

The Livestock Conservancy Heritage Horse Breed Comparison Chart

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

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	Clydesdale	Scotland	Watch	M: 1800-2000 F: 1600-1800	16.2-18 h / 66-72"	Docile	Good	Fair to Good	Intermediate	Heavy draft horses used for driving, logging, agriculture, and riding. Feathered feet; gentle
	Colonial Spanish	United States	Critical	700-900	13.2-15 h / 52-62"	Docile to Alert, depending on herd	Excellent	Excellent	Novice	Excel in endurance, working equitation, stock work, equine-assisted therapy. Some are gaited. Very people oriented
	Dales Pony	England	Critical	M: 800-1000 F: 800-900	14-14.2 h / 56-58"	Docile, Spirited	Excellent	Good to Excellent	Novice - Intermediate	Feathered feet; riding and driving; great action in movement
	Dartmoor Pony	England	Threatened	M: 500 F: 450-460	12 h / 48"	Docile, Spirited	Excellent	Excellent	Novice	Superb driving and riding ponies. Also used for conservation grazing; friendly and willing
	Exmoor Pony	England	Threatened	500	11.2 h / 46"	Docile, Spirited	Excellent	Excellent	Novice	Primitive type; riding and driving; surefooted and strong; used for managing invasive plants.
	Fell Pony	England	Watch	1000	13-14 h / 52-56"	Docile, Spirited	Excellent	Excellent	Novice - Intermediate	Feathered feet; riding; driving.

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	Galiceño	Mexico	Critical	600-800	12-13.2 h / 48-56"	Docile	Excellent	Excellent	Novice	Riding; ranch work; small horse that can do the work of a big horse.
	Gotland	Sweden	Threatened	550	11.5-13 h / 46-52"	Docile	Excellent	Excellent	Novice	Riding; driving; very hardy.
	Hackney Horse	England	Critical	1000-1200	15-16 h / 60-64"	Docile, Spirited	Good	Good	Novice - Intermediate	Riding; driving; extremely rare.
	Highland Pony	Scotland	Critical	1100-1320	13-14.2 h / 52-58"	Quiet, Friendly	Excellent	Excellent	Novice-Intermediate	Riding; driving; light draft and trekking.
	Irish Draught	Ireland	Threatened	1150-1600	15-17 h / 61-68"	Docile	Good	Good	Novice - Intermediate	Sport riding; driving; crosses make excellent sport horses
	Lipizzan	Austria	Threatened	1100	14.2-15.2 h / 56-62"	Docile	Excellent	Good	Novice	Famous for their "airs above the ground." Used for riding, driving, dressage; typically long-lived

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	Mountain Pleasure	United States	Critical	900-1100	14.2-16 h / 58-64"	Docile	Good	Good	Novice	Friendly and trainable gaited horses. Comfortable for riding long distances
	Newfoundland Pony	Canada	Critical	400-750	11-14.2 h / 44-56"	Docile	Excellent	Excellent	Novice	Tough, adapted ponies; used for riding, driving and light draft work
	Puerto Rican Paso Fino	Puerto Rico	Threatened	700-1000	13-15.2 h / 52-62"	Docile, Spirited	Good	Good	Novice - Intermediate	Known for their very smooth, 4-beat gait. Sure-footed and hardy. Used for riding, working cattle
	Rocky Mountain	United States	Watch	850-1000	14.2-15.2 h / 58-62"	Docile	Good	Good	Novice	Versatile and gentle gaited horses. Comfortable for riding long distances
	Shire	England	Critical	M: 2200, F: 900	17.2-19.2 h / 66-78"	Docile	Good	Fair to Good	Intermediate	A large and heavy draft horse breed; used for draft and riding; feathered feet; calm
	Suffolk or Suffolk Punch	England	Critical	1800	16-17 h / 64-68"	Docile	Good	Fair to Good	Intermediate	Strong, clean-legged draft horse. Bred for agricultural work. Used in the U.S. for sustainable logging and farming