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|  | Akhal-Teke | Turkmenistan | Threatened | 900-1000/900 | 15.2h / 62" | Active, Spirited | Good | Intermediate / Advanced | Moderate | Outstanding endurance and sport horse; very slender in appearance and naturally "ribby;" known for metallic-gold sheen of coat; very devoted to owner. |
|  | American Cream Draft | USA | Critical | 1800-2000/1600-1800 | 15-16.3h / 60-67" | Docile | Good | Novice / Intermediate | Good | Excellent for small scale draft and driving; cream-colored bodies; amber eyes are distinctive. |
|  | Belgian | Belgium | Recovering | 1800-2400 | 16-18h / 64-72" | Docile | Good | Intermediate | Good | Strong, cooperative and calm draft horse. Driving, riding, pulling competitions, logging. Easy keepers. |
|  | Canadian | Canada | Critical | 900-1000/900 | 14-16h / 56-64" | Active, Intelligent | Good | Novice / Intermediate | Good | Dressage; competitive driving; vaulting; light draft; stock work; driving; hardy and strong. Bond closely with people. |
|  | Caspian | Iran | Critical | 400-600 | 11.2h / 46-50" | Docile | Excellent | Novice | Excellent | Finely-built riding pony; light driving; very people oriented; should not exceed 12.2 hands. |
|  | Cleveland Bay | England | Critical | 1500/1200 | 16-17h / 64-68" | Docile and Determined | Good | Advanced Novice / Intermediate | Good | Sport riding and driving; intelligent; crosses make excellent endurance and sport horses. |
|  | Clydesdale | Scotland | Watch | 1800-2000/1600-1800 | 16.2-18h / 66-72" | Docile | Good | Intermediate | Fair to Good | Logging, driving, agriculture, riding. Heavy draft; feathered feet; gentle. |



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|  | Colonial Spanish | United States | Critical | 700-900 | 13.2-15h / 52-62" | Docile to Alert, depending on herd | Excellent | Novice | excellent | Riding; endurance; light draft work; equine assisted therapy. Some are gaited. Very people oriented. |
|  | Dales Pony | England | Critical | 800-1000/800-900 | 14-14.2h / 56-58" | Docile, Spirited | Excellent | Novice / Intermediate | Good to Excellent | Feathered feet; riding and driving; great action in movement. |
|  | Dartmoor | England | Threatened | 500/450-460 | 12h / 48" | Docile, Spirited | Excellent | Novice | Excellent | Riding and driving; conservation grazing; friendly and willing. |
|  | Exmoor | England | Threatened | 500 | 11.2h / 46" | Docile, Spirited | Excellent | Novice | Excellent | Primitive pony; riding and driving; surefooted and strong; used for managing invasive plants. |
|  | Fell Pony | England | Watch | 1000 | 13-14h / 52-56" | Docile, Spirited | Excellent | Novice / Intermediate | Excellent | Feathered feet; riding; driving. |
|  | Galiceño | Mexico | Critical | 600-800 | 12-13.2h / 48-56" | Docile | Excellent | Novice | Excellent | Riding; ranch work; small horse that can do the work of a big horse. |
|  | Gotland | Sweden | Threatened | 550 | 11.5-13h / 46-52" | Docile | Excellent | Novice | Excellent | Riding; driving; very hardy. |

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|  | Hackney Horse | England | Critical | 1000-1200 | 15-16h / 60-64" | Docile, Spirited | Good | Novice / Intermediate | Good | Riding; driving; extremely rare. |
|  | Irish Draught | Ireland | Threatened | 1150-1600 | 15-17h / 61-68" | Docile | Good | Novice / Intermediate | Good | Sport riding; driving; crosses makes excellent sport horses. |
|  | Lipizzan | Austria | Threatened | 1100 | 14.2-15.2h / 56-62" | Docile | Excellent | Novice | Good | Riding; driving; dressage; typically long-lived. |
|  | Rocky Mountain / Mountain Pleasure | United States | Watch | 850-1000 | 14.2-15.5h / 58-62" | Docile | Good | Novice | Good | Versatile and gentle gaited horses. Comfortable for riding long distances. |
|  | Newfoundland Pony | Canada | Critical | 400-750 | 11-14.2h / 44-56" | Docile | Excellent | Novice | Excellent | Riding; driving; tough, adapted pony. |
|  | Puerto Rican Paso Fino | Puerto Rico | Threatened | 700-1000 | 13-15.2h / 52-62" | Docile, Spirited | Good | Novice / Intermediate | Good | Riding; working cattle; sure-footed and hardy; known for their very smooth, 4-beat gait. |

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|  | Shire | England | Critical | 2200/1900 | 17.2-19.2h / 66-78" | Docile | Good | Intermediate | Fair to Good | Feathered feet; large heavy draft horse. |
|  | Suffolk | England | Critical | 1800 | 16-17h / 64-68" | Docile | Good | Intermediate | Fair to Good | Clean-legged draft horse, used in the U.S. for sustainable logging. |