

Standard for the Poitou Donkey

Translation from the standard as described by L'association Race Mulassiers du Poitou

The head is large and long. The ears are long and wide open, and are covered with long hairs. The neckline is strong.

The withers are modest and not prominent.

The back is straight and long and is well attached at the hips. The hips are not prominent. The rump is as long as it is wide, fitting into a square.

The thighs are long and the shoulder is straight (vertical might also work here).

The sternum (brisket) is prominent. The chest is large and the ribs well-sprung.

The limbs are powerful with very wide joints. The feet are wide and open, and are covered with long hair.

The coat color is bay brown to black with pale hair around eyes, muzzle, and underside of body. The body coat may lighten with weathering to a faded brown color. The belly and inner thighs are light gray, as is the muzzle. The muzzle should not be a washed out white around the mouth and nose. The hair coat around the eyes is silvery gray bordered by a reddish halo. The color of the animal must not have white ticked hairs scattered throughout the coat, nor can it have a dorsal stripe (darker band black along the dorsal line from the withers to the tail) or a darker transverse stripe across the withers and shoulders;

Ideally, the adult male (5 years old) will have a minimum height of 13.3 hands (1m40), and the adult female (5 years old) will be a minimum height of 13.1 hands (1m35).