

# Do you know about horses whiskers?

- ◆ A horse uses whiskers to explore and identify things
- ◆ A horse's brain contains cells that receive information from the whiskers
- ◆ Each time a horse's whiskers touch something, nerve endings fire off an electrical impulse to the brain to help determine what it is touching
- ◆ Since a horse breathes through the nose, whiskers help to filter out dust particles
- ◆ Horses have a prehensile upper lip. That means they use their upper lip for seizing, grasping, or taking hold of something
- ◆ Because a horse can't see right below its nose, whiskers help to guide it toward and away from edible items or hazardous objects.

