



The
**Ehlers
Danlos**
Society™

WHY THE ZEBRA?

Medical students have been taught to look for the more common and usual diagnosis, not the unexpected one.

**“WHEN YOU HEAR HOOFBEATS,
DON’T EXPECT A ZEBRA.”**

The zebra became our symbol because those with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and hypermobility spectrum disorder are the unexpected.

**“SOMETIMES WHEN YOU HEAR
HOOFBEATS, IT REALLY IS A ZEBRA.”**



When you see a zebra, you know it’s a zebra – but no two zebras have identical stripes. Those with EDS/HSD don’t have identical stripes either.

Despite our different types and experiences:
we are all people with EDS/HSD.

We are stronger together. A group of zebras is called a dazzle.

WE DAZZLE.