

## Standard of Excellence

The Dartmoor is a very good looking riding pony, sturdily built yet with quality. The maximum height is 12.2 hands high.

**COLOUR:** Bay, brown, black, grey, chestnut, roan. Piebalds and Skewbalds are not allowed. Excessive white markings should be discouraged.

**NECK & HEAD:** The head should be small with large kindly eyes and small alert ears. It should be well set on a good neck of medium length. The throat and jaws should be fine and showing no signs of coarseness or throatiness. Stallions to have a moderate crest.

**SHOULDERS:** Good shoulders are most important. They should be well laid back and sloping, but not too fine at the withers.

**BODY:** Of medium length and strong, well ribbed up with a good depth of girth giving plenty of heart room.

**LOIN & HINDQUARTERS:** Strong and well covered with muscle. The hindquarters should be of medium length and neither level nor steeply sloping. The tail is well set up.

**LIMBS:** The hocks should be well let down with plenty of length from hip to hock, clean cut and with plenty of bone below the hock. They should have a strong second thigh. They should not be "sickled" or "cow-hocked".

The forelegs should be short with ample good, flat, flinty bone. The pasterns should be sloping but not too long. The feet should be hard and well shaped.

**MOVEMENT:** Low and straight coming from the shoulder with good hock action but without exaggeration.

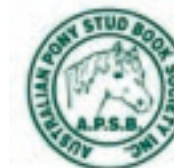
**GENERAL:** The main and tail should be full and flowing. The Dartmoor is a very good looking riding pony, sturdily built yet with quality.

## DARTMOOR PONY SOCIETY RULES FOR TRIMMING

- a) Long hairs under the jaw and those protruding from the ears may be trimmed
- b) Whiskers must not be trimmed
- c) The tail may be trimmed at the bottom if excessively long
- d) No dye or make-up may be used and no false tails
- e) Ridden/Driven ponies may be clipped in the interest of welfare, but not their legs
- f) False quarter marks are not allowed



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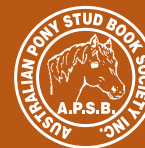


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## The Dartmoor Pony

One of the nine pony breeds registered under the umbrella of the Australian Pony Stud Book Society Inc. There is a separate section for the Dartmoor Pony within the Australian Pony Stud Book. They are allotted the suffix 'D' following their registered number. The height limit is 12.2hh.

The rugged waste of Dartmoor, in the extreme south-west of England, with its grim and towering tors, its rock strewn slopes and forbidding bogs-offering at best nothing but the poorest feed, would hardly commend itself to the uninformed as a suitable ground for feeding ponies; yet here are bred the famous Dartmoor ponies. Here for centuries unknown, the Dartmoor has lived and multiplied, while watchful and wise Nature has seen to it that only the fittest survived.

The first mention of them appeared in 1012 and between the late twelfth and fifteenth centuries the ponies were used extensively to carry tin off the Cornish moors to the Stannaries. When tin mining declined they were left to roam free on their native Dartmoor, apart from those required for work around the farms.

World War II hit the Dartmoor breed hard and its recovery was slow. Today the breed is in a healthy state and has become extremely popular as a children's riding pony.

Dartmoors have very good temperaments and make excellent first ponies, being quiet, kind and reliable. As second ponies, they have also proved their worth. They are well able to go hunting to do hunter trials and to showjump over the smaller courses.

Few Dartmoors are now bred actually on the Moor, but numerous studs of both pure and part bred Dartmoors exist all over the country.



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## History in Australia

The first recorded Dartmoors to come to Australia arrived in the early 1980s and were registered in the Dartmoor section of the Australian Pony Stud Book. They were the stallions, 'Langfield Mandingo', 'Boveycombe Buckthorn', 'Whitmore Genesis', and the mares 'Shilstone Rocks Hananiah' and 'Wyn Hill Purdy'.

Since then further ponies have been imported and although the numbers are only slowly growing, there is a lot of interest in the breed.

## The Dartmoor Pony

The Dartmoor is a good looking pony, compact, the best of them conforming well to the accepted standard of any riding horse or pony. Possessing a certain elegance that is pleasing to the eye. They will often see a large family of children through from the oldest to youngest and then give good service when passed on to another family.

