



Kentucky 4-H Horse Volunteer Certification Resource Kit



Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse

Type: Light Breed

Origin: Eastern Kentucky

Uses: Trail riding, small-scale farming, family horse, gentle

Important Traits: Ability to carry rider safely over rough ground. Gaited horses known for sure-footedness. Mountain Horses have three gaits, a trail walk, a single foot, and a canter.

Size: 11-15.2 Hands

<u>Description:</u> The Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horses are small-to-medium size, lean musculature, although athletic. They have a flat profile that is not dished or Roman. Little to no withers is desirable. The topline should be strong, with a rounded croup and a natural tail set.

<u>Color Pattern:</u> May be any solid color with white on the lower legs or face. White body spots above the knee or the hocks are permitted by the Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse Association, which has a branch called Spotted Mountain Horse Association.

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