

LIGHT HORSE BREEDS:

ARABIANS:

- Origins: Arabian Peninsula. Bedouin Tribe. War horse, as well as family horse.
- Characteristics: Dished face. Compact. 1 less set of ribs and 1 less vertebrae. Large nostrils, arched neck, and large lungs aids in running across the desert.
- Size: Light Horse Breed. Average 15hh. Average 900-1,200lb... 1000lb
- Uses: War horse. Pleasure riding. Competition. School horse at AAEC. Endurance. Etc.
- Fountainhead of all breeds

THOROUGHBREDS:

- Origins: England. Racing. Hunting.
- Characteristics: Long legs. Big lungs. Deep chest.
- Size: Light horse breed. Average 17 hh. Average 1000 – 1,300 lbs.
- Uses: Racing. Triple Crown (Kentucky Derby, Preakness, Belmont)
- Jockey Club

QUARTER HORSE:

- Origins: Developed by the colonists to race the ¼ stretch through main street. Move west. Texas was influential in developing the breed.
- Characteristics: Stocky. Short back. Heavy muscle mass. Short head, helps them balance.
- Size: Light breed. Average 15hh. Average 900 – 1,200lbs

MORGAN:

- Origins: Massachusetts and Vermont. Justin Morgan obtained Figure as a debt payment.
- Characteristics: Arched neck and thick neck, slight dished head. Compact. Refined.
- Size: Light Horse. Average 14-15 hh. Average 900- 1,200lb
- Uses: Civil War. Cavalry. Today: Riding, Show, Pleasure. Etc

DRAFT BREEDS

CLYDESDALE:

- Origins: River of Clyde, Scotland. Agricultural uses.
- Characteristics: Bay in color. Gentle giants. Cold blooded. Tall, Slender. Feathering around their legs (fuzzy toes).
- Size: Average 17-19hh, 1,700-2,200lbs.
- Uses: mascot for a popular brewing company since 1933.

FRIESIAN:

- Origins: Friesland, Netherland
- Characteristics: Always Black! Tall, slender, lots of lean muscle. Feathering around legs. Elegant movers. Even though they are considered a draft breed, they are also considered a warm blood instead of cold blooded.

- Size: Average 15-18 hh, 1,500-2,000lbs
- Uses: recreational Riding, driving, dressage, show horse.

PONY BREEDS:

CHINCOTEAGUE:

- Origins: Assateague Island in the states of Virginia and Maryland in the United States. It is believed that they were shipwrecked by the Spanish in the 16th century and grew to be feral horses on the island.
- Characteristics: All colors are found(even pinto). Very sound and sturdy. Strong legs.
- Size: Average 13-15 hh, 800-1000lbs. Tend to be small on the island, but with better nutrition off the island, they can grow to the higher side of these averages.
- Uses: On the island- Feral, wild pony. Off the island- recreational uses such as riding, driving, etc. Often used for children do to their trainability and small size.