

## Activity: Can Your Horse Really See Color?

### Materials/Equipment Needed:

- 1 white cone
- 1 orange cone
- 2 black feed tubs
- grain

Note: Colored buckets placed upside down can substitute for cones.

### Procedure:

1. In a small paddock, set the white cone next to a feed tub and the orange cone next to a feed tub.
2. Only put feed in the tub next to the orange cone.
3. Repeat this approximately five times. (The number of times will depend on the horse.)
4. After approximately five times of feeding, try moving the tubs and cones around. The horse will go to the one next to the orange cone each time.

**Results:** If the horse goes to the feed tub by the orange cone, it indicates that the horse can distinguish between orange and white.



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We had a few comments about "can horses see color" in a post from Monday. Here's a quick activity from our "Horse Behavior and Welfare" course available here: [http://www.myhorseuniversity.com/online\\_courses/premier\\_courses/hbw](http://www.myhorseuniversity.com/online_courses/premier_courses/hbw)

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**Jennifer Jackson** I can see this activity working.

However, I also see that perhaps the horse will always distinguish between light and dark in this case. Whether they see "white" and "orange" or "grey" and "brown" is still in question.

How do you suppose these horses would do if we were to set up "green" and "orange" or "red" and "blue" cones??? I'm curious enough to try it! 😊

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