















The Livestock Conservancy Heritage Horse Breed Comparison Chart







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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.



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