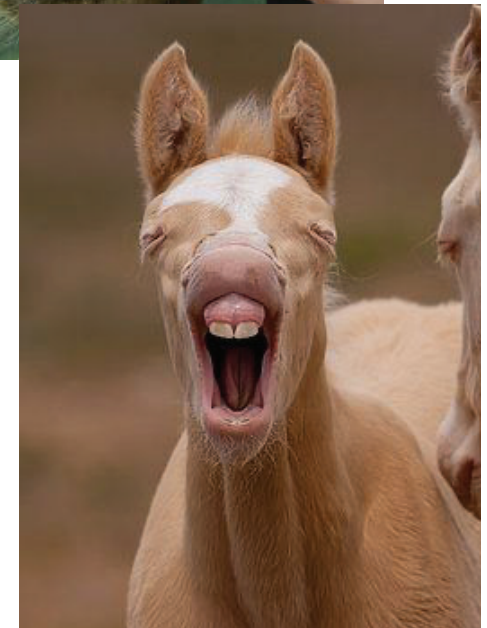
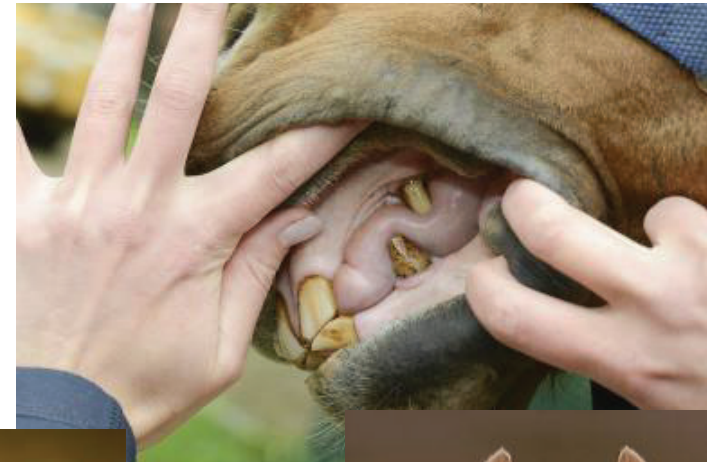
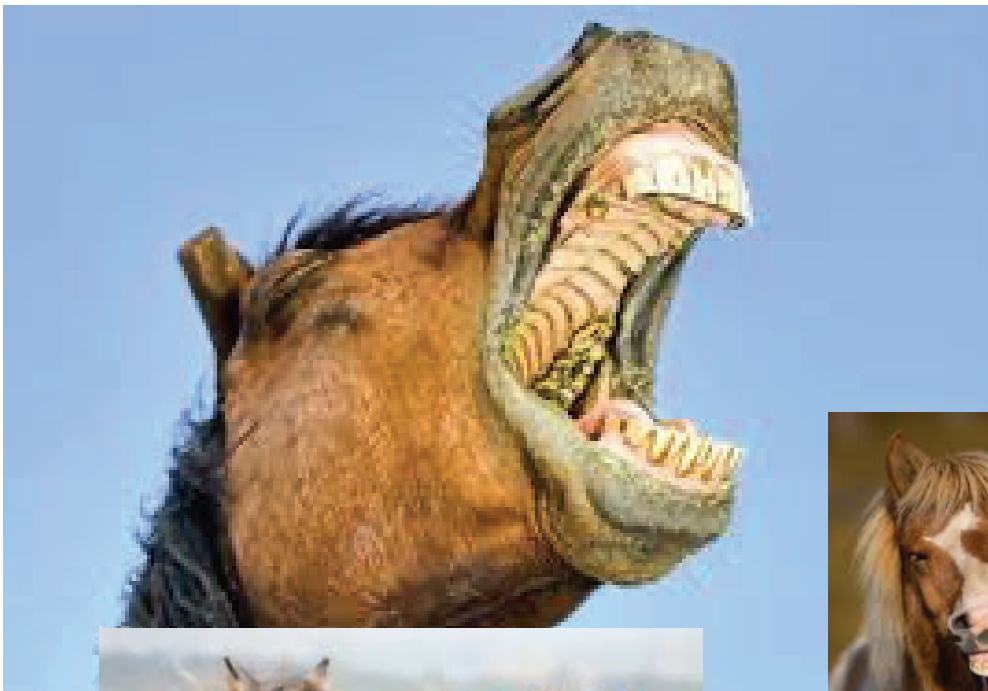


## Aging a horse by looking at their teeth

To tell a horse's age, or to age a horse, we can look at their teeth. Horse teeth grow naturally on a constant basis and they are worn down by continual grazing. This grazing lifestyle gradually changes the shape and look of teeth throughout the life of a horse which allows us to tell its age.

Aging a horse by looking at his teeth is very accurate up to the age of eight and after that it is only the approximate age. The adult horse has 40 teeth, which consists of 24 molars, twelve incisors and a male horse has four tusks. Sometimes the horse may also have four wolf teeth.





### 1 YEAR

All deciduous incisors (baby teeth) are visible. Not all top and bottom front teeth touch each other.



### 2 1/2 YEARS

The two front baby teeth are pushed out by permanent teeth. They don't touch the bottom front teeth yet.



### 5 YEARS

All baby teeth are gone and permanent teeth are all in. The canine teeth behind the front teeth are also full grown.



### 10 YEARS

The shape and angle of the jaw has changed and is longer and pushed out. Teeth are rounded from and smooth.



### 15 YEARS

Teeth continue to get rounder and smoother and now each tooth has a distinct dark central "dental star" (spot) in the center of each tooth.



### 20 YEARS

Angle of jaw and teeth is significant. Back teeth are a triangular shape. Dental star on each tooth is round and there is a lot of space between each tooth.