

How to spot a fake.

Real seahorses don't have teeth.

Or nostrils. But they have eyes which rotate independently, which is way cooler.

Real seahorses don't have arms.

Or claws. Not even hooves. That's just silly. Really.

Real seahorses don't need anchors.

They use their prehensile tails to hold onto seagrass, macro algae, seafans, gorgonians – anything that doesn't sting or bite makes a good hitching post for seahorses.

Real seahorses don't live in castles.

Most species don't live in reefs either, actually. They're usually found in tidal flats, lagoons and seagrass beds.

Real seahorses don't have manes.

That whole big hair thing is so out. But seahorses can have branch-like appendages called "cirri" that seem to mimic seaweed, and help them blend into their surroundings.

Real seahorses don't wear necklaces.

But scientists do tag seahorses, sometimes, to keep track of individuals and study them.

Real seahorses don't have that weird tail thing.

Have no idea what that tufty thing is, but seahorses don't have it. Some pipefish (seahorse relatives) do have a disk-shaped fin on the end of their tails, though, but it's not all freaky-looking like that thing in the picture.

Real seahorses don't have scales.

They have hard plates though, that cover their bodies and keep all that messy inside stuff from leaking out. Eewww.



So, what if you want them to live in your home aquarium?

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