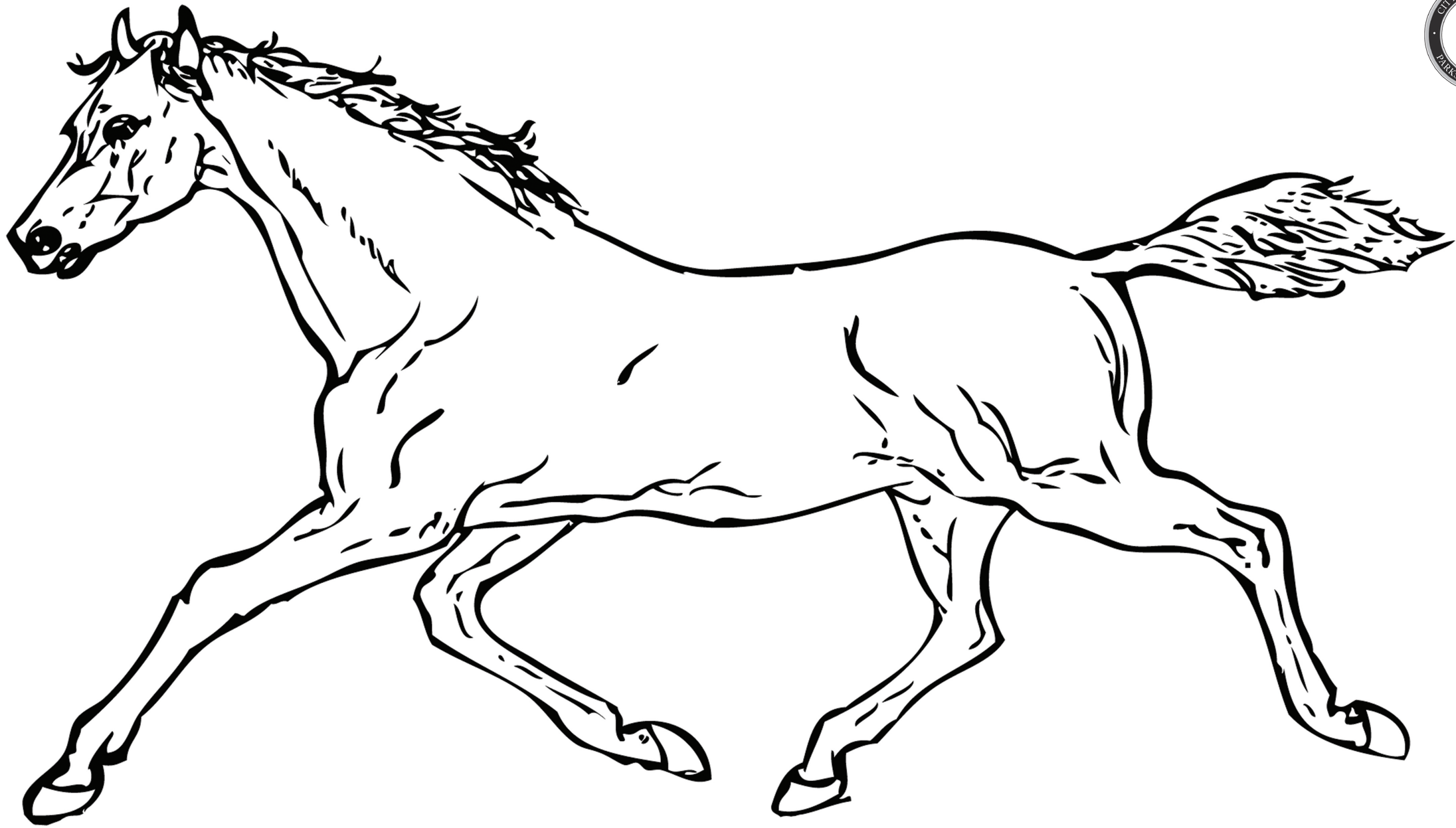
Horse Colors

Horses come in countless color variations. here are the classics



Chestnut
Coppery red color all over, including mane and tail.

Paint
Colored body with large white patches or white body with large colored patches.

Bay
Brown or reddish-brown body with black points (lower legs, nose, mane and tail).

Dappled Gray
White or black hairs mixed to make a gray appearance; gray horses start out dark-colored and whiten as they age.

Palomino
Golden body with blonde mane and tail.

Black
Black all over, including mane and tail -- no light-brown areas.

Sorrel
Chestnut body with blonde mane and tail.

White
Most white horses are actually very light gray. If you look closely, their skin is black. Truly white horses are albino, with pink eyes, hooves and skin.

Buckskin
Cream or golden body with black points; will often have a black stripe down the back.

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Fun Horse Facts

Horses are big animals. They certainly don't seem to travel on tiptoe, but they do! Each foot ends in one very long toe. A horse's foot reaches about halfway up its leg – what looks like a knee to us is really the ankle.

Each toe is covered by a hoof made of hard, hornlike material that grows, just as our fingernails do. Owners shoe their horses with a rim of metal that protects their hooves from hard surfaces. Nailing a shoe to the hoof wall does not hurt any more than cutting a fingernail does.

With their long legs and strong muscles, horses are fast runners. Some can reach a speed of about 40 miles per hour!

Horses' eyes are bigger than any other mammal that lives on land. Because a horse's eyes are on the side of its head, horses are capable of seeing nearly 360 degrees at one time!