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## Norwegian Fjord

Type: Light Breed

Origin: Norway

**Uses:** Harness, saddle, pleasure riding, showing, ranch work, etc.

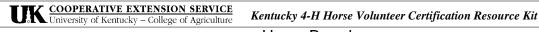
Important Traits: Endurance, comfortable gaits, easily trained

Size: 13.2 to 14.2 Hands

**Description:** The Norwegian Fjord has a medium sized head with a flat, broad forehead and a slightly dished, or straight faced. Ears are alert and small, nostrils are open and flared, and the eyes are large. The neck is short and muscular. The body is short with developed muscles and well-sprung ribs. The outer hairs of the mane are white while the center hairs are dark, usually black. The mane is typically cut short so it stands, showing the curve of the neck.

<u>Color Pattern:</u> 90% of Norwegian Fjords are brown dun, the remaining 10% are red, gray, pale gold, or yellow dun. They always have a dorsal stripe running from the forelock down the neck through the middle of the mane, across the back and into the tail. Norwegian Fjord's have primitive markings on their legs and may also have dark stripes over their withers.

Photos courtesy of the Norwegian Fjord Horse Registry





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