



NAMES for your new horse

Your favorite mare is due any day, and you're anxiously watching her for any indication of the new foal's arrival. Or maybe your new horse is arriving tomorrow and you're desperate to pick the perfect name for it. Don't be too much of a hurry...often the perfect name will present itself when you get to know the horse's personality a little more. But while you're waiting, planning, and wondering, here are some ideas and suggestions to help you choose:

If the foal will be registered, it is common to use parts of the sire's and dam's names to derive a new name for the foal. For example, a foal sired by Two Eyed Jack and born to Smokey's Drifter Gal might be named Two Eyed Drifter or Jack's Smokey Gal. If your new horse already has a barn name but you want to incorporate it into a show name, find a way to add to his barn name to make it more appealing and attractive in the show ring.

Base your horse's name on its color or unique markings. Horses with heart-shaped markings on their faces might have Valentine or Cupid in their name. Palomino or buckskin horses might have Gold, Blondie, or Cream in their name. A black and white spotted horse could be named Domino. Horses with a lot of spirit will require a flashy or fancy name, but a horse that's just your best buddy needs a name that is fun and affectionate.

Incorporate names from your favorite book or movie to create a special moniker for your horse. Some examples are Tara (from *Gone with the Wind*) or Frodo (from *Lord of the Rings*). Often a horse's registered name is shortened into a barn name, so keep that in mind. You might call a horse Roanie rather than call out "DocHollyInvestBoonsmall" every time you go to his stall.

Always be on the lookout for a unique name and write it down while you're thinking of it. Keep a journal of all the horses you've owned, trained, boarded, or watched at shows. Here are some unique names to help you get started:

Cobalt	Cloudy	Seafoam	Basalt	Dapple	Josephas
Obsidian	Duchess	Jade	Granite	Cinnamon	Emerald
Sagebrush	Ruby	Crimson	Lone Star	Sapphire	Volcano
Knight	Quicksand	Cannon	Queen	Topaz	Pretty Picture
Buster	Flamingo	Sure Fire	Copper	Merino	Gallant
Candlelight	Aerie	Quincy	Bittersweet	Camouflage	Morning Star
Brindle	Penguin	Lark	Rebel	Fawn	Sir
Wrangler	Royal	Ramon	Choice	Falcon	Scarlet
Marble	Hawk	Topside	Slate	Sealane	Comet
Seaflower	Spades	Dutch	Ace	Ocean	Starlight
Shale	Caspian	Aswan	Cuban	Sultan	Tien Shan
Champagne	Glory	Devon	Gucci	Peridot	Sadie
Arabella	Jade	Fergie	Xenia	Lace	Velvet
Aspen	Malibu	Brandie	Cupid	Delta	Pride
Galaxy	Patience	Shamrock	Ghabriella	Zena	Merlot
Bramble	Cricket	Freckles	Galina	Remington	Louie
Paramaribo	Aussie	Serenade	Omber	Loon	Pistol
Viking	Rook	Cheyenne	Morocco	Cayenne	Aztec
York	Silhouette	Ballad	Yukon	Turbo	Thane
Toronto	Corban	Colorado	Ontario	Dually	Nevada
Baffin	Diesel	Mohican	Paris	Chinook	Sackett
Mohawk	Pilgrim	Amazon	Aurelia	Amaziana	Bariana
Bella	Baron	Ceridian	Charm	Dixie	Doc
Dot	Dreamer	Duchess	Francesca	Frisco	Galana
Gallant	Glaze	Grace	Kip	Kix	Lacy
Major	Medallion	Minx	Nickel	Ninja	Nugget
Olivia	Peachie	Rascal	Rebel	Riata	Rio
Ruby	Tigger	Zeus	Cajun	Caribbean	Sonnet
Quaker	Brazil	Sain Foin	Plutarch	Chile	Chapparal
Peru	Arizona	Shenandoah	Disco	Renegade	Chevy
Risk	Commander	Apache	Buck	Captain	Bandit
Dancer	Yarn	Jamaica	Kayak	Rico	Blizzard
Cajun	Rebel	Battle	Chance	Traveller	Patriot
Sam	Royal	Trey	Rio	Task	Percival
Ace	Flight	Timber	Yogi	Rescue	Ford
Schubert	Surtsey	Navajo	Dino	Drift Sand	Anvil
Buccaneer	Kino Bey	Rovin'	Merrimac	Trump	Durance
Mojave	Macao	Dixie	Blue Danube	Tribute	Baikal
Shaban	Columbine	Looking Glass	Formosa	Pronto	Talon
Bueno	Ambrosia	Sylvie	Sophie	Angel	Anthem
Babe	Destiny	Oriole	Sarena	Rasha	Lisele
Rain	Sassy	Penny	Roxie	Sabre	Bengal
Noble	Dime	Java	Wade	Wrangler	Nickel
Shalom	Torpedo	Cortez	Nickel	Aladdin	Dollar

Copper	Sonny	Dodge	Thunder	Winks	Spencer
Blaze	Chip	Apollo	Oreo	Sylvester	Raphaella
Shine	Clarion	Trina	Desert	Olivia	Luciana
Tinsel	Polly	Allegro	Brandy	Cameo	Checotah
Lady	Berry	Winnie	Kodak	Viking	Manitoba
Juno	Oliver	Xerox	Fedora	Toronto	Otis
Talent	Cash	Bandana	Vegas	Yosemite	Beau
Houston	Teabiscuit	Frosty	Jupiter	Waylon	Nemo
Guinness	Simon	Gallagher	Phoenix	Steely Dan	Banner
Houdini	Orion	Cosmo	Tobie	Frisco	Buster
Hercules	Yoda	Cyrus	Gollum	Hero	Oscar
Flame	Onyx				