

# WHY WE CHOSE A SEAHORSE AS OUR SYMBOL

**The sea horse is a unique creature, and thought to have mystical significance among the Ancient Greeks, Europeans (Alchemists) and Asians.**

The Ancient Greeks and Romans believed the sea horse to be an attribute of the sea god Neptune/Poseidon and as such, was considered a symbol of strength and power.

Whilst, the ancient Europeans believed that sea horses carried the souls of deceased sailors to the underworld - giving them safe passage and protection until they met their soul's destination.

Chinese cultures on the other hand thought that the sea horse was a type of dragon, and as such they were revered for their power and thought to be symbols of good luck.

Sailors have long viewed the sea horse as a good luck charm too.

## **Seahorses symbolise:**

- **Patience**
- **Friendliness**
- **Protection**
- **Inflexibility**
- **Perspective**
- **Generosity/Sharing**
- **High-Perception**
- **Persistence**
- **Contentment**

A relatively calm, and mild-mannered creature, the sea horse is seemingly content to roam the seas. Their bodies are geared for ambling-type motion - not for speed. They are symbolic of patience and contentment; happy with being where they are and in no hurry for advancement.

Further testimony to these attributes is the lack of evolution of the sea horse's body style; they have remained unchanged since their inception. Content to be who they are and not feeling the need to change unnecessarily; these are the profound lessons the sea horse provides us.

However, along with a resistance to change, and a carefree approach to progress, the sea horse can be a symbol of inflexibility or stubbornness. To wit, the sea horse wraps its tail around the nearest object in order to anchor itself in turbulent waters. This is a lesson to be persistent in our goals, but be mindful that we are not too inflexible or stubborn in our achieving them.

A unique aspect of the sea horse is that the male is impregnated by the female and carries the offspring to term. This is a message of sharing the load and gaining perspective of both sides of an argument or situation.

The sea horse has a bony exoskeleton which is a message of protection. Their armoured bodies are a sign that sometimes we might need to let our guard down or perhaps we are leaving ourselves open to get hurt.

Lastly among the long list of symbolic meanings of the sea horse and its lessons is the idea of perception. The eyesight of the sea horse is incredibly sharp, and each eye moves independently. A symbolic message of perception and awareness of those around us and our situations.

**So, as you can see the sea horse is an intricate and diverse little creature, full of surprises... much, we think, like QURES.**

