

Type Definitions of Horses & Ponies

Show Hack

A Park Hack is over 148cm and does not exceed 158cm. A Hack is over 158cm. The ideal Show Hack should be a sound quality animal with excellent conformation and an even temperament. A top class Show Hack will also show elegance and gaiety and demonstrate very good movement. The stride is expected to be long, straight, and light covering a lot of ground with some extravagance. Exaggerated knee action is not desirable.

Lady's Hack

A Lady's Hack should be a very elegant horse suitable for the size of the lady riding it. It should give the general appearance of being a good match with the rider rather than a smaller horse as commonly thought. The horse should be well mannered and obedient but never dull or mechanical.

Gentleman's Hack

A Gentleman's Hack should be a quality animal with substance and bone. A horse with an appearance of strength without losing quality with powerful steps and one that carries his rider with ease and pride. The rider and horse should appear a good match.

Thoroughbred Hack

The Thoroughbred is a horse best bred for its use in horse racing. Thoroughbreds are considered hot blooded horses that are known for their agility, speed and spirit. The ideal Thoroughbred has an attractive head, athletic body, broad chest and a long easy stride.

Saddle Hunter

Over 148cm. The ideal Hunter under saddle should have substance, be active and well-mannered with strong easy paces. Must be able to show a good gallop. Saddle Hunter be it horse, or pony must be capable of carrying weight for long distances over varied country. A well-schooled quality workmanlike horse, with more bone and substance than the show hack. Should be a quality, bold upstanding type with a good length of rein, standing well over the ground.

Riding Horse

Over 148cm. This is a sound, quality Show Horse with presence. Slightly less elegance and gaiety than the Show Hack. It has more bone and substance than a Show Hack but not as heavy as a Saddle Hunter, with workman like strong even paces and able to produce a good gallop. Excellent conformation, manners and temperament and capable of carrying a lady or gentleman rider pleasantly over a longer journey.

Show Pony

See Show Hack description. Ponies should also have definite pony type and characteristics.

Saddle Hunter Pony

See Saddle Hunter description. Saddle Hunter Ponies should also have definite pony type and characteristics

Cobs

Cobs up to 155cm. Although the original native horses and ponies of Wales include the classification of Welsh Section C and D, Show Ring Cobs may be any breed. A cob is a deep bodied horse with generous hindquarters. The body is underpinned with more bone than desirable on a hack. The deep body gives the appearance of shorter legs. The head on cobs is handsome rather than pretty

and the general appearance is of a utility animal with a relatively high tail carriage. Since docking was outlawed it has been acceptable to bind and plait the tail although a pulled, banged tail is equally correct. The cob should appear to be a jaunty, jolly type offering a comfortable ride.

Sport Horses

Usually four, five or six-year olds. A chance for young horses that show potential to become top eventers, show jumpers or dressage horses. A breeder's shop window.