

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Adopted from the regulations of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Wales.



THE WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY

Not exceeding 12 hands high - Section A of the Stud Book

- General Character Hardy, spirited and pony-like.
Colour* Any colour, except piebald and skewbald.
Head Small, clean-cut, well set on and tapering to the muzzle.
Eyes Bold.
Ears Well placed, small and pointed, well up on the head, proportionately close.
Nostrils Prominent and open.
Jaws and Throat Clean and finely-cut, with ample room at angle of the jaw.
Neck Lengthy, well-carried and moderately lean in the case of mares, but inclined to be cresty in the case of matured stallions.
Shoulders Long and sloping well back. Withers moderately fine, but not 'Knifey'. The humerus upright so that the foreleg is not set in under the body.
Forelegs Set square and true, and not tied in at the elbows. Long, strong forearm, well developed knee, short flat bone below knees, pasterns of proportionate slope and length, feet well-shaped and round, hoofs dense.
Back and Loins Muscular, strong and well coupled.
Girth Deep.
Ribs Well sprung.
Hindquarters Lengthy and fine. Not cobby, ragged or goose-rumped. Tail well set on and carried gaily.
Hind Legs Hocks to be large, flat and clean with points prominent, to turn neither inwards nor outwards. The hind leg not to be too bent. The hock not to be set behind a line from the point of the quarter to the fetlock joint. Pasterns of proportionate slope and length. Feet well-shaped, hoofs dense.
Action Quick, free and straight from the shoulder, well away in front. Hocks well flexed with straight and powerful leverage and well under the body.

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THE WELSH PONY

Not exceeding 13.2 hands high - Section B of the Stud Book

The general description of ponies in Section A of the Stud Book is applicable to those in Section B, but more particularly the Section B pony shall be described as a riding pony, with quality, riding action, adequate bone and substance, hardiness and constitution and with pony character.

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WELSH PONY (COB TYPE)
not exceeding 13.2hh- Section C of the Stud Book



WELSH COB
no upper or lower height limit - Sections D of the Stud Book

- General Character..... Strong, hardy and active, with pony character and as much substance as possible.
- Colour*..... Any colour, except piebald and skewbald.
- Head..... Full of quality and pony character. A coarse head and Roman nose are most objectionable.
- Eyes..... Bold Prominent and set widely apart
- Ears Neat and well set.
- Neck Lengthy, and well carried. Moderately lean in the case of mares, but inclined to be cresty in the case of mature stallions.
- Shoulders Strong but well laid back.
- Forelegs..... Set square and not tied in at the elbows. Long, strong forearms. Knees well developed with an abundance of bone below them. Pasterns of proportionate slope and length. Feet well-shaped. Hoofs dense. When in the rough, a moderate quantity of silky feather is not objected to but coarse, wiry hair is a definite objection.
- Middlepiece: Back and loins, muscular, strong and well-coupled. Deep through the heart and well-ribbed up.
- Hindquarters: Lengthy and strong. Ragged or drooping quarters are objectionable. Tail well-set on.
- Hind Legs: Second thighs, strong and muscular. Hocks large, flat and clean, with points prominent, turning neither inwards nor outwards. The hind legs must not be too bent and the hock not set behind a line falling from the point of the quarter to the fetlock joint. Pasterns of proportionate slope and length. Feet well-shaped. Hoofs dense.
- Action..... Free, true and forcible. The knee should be bent and the whole foreleg should be extended straight from the shoulder and as far forward as possible in the trot. Hocks flexed under the body with straight and powerful leverage.



PART WELSH
no upper or lower height limit

There is no standard of excellence for a Part Welsh horse or pony.

The best inherit the strong constitution, good bone, courage, activity and equable temperament of the Welsh breeds that has led to worldwide renown.

It is therefore not surprising that Welsh animals are in such demand for crossing with other breeds, and there is a Welsh Part-Bred Register for horses, cobs and ponies whose breeding shows not less than 12.5% of Registered Welsh blood.