

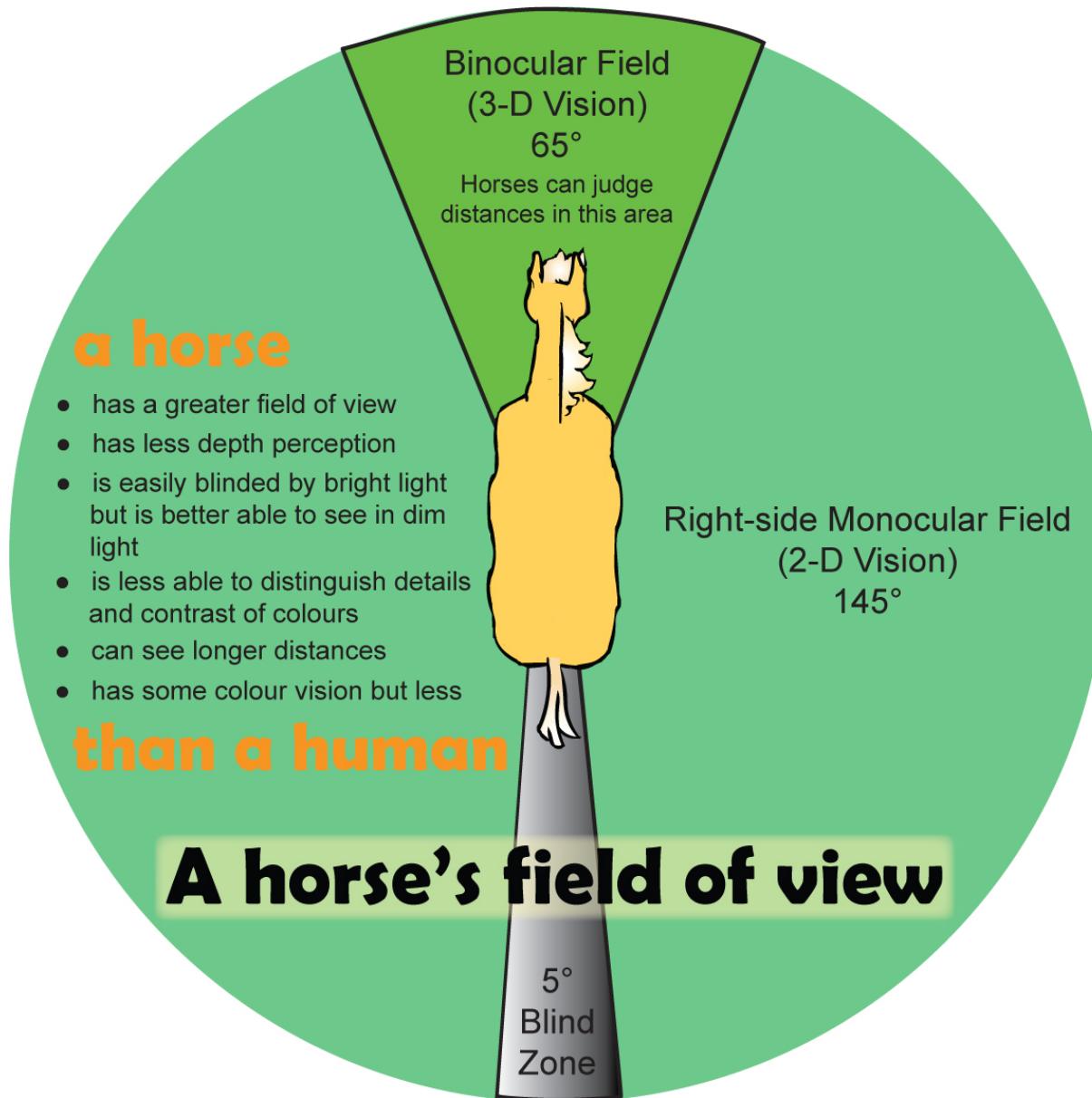


Vision & Hearing

Equine Guelph Horse Behaviour & Safety Workshop

How Horses See

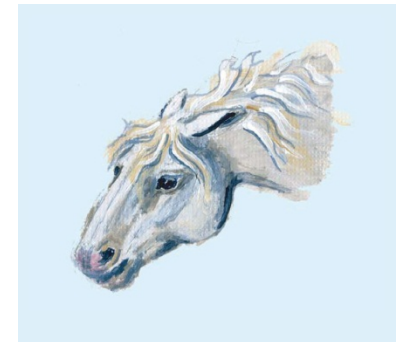
- Horses can see the horizon and ground at the same time
- Horses are “near sighted”
 - they don’t see distance clearly
- Each eye predominantly feeds into one side of the brain
- Shadows on the ground can look like holes



Horses cannot see directly behind or directly below their nose (Blind Zone).

Ear Directions

- Pointed **forward** for interest
- Twisted **back** to listen
- **Sideways** when relaxed or sick
- Pinned **back** to show displeasure or aggression
- Ears work independently of each other so may point in different directions



Ears Give You Clues

Their large ears can twist almost
all the way around

The ears will tell you the direction
of the horse's attention



Who's Listening Here?

The horse at the back is listening to the horse in the front, who is listening to both the other horse and the camera



The Nose Knows



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