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HORSE LIFE

MANUAL

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I. Getting Started

I.1. System Requirements

Minimum System Requirements:

- Processor: 1.4 GHz
- Graphics card: NVIDIA GeForce 4TI or better, ATI Radeon 8500 or better, Intel graphics 915 or better.
- RAM: 512 MB
- 800 MB of free hard-drive space
- DVD-ROM drive
- Windows® XP/Vista

Recommended System Requirements:

- Processor: Dual-Core 3 GHz
- Graphics card: NVIDIA GeForce 6600, ATI Radeon X600
- RAM: 2 GB

I.2. Installation

To install Horse Life 2 PC insert the game disc into the DVD-drive of your PC and follow the on-screen instructions.

If no instructions appear, launch the installation manually by clicking the "My Computer" icon in the Start menu, (or double-clicking the "My Computer" icon on the Desktop.) and then double-clicking the icon for the disc-drive that contains the Horse Life 2 PC game disc. Finally, double-click the file "Setup.exe" to launch the installation. Follow the on-screen instructions.

I.3. Uninstallation

To uninstall Horse Life 2 PC:

1. Click "Start" on the Windows Taskbar
2. Click "All Programs"
3. Click "Dancing Dots" in the list of programs
4. Click "Uninstall"

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the uninstallation.

I.4. First Time Playing Horse Life 2 PC

If you created a shortcut on the Desktop during the installation of the game, simply double-click the shortcut to launch the game. Alternatively, click "Start", then "All Programs," and then "Dancing Dots". Finally click "Horse Life 2 PC".

When you start Horse Life 2 PC for the first time, you will need to create and name a profile before you can begin the adventure.

II. Introduction

Visiting the horse-riding farm of Mr. Whitaker, your uncle, you were lucky enough to be present at the birth of a foal—the foal of your dreams! Your uncle decides that the horse will be yours, as long as long as you take good care of it.

You'll need to visit your horse in the pasture to spend time with it, groom it regularly, teach it new movements, and of course, take it on long rides in the countryside. If everything goes well, you can both take part in some of the most prestigious competitions in Europe.

You might even travel to the United States to take part in the World Championship!

It is even said that the greatest champions can ride fabulous mounts like zebras or unicorns...

But we'll let you discover for yourself whether this legend is really true!

III. Main Characters



Mr. Whitaker

Your uncle. He runs the stud farm where you are learning about horse-riding. He is always available to give you advice, and to teach you how to take care of your horse.



Quentin

Quentin is your uncle's helper around the stud farm. He runs the Tack Shop and he can provide you with precious advice about horse care.



Justine

Justine has been your friend since you were both little. She's very gentle and never seems down in the dumps. She is learning to ride horses at the farm, too, but she is less passionate about it than others.



Melanie

Melanie is the most talented rider at the farm. She has a real gift for riding, but she is a little pretentious and she can't stand losing.

IV. Navigating the Menus



Navigate the menus in Horse Life 2 PC with the mouse. Confirm your choices with the left mouse button; press the right mouse button to return to the previous menu.

V. Main Menu

From the Main menu, you can select a profile to play the adventure, or create a new profile. You can also access the game options.

From the Options Menu you can change the graphic and sound settings, and set the save options for photos you take.

VI. Load/Create a Profile

When you start Horse Life 2 PC for the first time, you will need to create a profile.

If a profile already exists, select the profile to continue the adventure you began with it. You can also rename a profile, delete it, or create a new one.

VII. The Different Locations

VII.1. Main Menu – the Stud Farm

From this overview of the farm, you can access the different locations and the activities they offer.



In the bottom-left of the screen you will find the following information:

- The time of the day (early morning, late morning, etc.)
- The name of your current horse
- The breed of your current horse
- The amount of gold you have
- The number of gold medals you have won
- The training you have completed for the current competition
- Your level of prestige for the current competition
- The Health of your current horse
- The Bonding with your current horse

VII.2. Arena

Before you can take part in competitions you will need to train. Your uncle can offer you two types of training: show-jumping training and dressage training.



VII.2.1. Show-jumping and Cross-country

During your first training session, your uncle will remind you how to mount a horse.

- Use the up and down arrow keys to change gait.
- Use the left and right arrow keys to guide your horse in either of these directions.



To jump an obstacle, remember these basics:

- Keep an eye on the Gait Indicator at the bottom of the screen. It indicates the current gait of your horse and the gait required to clear the next obstacle.



- As you approach the obstacle, arrows will appear on the screen to indicate if you need to speed up or slow down.



- Once you have the appropriate gait and you are correctly lined up with the obstacle, an Impetus Zone will appear on the ground in front of the obstacle. The Impetus Zone can have one of three colours depending on whether it is too soon to jump; okay to jump but not perfect; or the perfect time to jump.



- To jump, simply give an impetus by pressing the Space Bar or pressing a mouse button when the Impetus Zone indicates that it is the perfect moment.



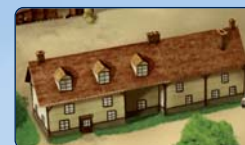
VII.2.2. Dressage

To succeed in dressage training, press the mouse buttons following the rhythm given by the instructions on the screen.



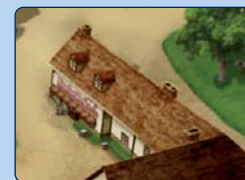
VII.3. Lodge

The Lodge is the building where all the riders get together. You'll find your uncle's office here. Enter this building to register for the different competitions—provided you have completed the required training.



VII.4. Tack Shop

Here you can buy horse feed, equipment for you and your horse, and the accessories you'll need to take good care of your mount.



VII.5. Stall



This is where you will find your horse most of the time. There are a lot of things you can do here:



• *Change horse:*

- Depending on your progress in the game, you might be able to choose different horses to take care of.

- **Change horse equipment:**

- Select different equipment for your horse from among the items that you own.



- **Change your equipment:**

- Select different clothing and accessories for your character.



- **Feed your horse:**

- Select the type of food that you want to give your horse.



- **Shampoo your horse:**

- Hold down the left mouse button and rub your horse all over, except on the head and at the bottom of its legs—he doesn't like that!



- **Groom your horse:**

- Use the mouse to groom your horse the same way you shampooed it. Be careful not to hurt the horse. Use the curry-comb and the brush.



- **Clean the stall:**

- To clean the stall, click on a pile of dirty straw and slide the straw into the wheelbarrow. Then spread clean straw over the floor.

VII.6. Pasture

Your horse is free to roam in the pasture. As for you, you are free to watch your horse enjoying his freedom, and you can also interact with it. Use the buttons at the bottom of the screen to perform different actions.

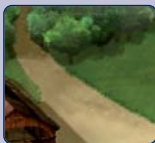


- Use the whistle to call your horse. It will come over to you.
- Use the camera to take a photo of your horse.
- You can give your horse a tasty treat when it comes over to you in the pasture. Use the arrow keys to select a snack, then drag the snack to the horse's mouth by holding down the left mouse button.



VII.7. Ride

There is lots of open countryside around the farm-perfect for taking your horse on long rides! To go for a ride, head towards the woods and select the trail you want to take.



VIII. Photos

In Horse Life 2 PC you can take photos of your horse while on Rides or in the Pasture.

To take a photo in the Pasture, click the photo button.

To take a photo while out on a Ride, stop your horse and press Esc. to open the menu, and then click the photo button.

You can see the photos you have saved in the Horse Life 2 PC folder, which you can locate from the Start menu or in My Documents.

IX. Credits

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