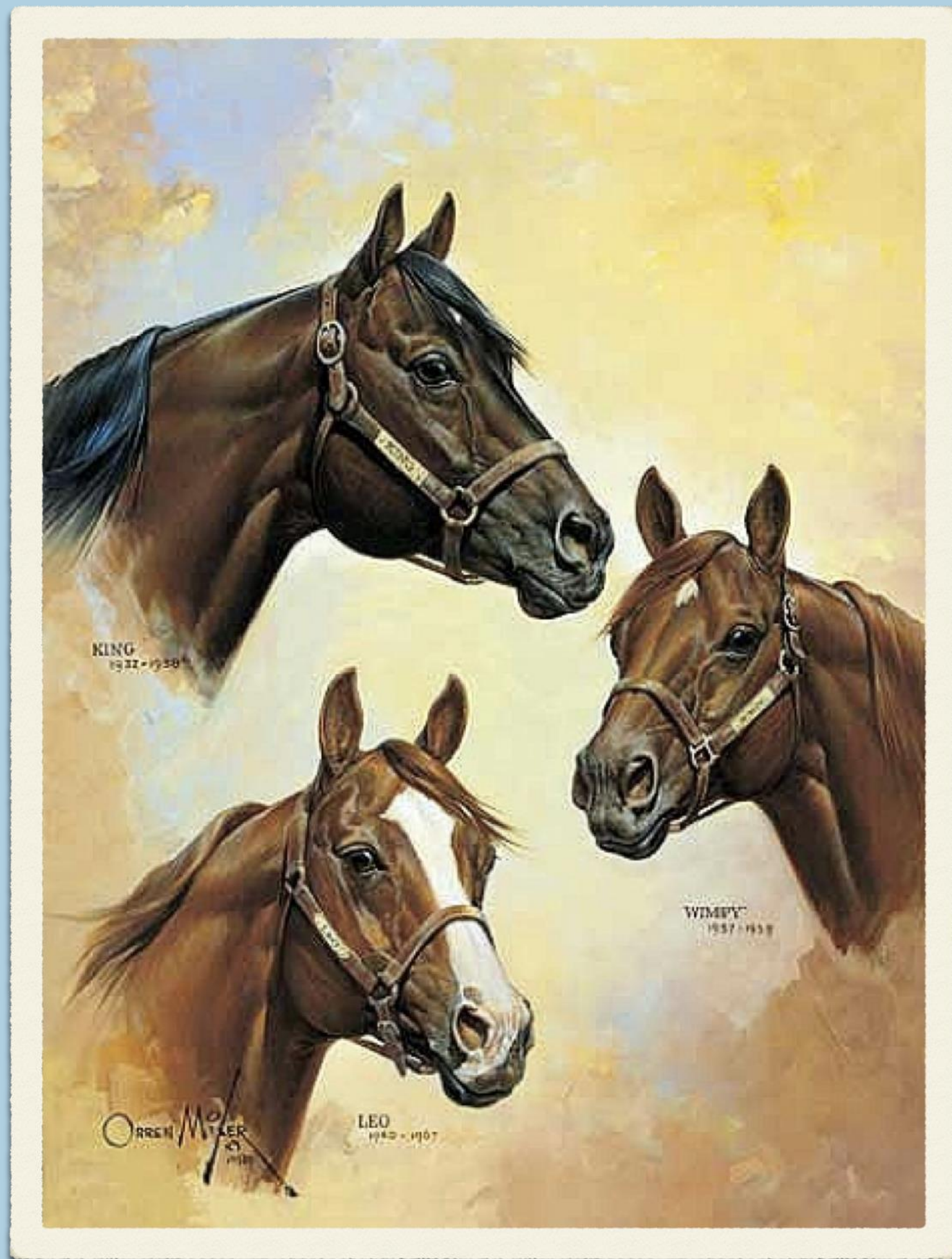


The American Quarter Horse



What is a Breed?

- * A group of horses having a common origin and possessing a certain well-fixed, distinctive, uniformly transmitted characteristics that are not common to other horses.





