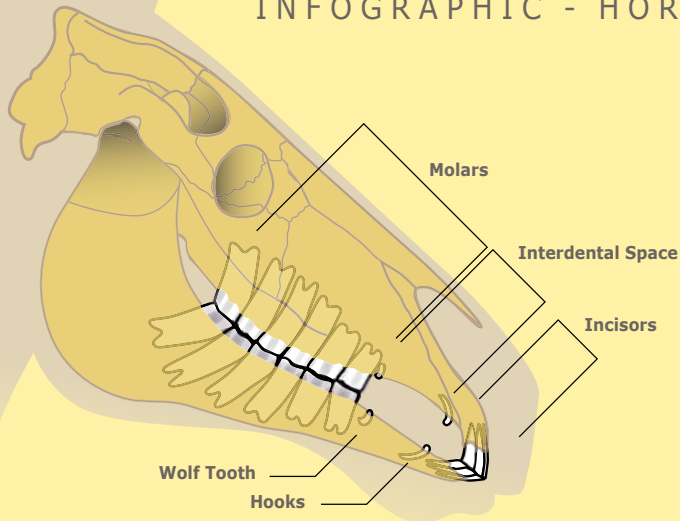


HORSE TEETH

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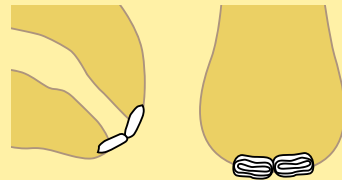
A horse is a herbivore that is traditionally equipped with strong teeth that work up to 16 hours per day grinding feed.

The lower jaw crushes the feed against the upper jaw with generous lateral movements, so it can disappear into the gastro-intestinal tract.

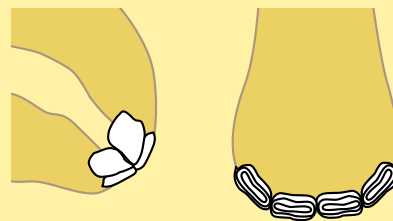
We will follow the central incisors of the lower jaw (301/401)

Deciduous Teeth (baby teeth) 0 to 2 years old.

At birth, the foal usually has no incisors. Within the first week the middle incisors will come through. After 6 to 9 months all 6 incisors in the lower jaw will be present. This covers all his deciduous teeth (baby teeth).



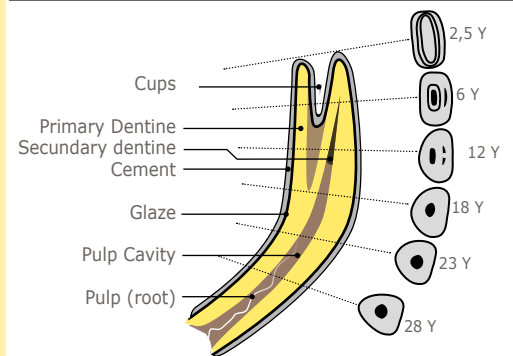
1 week



6 weeks

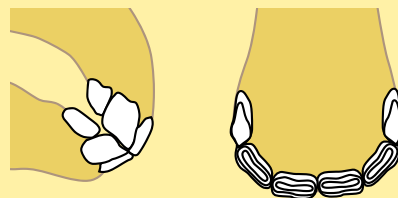
Inside look of the incisor

Horse teeth and molars wear off two to three millimeters annually. This same length grows on again.

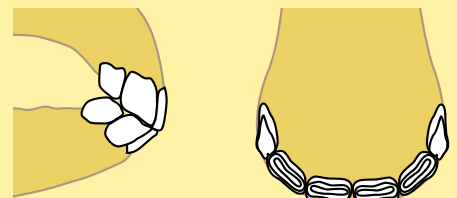


Exchange of teeth: 2 ½ to 4 ½ years old

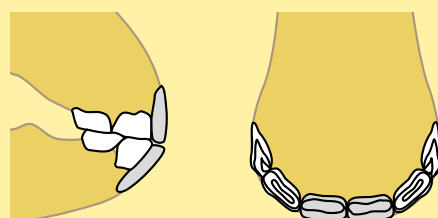
The deciduous teeth (baby teeth) come out around 2 ½ years of age. At the age of 3, the teeth will come in contact with the opposite jaw.



