



Unicorn facts

A **unicorn** is a legendary creature. It looks like a horse or goat, with one single horn on its head. The word *unicorn* means literally "one-horn". It comes from the Latin word *unus*, which means *one*, and *cornu* which means *horn*. In some pictures unicorns also have goat's feet or a lion's tail.

Unicorns are found in many stories and myths from different parts of the world, especially China and India. Its blood and horn usually have mystical powers. In Western culture, its horn is said to have power to heal wounds, sickness, and poison. Unicorns are thought to symbolise innocence, purity and power.

Most people say that unicorns are of the purest white, with long, tapering horns, cloven hooves, and graceful bodies. Originally, people thought that unicorns had wispy beards like goats, as you can see in old tapestries that depict the animal, but now that belief is not as popular. Yet some people still believe in unicorns.

Some people believe unicorns live in places like Europe, Asia and India. Some people think that in the horn of a unicorn, there are magical powers. The most common ideas are that it finds poison and cures sickness.

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1. Unicorns live in groups of four or five that make up a joyous family. The head of the family is an elder unicorn who is hundreds of years old. Other family members include a loving couple and one or two young unicorns.
2. Unicorn families spend their lives alone living in peace deep in the forest.
3. When two unicorn families meet, they express great joy and travel together for weeks before they part and go their separate ways.
4. The unicorn may eat grass and hay, but it really doesn't need to eat at all. It absorbs its energy from the sun, probably through the horn.
5. Unicorns can be any color, from jet-black and brown to dazzling gold, brilliant red or pure white.
6. Anyone who touches a pure white unicorn will find happiness and joy for his entire life.
7. The unicorn's eyes are sky blue or purple.
8. Unicorns are earthbound and do not have wings. If a unicorn and a Pegasus (a flying horse) mate, the babies may become flying unicorns.