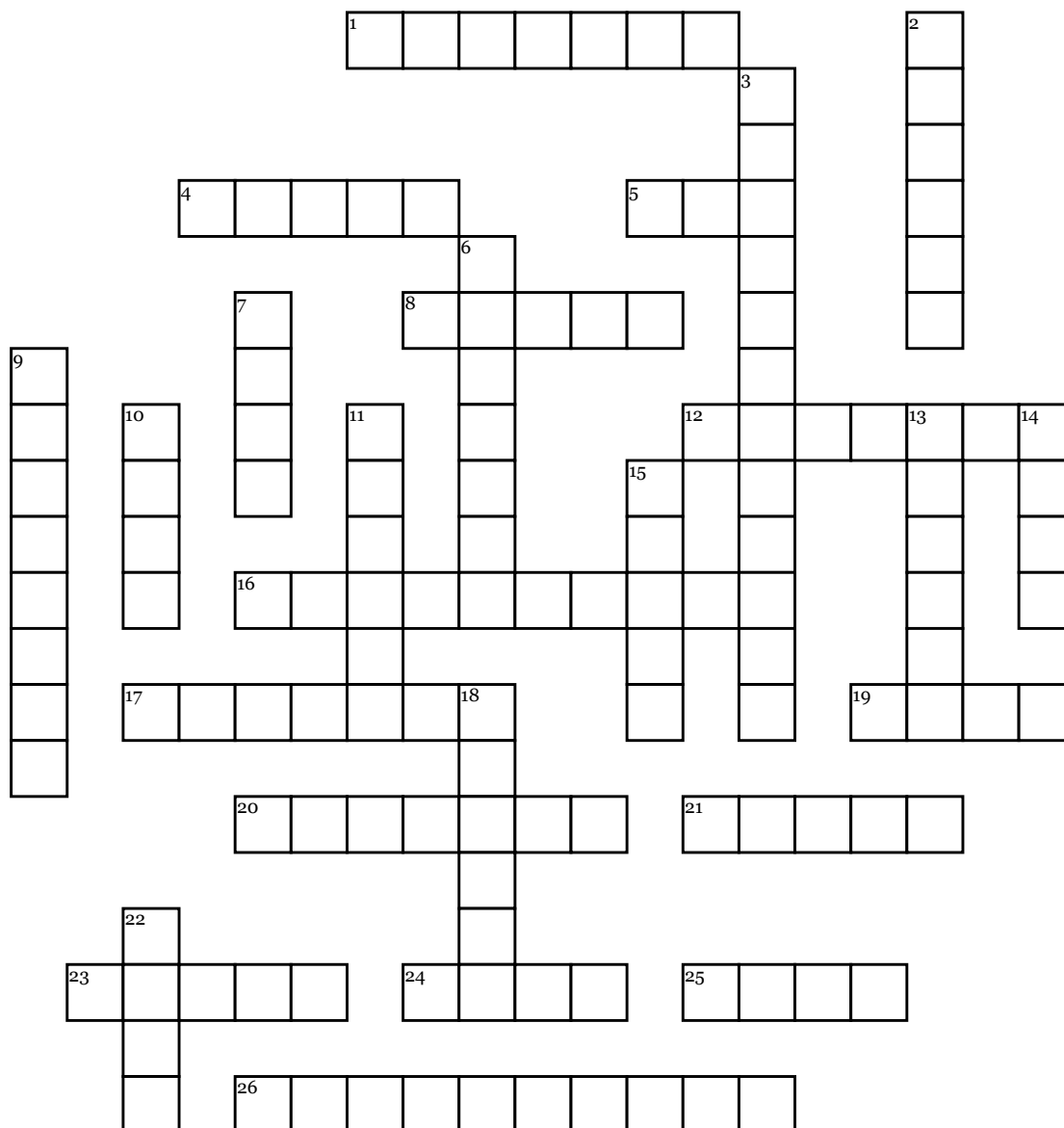


# Equestrian Vocabulary



## Across

- 1.** Cushioning layer of material with which a stall floor is covered for comfort and to absorb moisture:  
**4.** When a horse suddenly startles at a real or imagined event or object, such as the rustling of tree branches:  
**5.** Term used to describe an excitable horse:  
**8.** To trim the mane so short that the hairs stand up, done for appearance, ease of care or to keep the mane out of the way of the rider:  
**12.** The traditional warning to be aware of an approaching horse:  
**16.** Call for a reverse of direction when working in an arena:  
**17.** The highest part of the back, where it meets the base of the neck and the point where a horse's height is measured from the ground:  
**19.** What some horses do with their tails to indicate excitement and exhilaration, considered a "trait" of the Arabian, but any horse may do it under the right circumstances:  
**20.** The smooth arc of the horse's body, from poll to croup, over a jump:

- 21.** Horse that has been trained to be ridden and is generally quiet and complacent:

- 23.** A horse in healthy condition, the word usually refers to an absence of lameness:

- 24.** The left side of a horse:

- 25.** Elastic V-shaped portion of the sole of the foot located between the bars; absorbs concussion and provides traction:

- 26.** Term used to describe animals that naturally exhibit the need for companionship & in the wild live in herds; the horse is an example of an animal with this natural behavior, happier in a group than alone:

## Down

- 2.** Horse shown over fences and judged on its style, manners, way of going and elegant style over the fence:

- 3.** A horse striking itself on any part of one leg with the hoof of another leg:

- 6.** To rise and sink back into the saddle in rhythm with the trot in order to make the gait more comfortable for the rider:

- 7.** One of the main classifications of bits that work through leverage

- 9.** Post(s) that hold the cups in which the rails of a jump are rest (set):

- 10.** The highest portion of a horse's head, just behind its ears:

- 11.** At the halt, horse stands with straight legs and the four hooves are at each corner of an imaginary rectangle – that is without and feet forward or back:

- 13.** Western term for a horse with a reddish, light brown body color and a mane and tail of the same color as the body:

- 14.** To lead another horse from horseback, excellent way to get two horses legged up at the same time if they are acceptable to it:

- 15.** Used to describe an untrained horse or one that is just beginning its training; also used to describe an inexperienced rider:

- 18.** Term used when watching a sound horse trot, using all limbs equally and moving to the clean 2-beat tempo of the gait (or if a ASB 5-gaited horse, the 4-beat tempo of the slow-gait or rack):

- 22.** A type of equine that should not measure higher than 14.2 hands when fully grown: