

Horse Breeds

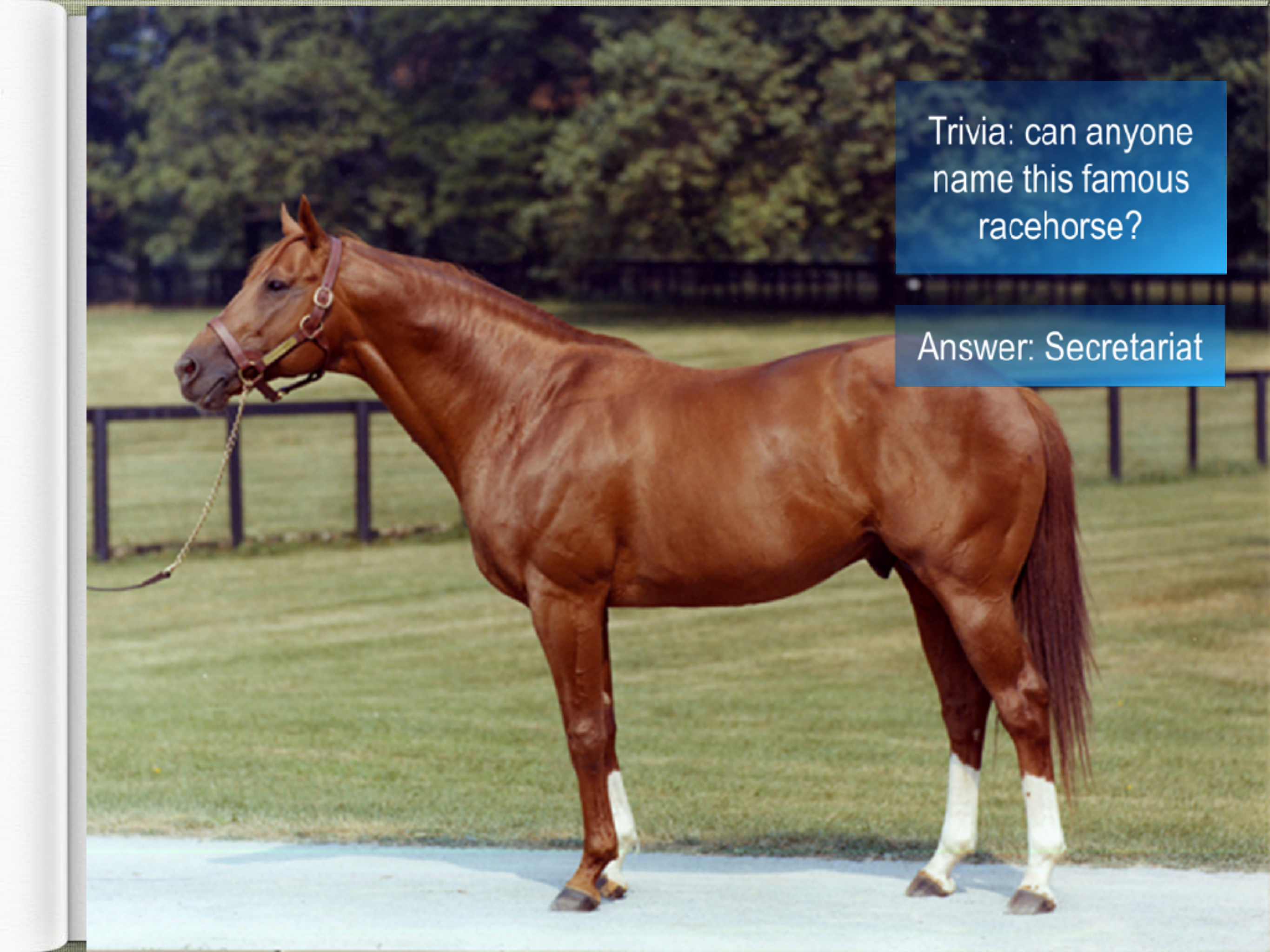
Just a handful of the many amazing breeds

Key Terms

- ❖ Breed – a group of horses having a common origin and possessing certain well-fixed, distinctive, uniformly transmitted characteristics that are not common to other horses

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- ❖ Light breed/horse – average 12-17hh & 900-1,400lbs
- ❖ Pony – less than 14.2hh, less than 900lbs
- ❖ Draft – large, average 14.2-17.2hh, over 1,500lbs. Stocky



Trivia: can anyone
name this famous
racehorse?

Answer: Secretariat

Thoroughbred

- ❖ Found in all solid colors (black is rare)
- ❖ 15.3 – 17.2 hh Average
- ❖ Taller than the Arabian, but maintains fairly lean frame
- ❖ “Hot- Blooded” Breed: bred for agility and speed



Thoroughbred

- ❖ Developed for racing (track – middle distances)
- ❖ Conformation emphasizes factors contributing to racing and sports
- ❖ Commonly used in many disciplines (ex. jumping, barrel racing, fox hunting, etc.)
- ❖ Racing speeds around 40mph



Thoroughbred Origins

- ❖ Developed in 17th Century England
- ❖ Mix of the Darley Arabian, the Godolphin Arabian, and the Byerley Turk, and Curwen's Bay Barb
- ❖ Imported to USA in 1730



Physical Features

- ❖ Well Chiseled Head
- ❖ Long Neck
- ❖ High Withers
- ❖ Deep Chest
- ❖ Slender Body
- ❖ Good depth of hindquarters & Long Legs



Association

- ❖ The Jockey Club
- ❖ Breed registry for Thoroughbreds in the US and Canada
- ❖ Formed February 1894



Triple Crown

- ❖ Started in 1875
- ❖ 3 year old Thoroughbreds
- ❖ Kentucky Derby
- ❖ Preakness Stakes
- ❖ Belmont Stakes



Triple Crown

- ❖ 13 Winners
- ❖ Sir Barton: 1st Winner in 1919
- ❖ 1978: Affirmed
- ❖ 2015: American Pharoah
- ❖ 2018: Justify

