

Mad about... Ponies

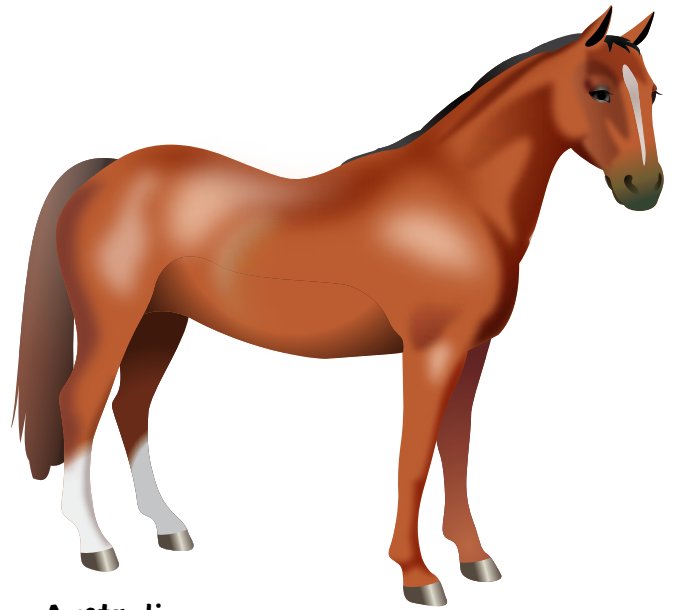


Pony of the Americas

Height: 11.2 to 13 hands high (117–132 centimetres)

Colour: Spotted

Did you know: This is a fairly new breed created in North America during the 1950s. It is a good children's riding pony as it is small and gentle.



Australian

Height: 12 to 14 hands high (122–142 centimetres)

Colour: Any solid colour

Did you know: The Australian pony breed has existed for about one hundred years. It is a very good children's riding pony.

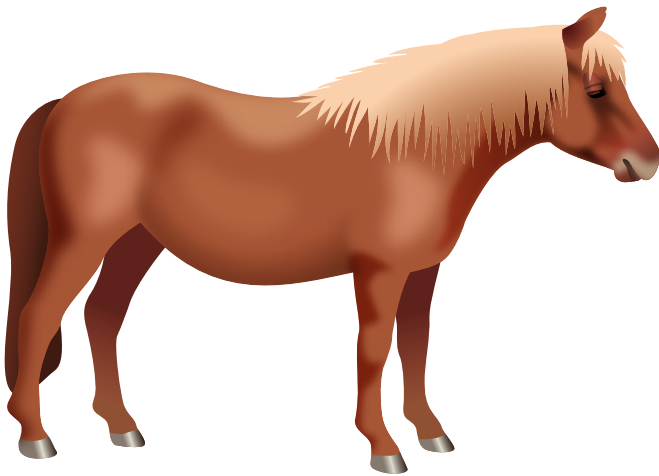


Dartmoor

Height: around 12.2 hands high (127 centimetres)

Colour: Bay, brown

Did you know: These ponies have lived wild on the moors of south-west England for hundreds of years.

