

Banna bai is a woman from the Dhangar community.

The Dhangars are shepherds but they also have dogs, goats, chicken and horses.



Their horses are not of any specific breed, but are probably a mix of several breeds. The horses are of several colours.





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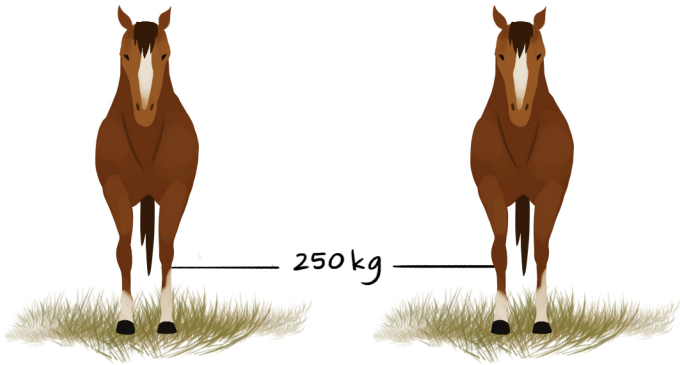
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These animals carry heavy loads.

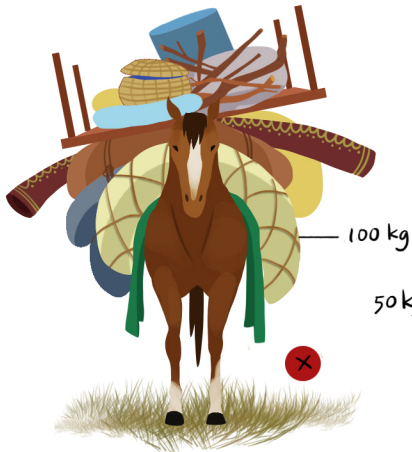
Can we help Banna bai reduce the load on the horse?



A horse should not be expected to carry more than 20% of its own body weight. The horse should have weight equally distributed on the body or/and the same size of load on each side. The heavy items should be placed as low as it can be.



- Over 20% of body weight
- Imbalanced
- Uneven weight distribution



- 20% of body weight or less
- Balanced
- Even weight and size distribution





One of Banna bai's horses has become very old and she thinks she needs a new horse.

Her husband will buy a new horse at the fair held in November in village Salpe.



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Aging a horse by teeth



1 year old



2 year old



6 year old



6 year old showing beginning of a 7 year book



8 year old clearly showing seven year book



15 year old

Gum colour and health



Normal gums

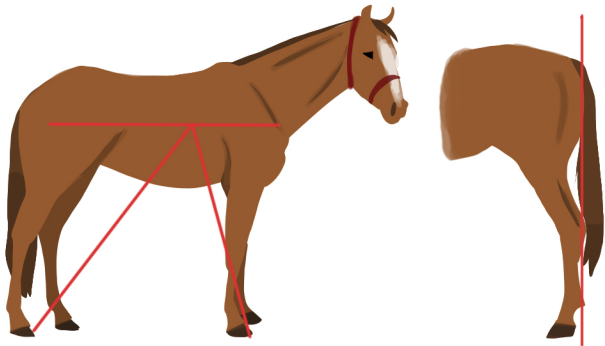


Gum colour in case of
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Gums indicating lung
disorders or sepsis

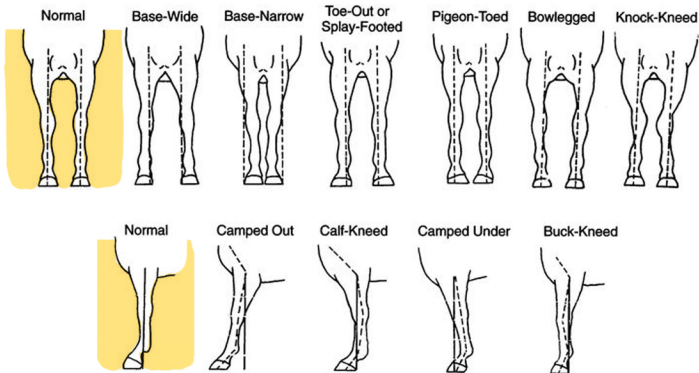
Good Conformation



A horse with good conformation has a well-balanced appearance.

A horse with good hind-leg conformation is more likely to stay sound throughout the years.

Conformation Faults of Forelegs



Conformation Faults of Hindlegs

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Sickle hocks : The horse will be susceptible to curbs

Cow hocks : This horse is susceptible to bone spavins, curbs or thoroughpins and is **less able to carry weight**



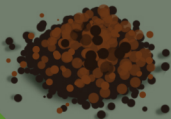
Sometimes the horses fall sick. They fall sick because they are grazing on the wrong field.

Can we help Banna bai identify things which are harmful?



Cruciferous Vegetables





Nightshade family

Sometime they fall sick or are limping because they have been tied wrongly.






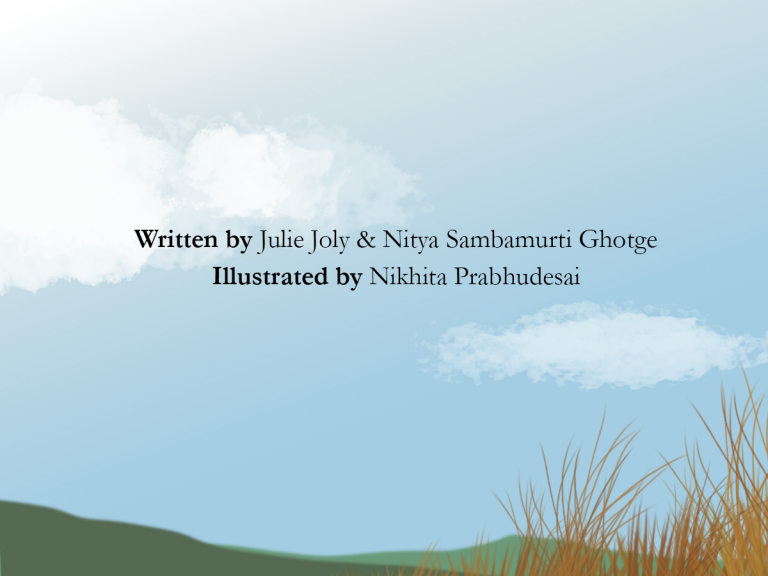
Your horse should not have all 4 legs hobbled at once, just 2 or 3.



Only **leather** hobbles
avoid injuries

An illustration of a woman in a green sari and orange blouse petting a brown horse with a white blaze on its face. They are in a field of tall grass. In the background, there are rolling hills, a few trees, and a man with a yellow hat herding a group of animals including a white sheep and several dark-colored animals.

Banna bai and her horse are
both happy now.



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