Origins - Colonial Era

- * 1600s, colonial Vermont
- * “Flat Racing” - horse racing that would go down the main street of town, typically a 1/4 mile
- * Thoroughbreds, Arabians, Barb, and light draft breeds(Morgans, Standardbreds)
- * “The Great American Quarter Racing Horse”



Origins - Colonial Era

- * Janus(foaled 1746)
 - * Thoroughbred grandson of the Godolphin Arabian
 - * Imported to Virginia in 1756
- * Janus and similar Thoroughbreds become very popular for their success in “flat racing”



Becoming a Breed

- * Breeding of “Flat Racing” horses to stocky types to create work horses
- * Kentucky produced foundation sires of the American Quarter Horse
 - * Steel Dust is born in 1844
 - * Traveller, born in 1889
 - * Peter McCue, born in 1895
- * “Cow Sense” - a natural instinct for working with cattle, making it popular with cattlemen on ranches



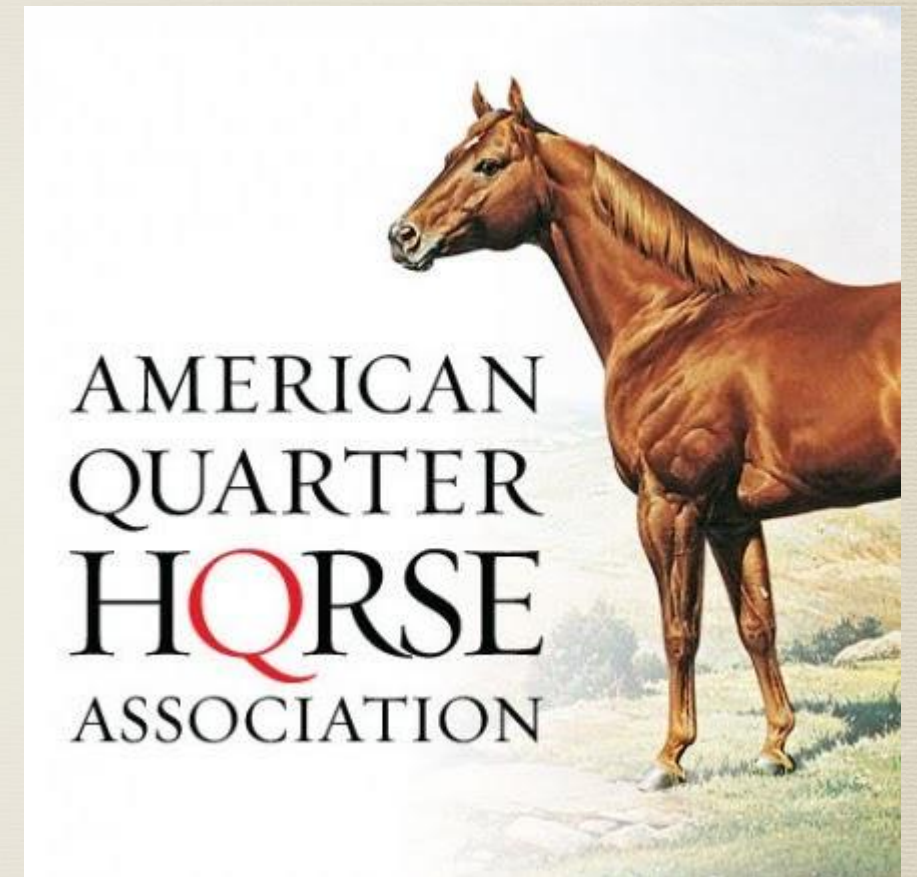
Becoming a Breed

- * Westward Expansion brought a need to
 - * Handle livestock and work on ranches
- * Major Texas cattle ranches played a significant role in the breeds development
 - * King Ranch
 - * Wagonner Ranch
- * Friendly competition between cowboys was that start of
 - * Rodeo



American Quarter Horse Association

- * AQHA
- * Formed in 1940
- * Formed by
 - * a group of horseman and ranchers
 - * From the southwest United States
 - * Dedicated to preserving the pedigrees of their ranch horses
 - * Pedigree – a record of descent/ancestry of an animal



Physical Characteristics

- * 14 - 16 hh Average
- * 900 - 1,200 lb Average
- * Short, wide heads
- * Short & Stocky body
- * Heavy muscular development
- * Deep, broad chests
- * Fast starting, turning and stopping abilities



* COLORS:

* Bay

* Black

* Chestnut

* Gray

* ADDITIONAL:

* Sorrel

* Brown/Liver Chestnut

* Buckskin

* Palomino

* Dun

* Grullo

* Red Dun

* Blue and Red Roan

The American Quarter Horse Color Chart



Gray



Black



Bay



Sorrel



Chestnut



Brown



Buckskin



Palomino



Dun



Grullo



Red Dun



Blue Roan



Red Roan

Behavior

- * Calm
- * Cooperative
- * Good natured disposition
- * Follower of the master



Disciplines

- * Racing
- * Ranching
- * Trail Riding
- * Showing
- * Rodeo