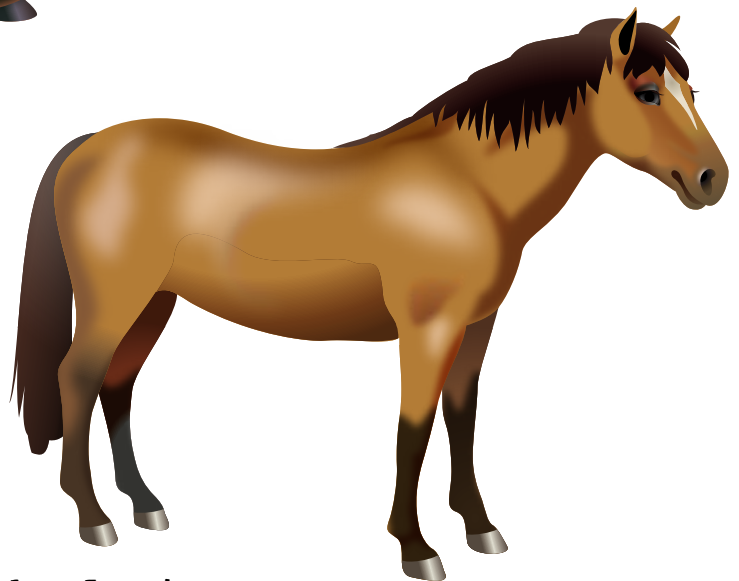


Icelandic

Height: 12.3 to 13.2 hands high (130–137 centimetres)

Colour: All colours

Did you know: This small pony comes from Iceland, where people call it a horse. It is strong enough to carry an adult, and can perform two more paces than most ponies; the *skeid*, in which both legs on the same side move together, and the *tölt*, a fast, running walk.



New Forest

Height: one type is up to 13.1 hands high (135 centimetres) and the other 13.2 to 14.2 hands high (137–147 centimetres)

Colour: Any solid colour

Did you know: From southern England, these ponies are narrow in build and have good action. Together with their range of heights, this makes them excellent riding ponies for children of most ages.



Caspian

Height: 10 to 12 hands high (102–122 centimetres)

Colour: Usually bay or chestnut

Did you know: This small pony may be the oldest breed in the world. It comes from Iran, and is lightly built with a thin skin and a fine, silky coat.



Connemara

Height: 13 to 14. 2 hands high (137–147 centimetres)

Colour: Any solid colour

Did you know: This breed comes from western Ireland. It is fast, sure-footed and good at jumping, making it a good pony for riding in competitions.

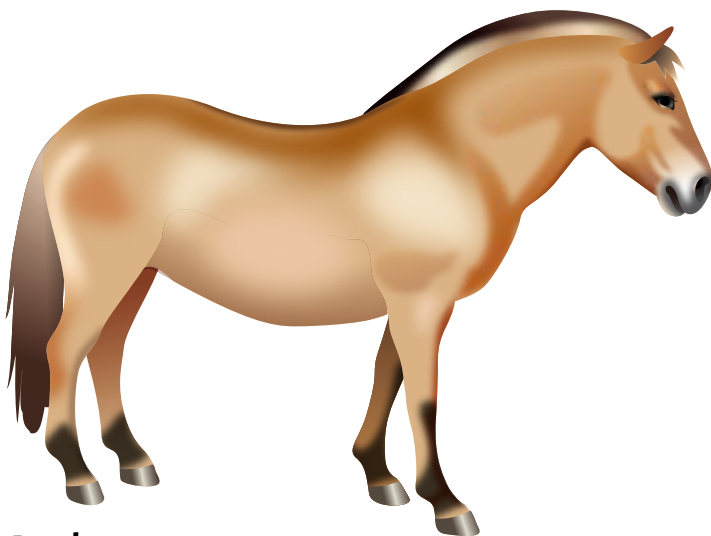


Shetland

Height: Shetlands are measured in inches – up to 42 inches high (107 centimetres)

Colour: All colours

Did you know: The Shetland is the smallest of Britain's native ponies. It comes from islands off the north-east coast of Scotland. Shetlands are strong and very tough.



Fjord

Height: 13 to 14.2 hands high (132–147 centimetres)

Colour: Dun; a brownish-grey colour, with a mane that is dark in the centre and white on the outside.

Did you know: An ancient breed of pony from Norway, the Fjord is used for farm work as well as riding. Long ago, the Vikings took Fjord ponies in longboats to Scotland and Iceland.



Haflinger

Height: 13.1 to 14.2 hands high (135–147 centimetres)

Colour: Chestnut or palomino

Did you know: The Haflinger is a strong pony from Austria, used for riding, trekking and driving. They can live until they are 40 years old.