



## Standard of Excellence

### Miniature Horse

It is a small well-balanced animal not exceeding 34" in height & measured from the last hair of the mane. Possessing good temperament & being free from hereditary un-soundness.

Mares should show femininity.

Stallions should show masculinity & boldness, without aggression.

- (a) Should have typical horse appearance in miniature.
- (b) Should have an upright carriage without exaggerated length of body.
- (c) Should have greater length of leg in relation to depth of girth.
- (d) Should represent a fine appearance, showing grace & balance.

**Tail:** - Well set.

**Legs:** - Squarely set, without heavy bone, but straight, with strong sloping pasterns, ending in strong open hooves

**Action:** - Straight, smooth & free flowing.

**Head:** - Straight in concave, not overlong, having an alert expression, with round expressive eyes, set well apart. Small, neat muzzle.

**Teeth:** - Must meet evenly, a maximum 3mm variation in over or under-bite.

**Neck:** - Good length of rein, flexible & high set, without heaviness.

All colours acceptable.

Preferred shown in "clipped or fine" coat, though no prejudice against the other, as climatic variations occur.

In Judging, where all other points are equal. The smallest shall be given preference.

### Small Horse

Is a well-balanced, conformed animal, not exceeding 38" in height measured at the last hair of the mane, possessing good temperament & free of hereditary un-soundness.

Mare should show femininity.

Stallion should show masculinity without aggression.

**Tail:** - Well set.

**Legs:** - Squarely set, without heavy bone, but straight, with strong sloping pasterns ending in open hooves.

**Head:** - Proportionate to the body, with alert expression & well-set eyes.

**Action:** - Smooth, active, free flowing.

**Teeth:** - Must meet evenly, a maximum of 3mm variation in over or under-bite.

**Neck:** - A good length of rein, flexible without heaviness.

All colours acceptable.

In Judging, where all other points are equal, the smallest shall be given preference.

### Little Horse

Is a well-balanced, conformed animal, not exceeding 42.5" in height measured at the last hair of the mane, possessing good temperament & free of hereditary un-soundness.

Mare should show femininity.

Stallion should show masculinity without aggression.

**Tail:** - Well set.

**Legs:** - Set squarely, of good straight bone, strong sloping pasterns, ending in strong, open hooves.

**Action:** - Smooth, active, free flowing.

**Head:** - Well-proportioned to body, with alert expression & well-set eyes. Neat muzzle.

**Teeth:** - Must meet evenly, a maximum 3mm variation in over or under-bite.

**Neck:** - A good length of rein, flexible without heaviness.

All colours are acceptable.

In judging, where all other points are equal, the smallest is given preference.

### **Miniature Pony**

Is a small well-balanced animal not exceeding 34". In height at the highest point of the wither, possessing good temperament & free from hereditary unsoundness.

Mares should show femineity.

Stallions should show masculinity & boldness without aggression.

(a) Should have typical appearance in miniature.

(b) Should be stocky & compact, allowing some length in the back, without exaggeration.

(c) While the body should have well sprung ribs & generous girth with a well-rounded rump, the whole should be well-balanced & well-proportioned to height.

**Tail:** - Well set.

**Legs:** - Set squarely, of good straight bone of some substance. Strong forearm, short cannons & strong sloping pasterns, ending in strong, open hooves.

**Action:** - Smooth, active, free flowing.

**Head:** - Well-proportioned to the body, small concave below eyes which are set well apart. Neat muzzle.

**Teeth:** - Must meet evenly, a maximum of 3mm variation in over or under-bite.

**Neck:** - Lightly crested on mares & moderately crested on stallions. Proportionate neck to body. Some length of rein preferred.

All colours are acceptable.

Preferred at least seven days elapsed from any clipping. No prejudice against for, natural or clipped coats otherwise.

In Judging where all other points are equal, the smallest is given preference.

### **Small Pony**

Is a well-balanced, conformed animal, not exceeding 38" in height measured at the highest point of the wither, possessing good temperament & free from hereditary unsoundness.

Mares should show femineity.

Stallions should show masculinity & boldness without aggression.

**Tail:** - Well set.

**Legs:** - Squarely set straight bone. Strong sloping pasterns ending in open hooves.

**Head:** - Proportionate to the body, with alert & well-set eyes.

**Teeth:** - Must meet evenly, a maximum 3mm variation in over or under-bite.

**Action:** - Smooth, active, free flowing.

**Neck:** - A good length of rein, flexible without heaviness.

Preferred at least seven days elapsed from any clipping. No prejudice against for, natural or clipped coats otherwise.

In Judging, where all other points are equal, the smallest shall be given preference.

## **STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR HUNTER TYPE HORSE**

- a) - The Hunter should have more substance without coarseness.
- b) - It should have a nobler head rather than a fine small head.
- c) - It should display a substantial bone without being unduly fine.
- d) - It should be of middle weight/heavy weight but not unduly heavy.
- e) - The Hunter must have quality.
- f) - It should display boldness.
- g) - The Hunter must also display a steady & relaxed temperament.
- h) - It may be of any colour.

The Hunter must be of good conformation & soundness, with a kind bold eye, a good length of rein, a strong well-muscled back & hindquarters.

It should have a good length of forearm & be shorter in the cannon for strength & action. The knee should be flat & the hocks strong, clean & should have natural balance.

The Hunter must be free, forward moving & straight in its actions, some knee action may be displayed.

## **SHOW PRESENTATION**

- a) - The Hunter should be clipped with a 10 blade.
- b) - Outside of ears clipped but not int inside of ears.
- c) - No dying.
- d) - No shaving
- e) - The hooves can be blackened.
- f) - Bridle path must be no more than 10cm long.
- g) - The Hunter can be shown in a show halter, BUT if using a chain it must be CAPTURED.
- h) - Should be stood up square & not over stretched.

## **Disqualifications**

A horse/pony shall be denied registration ot disqualification for any of the following reasons.

- (a) Height in excess of 34" for Miniature horses.
- (b) Height in excess of 34" or 86.36cm for Miniature ponies.
- (c) Height in excess of 38" for Small horses.
- (d) Height in excess of 38" or 96.25cm for Small ponies.
- (e) Height in excess of 42.5" for Little horses.
- (f) Dwarfism.
- (g) Overshot mouth (3mm maximum).
- (h) Undershot mouth (3mm Maximum).
- (i) Monorchids or Cryptorchids in stallions.
- (j) Lock stifle – Geldings having had surgery may still be registered.
- (k) Congenital Cataract, Nasal disease, Navicular Disease, Malformation of Genitals or any other determinable genetic fault.