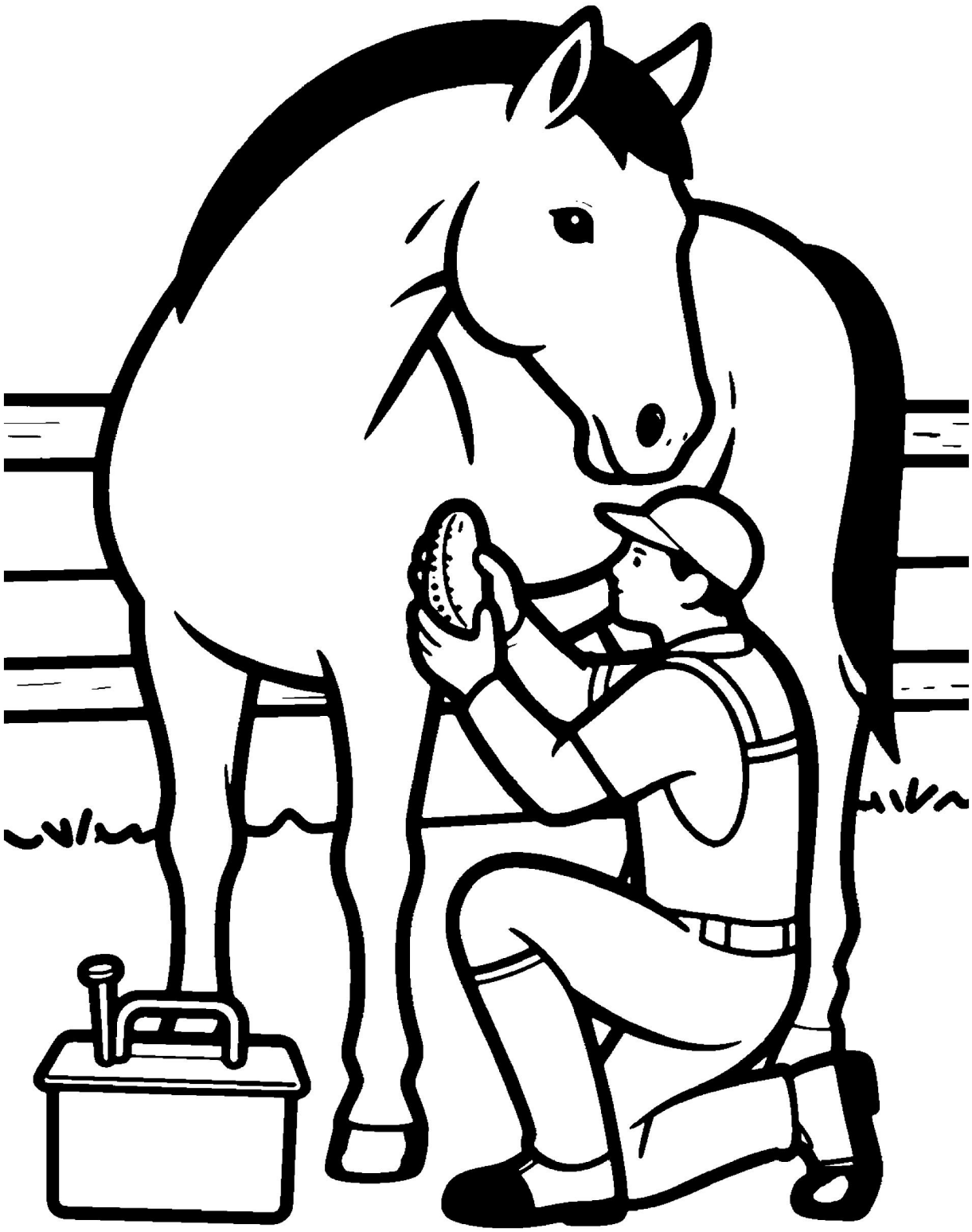


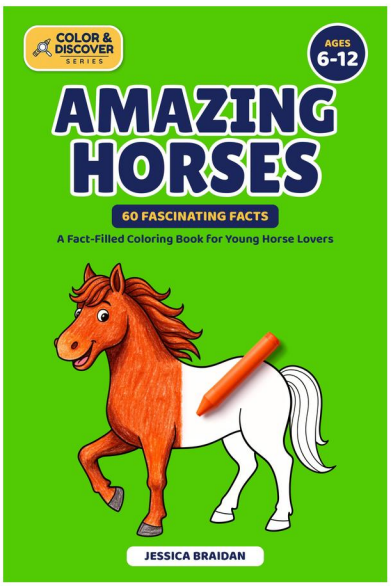
Did you know?

Hooves Are Like Giant Fingernails!

The Amazing Truth: A horse's hoof is made of keratin, the same tough material that makes up your fingernails and toenails. The hoof works like a natural shock absorber, cushioning the horse's leg every time it hits the ground. One horse has four hooves, and each one must be trimmed and cared for regularly by a special helper called a farrier. Without healthy hooves, a horse cannot run or even walk comfortably.

Horse Whisper: A farrier is like a nail technician for horses! They shape and trim hooves every six to eight weeks to keep horses healthy.

Color Challenge: Look closely at your fingernails and toenails. They are made of keratin, just like a horse's hoof! Tap one gently on a table and hear how tough it is.



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