




The Livestock Conservancy Heritage Donkey Breed Comparison Chart

Photo	Breed	Origin	CPL Status	Adult Weight (lbs)	Adult Height (at withers)	Temperament	Mothering	Experience	Foraging	Climate	Uses and Notes
	American Mammoth Jackstock	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; livestock guardians in some circumstances. Dedicated to their owners. Ungelded jacks should not be kept as pets!
	Miniature Donkey	Italy	Watch	200-350	Under 9 hands (36")	Docile	Excellent	Beginner	Excellent	Very adaptable; needs shelter from rain	Driving, in-hand jumping, pets. Easy keepers. Too small to be livestock guardians against larger predators. Ungelded jacks should not be kept as pets!
	Poitou	France	Critical	750-950	14-15 hands (56-60")	Docile	Poor to moderate	Advanced	Good	Does not do well in hot, humid climates or very wet areas	Known for long shaggy coats; produce excellent mules when crossed with draft horses; can be used for light driving; very delicate to manage and breed.