

THE EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

BREED STANDARD

1. Height
The preferred Height Range is Stallions & Geldings 11.3hh (119.4 cm) to 12.3hh (129.5 cm) at maturity.
Mares 11.2hh (116.8 cm) to 12.2hh (127 cm) at maturity.
2. General Appearance
Definite “pony” character; hard and strong; vigorous & alert and symmetrical in appearance; mealy muzzle; prominent hooded toad eye
3. Head and Neck
Ears short, thick and pointed; clean cut face; wide forehead, eyes large, wide apart & prominent with well defined fleshy hood and pale colouration outlining the eyes (Toad Eyes); wide nostrils; mealy muzzle; clean throat; good length of rein.
4. Shoulders:
Clean, fine at top, well laid back.
5. Chest
Deep and wide between and behind forelegs; Ribs long, deep, well sprung and wide apart.
6. Back:
Level; broad and level across loins; tail neatly set in.
7. Legs:
Clean & short, with neat uniformly dark hoof walls; forelegs straight, well apart and squarely set; hind legs well apart, nearly perpendicular from hock to fetlock with point of hock in line with pelvis bone; wide curve from flank to hock joint; legs free in motion with no tendency to sweep or turn.
8. Action:
Straight and smooth, without exaggerated action.
9. Coat:
Summer - close, hard and bright.
Winter - a double-layered dense coat with an under insulating layer of fine, springy hair and an outer waterproofing layer of hard, greasy hair.
10. Colour:
Bay, brown or dun, with black points; mealy colour on muzzle, round eyes and inside flanks; no white markings anywhere.
11. Quality:
Alert expression and general poise indicating balance and symmetry of movement; flat clean bone.