

# MEET OUR ANIMALS

## Introducing: Flyby the Big Horse



Flyby came to us through Farmer Mark 9 years ago. Flyby is a retired racehorse but unfortunately he didn't win many races. His racing name was Crooner but his stable name was Flyby so that is what we decided to call him when he came to the farm. He was born on the 4th of September 1993. Can you work out how old he is?

### Did you know?

- Horse's height is measured in hands. Flyby is 17 hands high. That means he's a really tall horse.
- There are many breeds of horse:- like Clydesdale, Arab, Quarter horse. Flyby is a Thoroughbred Horse.
- A female horse is a mare, a male horse is a stallion. A desexed male horse is called a gelding. Flyby is a gelding.
- Horses graze for up to eighteen hours a day. That means Flyby needs a lot of feed. He likes to eat apples, pears, corn, carrots, sweet potato and watermelon. We also make sure he gets hay and has plenty of green grass because horses graze for about 18 hours every day.

Flyby, like any horse, needs lots of care. He gets his hooves trimmed by a farrier every 6 to 8 weeks, in winter he wears a rug at night to keep him warm and he has to have a high and dry paddock where the ground is not all soggy from the rain.

### Our Secret

Horses generally sleep standing up but as he gets older sometimes Flyby likes to have a little lie down or even a roll in the sand, but he is easy to tempt away from his nap by offering him an apple.