




**The Livestock Conservancy**  
**Quick Reference Guide to Heritage Donkeys**

Photos	Breed	Origin	CPL Status	Adult Weight (lbs)	Height	Temperament	Mothering	Experience	Foraging	Climate	Uses and Notes
	<b>American Mammoth Jackstock</b>	United States	Critical	900-1200	Jacks over 14.5 hands (58"); Jennies over 14 hands (56")	Docile	Good to excellent	Beginner to intermediate	Excellent	Very adaptable; needs shelter from rain	Mule production from jacks, driving, riding, and livestock guardians; dedicated to owner; ungelded jacks should not be kept a pets!
	<b>Miniature Donkey</b>	Italy	Recovering	200-350	Under 9 hands (36")	Docile	Excellent	Beginner	Excellent	Very adaptable; needs shelter from rain	Driving, pets, easy keepers; too small to be used as livestock guardians against larger predators; ungelded jacks should not be kept a pets!
	<b>Poitou</b>	France	Critical	750-950	14-15 hands (56-60")	Docile	Poor	Advanced	Good	Does not do well in hot climates or very wet areas	Known for long shaggy coats; produce excellent mules when crossed with draft horses; can be a very delicate animal to work with and breed