. Beware- while you are attempting to get back to the barn, you can be challenged by another player who lands on a horseshoe space. If you are successful in reaching the barn with all 4-ribbon parts, you are the winner!

Variation of play:

For a quicker game, the winner only has to earn any 2 pieces of the ribbon and return to the barn in order to win.

For a more challenging game, players must answer 2 trivia questions correctly to earn each piece of ribbon. When you land on a purple space, you must answer 2 questions. If you get both right, you may claim the appropriate ribbon piece. If you only get 1 answer right, you can keep the question card you correctly answered. Next time you land on a purple space in this particular section, you only need to answer 1 question correctly. When you do, you can hand in your other trivia card, proving you have answered 2 questions correctly. Then you can claim your ribbon piece. Whoever is the first to correctly answer 8 questions, 2 for each category, thus earning the 4 ribbon pieces, must quickly return to the barn to win the game.