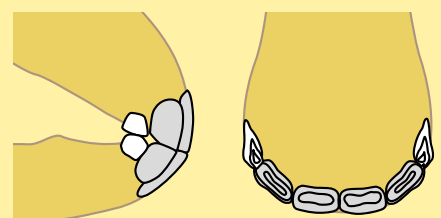
1 year



2 years



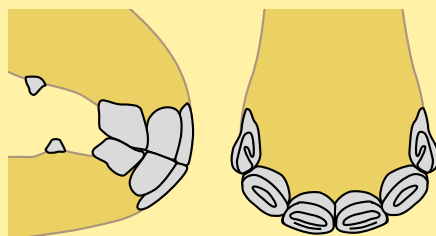
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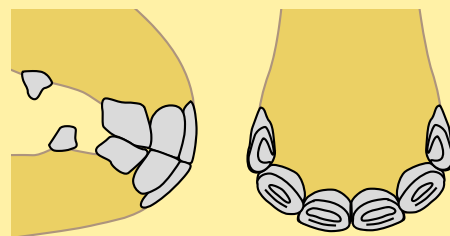
4 years

Wearing of the teeth starts at age 3 and continues the rest of the horse's life.

The secondary dentine filled by the root canal has a light brown color caused by the juices from the food. These light brown stripes becomes visible at age 5. We call this dental star.

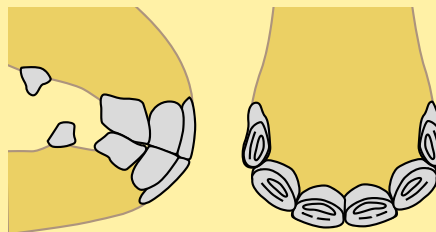


5 years

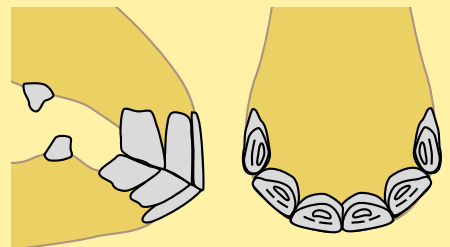


6 years

The cups should be completely filled between the ages 6 and 7. Around the age of 7 or 8 a white spot becomes visible in the dental star.

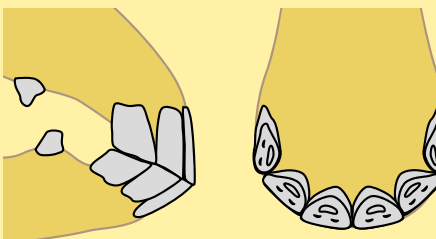


7-8 years

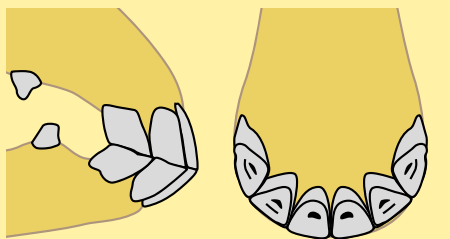


9-11 years

There is also a white spot visible on the most outer incisor between the age 11 and 13. At the age of 18 the cups have disappeared permanently from the incisor teeth, and dental star remains. The adjacent incisors follow at the age 19 or 20.



11-13 years

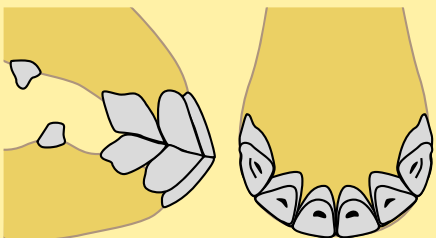


18 years

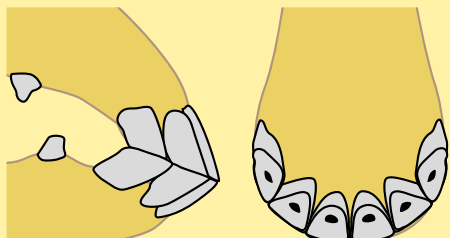
Did you know?

Smooth mouthed

Between the age of 10 and 15 all the incisors are filled and the cups are gone. This is called 'Smooth Mouthed'.



19 years



20 years

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