

Pony Tails Kids Club Winter Fun Fact!



Hey Pony Tails Friends, it's me Alice!

How can it be winter already? Well I can tell you how horses and ponies know its winter, we have our big furry coats on that's how!

As early as late August that horses start shedding their short summer coats. They do this in response to the amount of daylight. As the daylight hours shorten, the horse begins to grow a longer coat.

Horses that are in work /training are usually clipped. This makes it easier for them to cool out and not stay sweaty after working. Clipped horses are always blanketed so they stay nice and warm.

Horses need to have a shelter or somewhere they can be protected from the cold, they need to have a constant supply of clean water and a good source of hay or grain.

My favorite treat is carrots of course, but around Christmas time my favorite treat is candy canes! Did you know horses and ponies like to eat peppermints? If you have a pony or a horse you can feed a peppermint to, you should, they will love it, but always make sure to ask their human if it's ok to feed a treat and remember to hold your hand out very flat when you feed treats, because we get very excited when we see treats and

we don't want to mistake your fingers for a peppermint!

Another winter favorite of mine is playing in the snow. Sometimes the snow gets packed in our hooves and when we play it flies out, Oliver and Howdy love this, they think we are having a snow ball fight! Panama came from Argentina and had never seen snow before, so he was afraid, but we have shown him how fun it is and now he loves play and to roll in the snow!

Our humans always make sure our hooves are clean and don't have snow packed in them. It's very hard to walk when you have snow in your hooves.....and it's very slippery!

Do you have a favorite winter thing to do? I would love to hear about it, email me at [ponytails.alice@hcbc.ca](mailto:ponytails.alice@hcbc.ca) and tell me about your favorite winter fun!

Click to open the presents below for some fun stuff!





Do you have a friend that's crazy about horses and ponies?  
Why not invite them to join Pony Tails Kids Club!

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