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Where Horses Live: Habitats Around the World



Horses are magnificent animals that can live in many places around the world. They are often found in open areas where they have plenty of space to run and graze.

Horses prefer habitats like grasslands, plains, and meadows where they can find fresh grass and water easily.

Wild horses, like the mustangs of North America, live in wide, open spaces such as prairies. In Europe and Asia, wild horses like the Przewalski's horse are often found in grassy steppes. These habitats provide the food and freedom horses need to stay healthy.

Domesticated horses, or horses raised by people, live on farms and ranches. They are given barns or stables to keep them safe from bad weather. However, they still need open fields and pastures where they can exercise and graze on grass. Horses thrive when they have space to move and socialize with other horses.

Horses do not live in places like oceans or dense forests. Their long legs and large bodies make it hard for them to move in thick woods or swim long distances. They also need lots of grass to eat, which is hard to find in these areas.

Horses are found on every continent except Antarctica. Some of the most famous horse regions include the wild mustangs of the western United States and the ponies of the British Isles. People all over the world have relied on horses for farming, transportation, and companionship for thousands of years.