

Hi Pony Tails Members!

I bet you don't know who this picture is of! Is it a masked Super Hero? Can it be a Secret Agent? Is it a Halloween costume?

It's me, Alice!

I am wearing a special mask. It's called a Fly Mask and lots of horses and ponies wear them. I wear a fly mask so that flies don't bother me and get in my eyes. Flies are not nice to have around. It is yucky to have flies buzzing around your head. I can't brush them away because I have hooves, not hands. My little brother Oliver wears his mask too, but he thinks he is invisible when he wears his. Silly Oliver, when a horse or pony wears a fly mask, they are not invisible. I can see really well through my Fly mask, the special fabric is really easy to see through. The flies usually start bugging me in April or May so my caretakers usually start to let me wear a fly mask in the spring and then I wear it until the early fall when the flies go away. I wear it all day and then take it off when I go in my stall for the night. I used to have a friend who liked to take my fly mask off of me and then throw it away in our field. He was a really good friend, but our caretakers were not happy about me losing my mask all of the time. I thought it was a fun game.

Some horses wear blankets made of the same material as my fly mask is. The blanket keeps flies off all of them and not just their eyes. I don't need a fly blanket.

I love to wear my mask as it helps me a lot. I get a new one almost every year and one day I hope that I can get a pretty pink one to match my special pink halter.

Your Friend,
Alice the Pony