

# A Scientific Overview of the Horse

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## Abstract

This paper provides a scientific overview of the horse, including its taxonomy, biological characteristics, diet, habitat, and scientific behavior. The document includes images, a data table, a citation to a scholarly article, and a hypothesis section with a mathematical lifespan model.

## 1 Introduction

The horse (*Equus ferus caballus*) is a domesticated mammal known for its strength, speed, and long-standing partnership with humans. Horses play important roles in transportation, sport, therapy, agriculture, and cultural traditions throughout the world.

## 2 Scientific Information

### 2.1 Classification

Horses belong to the class Mammalia and the family Equidae. They are hoofed, herbivorous animals with highly developed muscle structure and cardiovascular capacity.

### 2.2 Habitat

Domesticated horses live worldwide, while wild horses inhabit grasslands, prairies, and open plains. They thrive in environments with abundant grazing land.

## **2.3 Diet**

Horses are herbivores. Their diet primarily consists of grass, hay, grains, and plant stems. They require a high-fiber diet for proper digestion.

## **3 Images**

(Replace these filenames with the names of the pictures you upload.)



Figure 1: A horse grazing in an open field.



Figure 2: Close-up image showing the horse's head and mane.



Figure 3: Horse running at high speed, demonstrating muscular build.



Figure 4: A group of horses in a natural habitat.

## 4 Scientific Table

Table 1: Basic Scientific Information of the Horse

Detail	Information
Scientific Name	<i>Equus ferus caballus</i>
Class	Mammalia
Eats	Grass, hay, grains, plants

## 5 Related Research

According to the study in [1], horses exhibit advanced social behavior, strong memory retention, and complex communication through facial expressions and ear movement.

## 6 Hypothesis About Horse Lifespan

### 6.1 Mathematical Lifespan Model

We propose a simple formula to estimate the potential lifespan of a horse based on its average daily calorie intake.

Let:

- $C$  = average daily calorie intake (kilocalories)
- $L$  = estimated lifespan (years)

Proposed equation:

$$L = 0.002C + 15$$

This model assumes that higher energy availability supports better long-term health, contributing to a longer lifespan. It is not a biological prediction but a mathematical hypothesis for academic purposes.

## 7 Conclusion

This paper presented scientific information about the horse, including taxonomy, diet, and behavior. A hypothesis was also proposed regarding their lifespan using a mathematical model. Horses remain one of the most influential domesticated animals in human history.

## References

- [1] Emily Thompson and Daniel Ramirez. Social behavior and cognitive abilities of the domestic horse. *Journal of Equine Science*, 45(2):120–135, 2021.