

Licorice and Lollipop

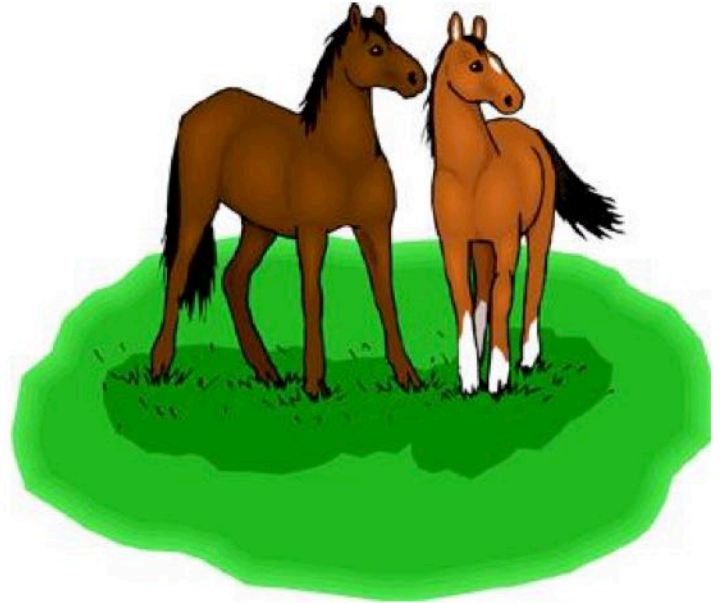
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There were two ponies on the Baxter farm. Their names were Licorice and Lollipop. Licorice was all brown and Lollipop was an orange brown with little spots of white on her legs. The ponies were always together, until one day when Molly came home from school.

Molly always liked to go to the barn when she got home from school to see the ponies. The barn was small but cozy. When Molly got to the barn she didn't see Lollipop, and Licorice was down on her side in some straw, not being herself. It was like Licorice knew something was wrong. Molly thought to herself, *where is Lollipop?* As Molly walked to the back of the barn, she saw an opening in the corner of the barn. Lollipop had pushed her way through the barn wall and got out into the back field. Licorice was looking so lonely. Molly yelled, "Lollipop, Lollipop, where are you?" Lollipop had probably jumped over the small fence and got out to the road. Molly ran quickly back to the house and told her mom. Mom told Molly to get in the truck, and they would search down the road. Just as they were about to leave the house, Mr. Morgan from the farm two miles away called to say Lollipop was stuck in the mud by the pond on his farm. "We'll be right over," said Molly's mom.

Molly and her mom headed over to the Morgan farm with the truck. After pushing and pulling, Lollipop was free from the mud. Molly's mom and Mr. Morgan got Lollipop onto the back of the truck. Molly and her mom headed home. When they got there, Licorice was outside in the field looking for Lollipop. Molly took Lollipop to the barn and washed her down to get all the mud off of her.

That night, Molly's dad repaired the opening in the barn to make sure the ponies couldn't get out and to make sure they were never apart again! Licorice and Lollipop pranced around together in the barn before they both snuggled near each other as if to say, "Don't leave the barn again!"



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 - B. Lollipop jumped the fence.
 - C. Molly's dad sold Lollipop to Mr. Morgan.
 - D. None of the above
3. How would you describe Molly when she discovered Lollipop was missing?
 - A. Happy
 - B. Mad
 - C. Glad
 - D. Worried
4. Where was Lollipop stuck?
 - A. In the mud by the pond
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