

Gypsy Horse

The Gypsy Cob is arguably the most personable horse in the world. The majority of them just enjoy the company of people. Their flashy feather, long manes and tails and interesting colour patterns all add to the appeal of these delightful horses.

An incredibly versatile horse with a great aptitude for learning, the Gypsy Cob is only limited by your imagination. Under saddle or in harness, learning tricks, dressage, show jumping and even vaulting or working stock. They are also fantastic around children and make a great choice for the whole family.

The Australasian Gypsy Horse Society is a non profit organisation to register and promote all Gypsy Horses and their derivatives in Australia and New Zealand. The title "Gypsy Horse" was chosen for the society as we feel it is more politically correct, combining the many names given to these horses and also encompasses part bred gypsies and the Drum Horse, a breed in development derived from Shire, Clydesdale and Gypsy Cob foundation stock, which is also represented by the Society.

Our Mission Statement

To promote the "Gypsy Cob" by encouraging the breeding of pure and part bred Gypsy Horses for all to enjoy. To provide an information website for Gypsy Cob lovers and to educate the public about these wonderful horses. To create an impartial DNA registry of all purebred and part bred gypsy horses, that is open to viewing for the purpose of tracking parentage.

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Introducing the Gypsy Horse



Gypsy Horse History

The Gypsy Cob is synonymous with the Gypsy people, or Romani. Generations after generations of breeding they have created a hardy breed of horse that was constitutionally sound with a willing and even temperament.

These horses became a symbol of wealth and prosperity within the Romani culture and it was not unheard of for negotiations for a good mare or stallion to go on for days.

This awesome respect for their animals led to the saying -

"Gypsy Gold does not clink and glitter, it gleams in the sun, and neighs in the dark".

Conformation

The Gypsy Cob has the conformation of a small draft horse. They were developed by the mixing of Shire and Clydesdale bloodlines with the native British pony breeds such as the Fell, Dale and Welsh. By winnowing the breed over hundreds of generations they were able to produce an animal that combines the best traits of all of breeds.

The Gypsy Cob has solid bone with an abundance of feathering, mane and tail. Today, they stand between 13 and 15.2 hands, although 'good' cobs can be found outside these ranges.

They are available in every colour, with many of the breeders preferring either pinto colours or loud sabino markings.



Temperament

The trademark of a Gypsy Cob is temperament, which is without doubt its most valuable aspect. As they were living with the Romani they were expected to be docile and tractable at all times, with a gentle disposition.

An important factor with the younger members of the family frequently using them as jungle gyms! What distinguishes the Gypsy Cob is that it loses none of its intelligence or personality to obtain this honest temperament.

The workload expected of these horses meant that those animals with 'weak hearts' were soon weeded out. Any not capable of a consistent ground eating trot for hours on end were quickly sold on at the next town. The end result is a hard-working and willing partner for any equestrian discipline, be it ridden or driven.

So whilst the Gypsy serves well as an all round companion pony, it can serve equally well as a competitive horse. The Gypsy Cob has competed successfully in everything from camp drafting to high school dressage.