




THE LIVESTOCK CONSERVANCY

Heritage Donkey Breed Comparison Chart

Photo	Breed	Origin	CPL Status	Adult Weight (lbs)	Adult Height (at withers)	Temperament	Mothering	Foraging	Climate	Owner Experience Level	Uses and Notes
	American Mammoth Jackstock	United States	Critical	900-1,200	Jacks over 14.5 hands (58"); Jennies over 14 hands (56")	Docile	Good to excellent	Excellent	Very adaptable; needs shelter from rain	Novice - intermediate	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	Excellent	Very adaptable; needs shelter from rain	Novice	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 Donkey	France	Critical	750-950	14-15 hands (56-60")	Docile	Poor to moderate	Good	Does not do well in hot, humid climates or very wet areas	Advanced	Known for long shaggy coats; produce excellent draft mules; can be used for light driving. Delicate to manage and breed. Ungelded jacks should not be kept as pets.