

Breeding Horses



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| ___ Crossbreeding | C) Breeding 2 horses that are closely related to each other |
| ___ Nicking | D) Breeding horses from different breeds |
| ___ Pedigree | E) A purebred horse's ancestry |
| ___ Bloodline | F) Breeding a horse to have the same ancestor appear multiple times in its family tree |
| ___ Distaff | G) The female line of a horse's family tree |

2) Multiple choice

1. Why do breeders mate horses with similar traits?
 - a) To increase the chances of the mare getting pregnant
 - b) To increase the chances that the horses will get along well
 - c) To emphasize positive traits in a breed
 - d) To increase the chances of a rare trait emerging
2. Which of the following is a theory for breeding successful racehorses?
 - a) Large hoof theory
 - b) Large heart theory
 - c) Large eye theory
 - d) Long tail theory
3. How much should mares be fed during pregnancy?
 - a) The normal amount
 - b) Double the normal amount
 - c) Slightly more than usual
 - d) More in the final trimester

Breeding Horses - Answers



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