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	<b>Akhal-Teke</b>	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
	<b>American Cream Draft</b>	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
	<b>Canadian</b>	Canada	Critical	1000-1400	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
	<b>Caspian</b>	Iran	Critical	400-450	11-12 h / 44-48"	Docile	Excellent	Excellent	Novice	Small, finely-built horses; used for riding and light driving; very people oriented; should not exceed 12.2 hands
	<b>Cleveland Bay</b>	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
	<b>Clydesdale</b>	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






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	<b>Colonial Spanish</b>	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
	<b>Dales Pony</b>	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
	<b>Dartmoor Pony</b>	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
	<b>Exmoor Pony</b>	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.
	<b>Fell Pony</b>	England	Watch	1000	13-14 h / 52-56"	Docile, Spirited	Excellent	Excellent	Novice - Intermediate	Feathered feet; riding; driving.
	<b>Galiceño</b>	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.

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	<b>Gotland</b>	Sweden	Threatened	550	11.5-13 h / 46-52"	Docile	Excellent	Excellent	Novice	Riding; driving; very hardy.
	<b>Hackney Horse</b>	England	Critical	1000-1200	15-16 h / 60-64"	Docile, Spirited	Good	Good	Novice - Intermediate	Riding; driving; extremely rare.
	<b>Highland Pony</b>	Scotland	Critical	1100-1320	13-14.2 h / 52-58"	Quiet, Friendly	Excellent	Excellent	Novice-Intermediate	Riding; driving; light draft and trekking.
	<b>Irish Draught</b>	Ireland	Threatened	1150-1600	15-17 h / 61-68"	Docile	Good	Good	Novice - Intermediate	Sport riding; driving; crosses make excellent sport horses
	<b>Lipizzan</b>	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
	<b>Mountain Pleasure</b>	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

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	<b>Newfoundland Pony</b>	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
	<b>Puerto Rican Paso Fino</b>	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
	<b>Rocky Mountain</b>	United States	Threatened	850-1000	14-16 h / 56-64"	Docile	Good	Good	Novice	Versatile and gentle gaited horses. Comfortable for riding long distances
	<b>Shire</b>	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
	<b>Suffolk or Suffolk Punch</b>	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