

## Indian Horse Description

Virtually every color known to the horse appears in this breed; he is sometimes appaloosa spotted, sometimes paint and sometimes solid color with every variation imaginable occurring. He is well made, has excellent feet and legs and has as much savvy as any horse that ever lived. Height ranges from 13 to 16 hands; weight 700 to 1,000 pounds with a few individuals over or under.

The Indian Horse's loyalty is legend as is their toughness and intelligence and anyone who is fortunate enough to share their lives with one knows how truly special they are.

The American Indian Horse Registry was established in 1961 for the purpose of collecting, recording & preserving the pedigrees of American Indian Horses. The Registry is currently housed at Rancho San Francisco near Lockhart, TX, together with a collection of western and Indian Americana & a library pertaining to the history of the American Indian Horse.

There are 5 classifications of registration with the AIHR:

**Class O-** Class O horses are not bred to conform to popular current standards but to preserve original bloodlines of Native American Indian tribes. Most horses registered with the SMR, SSMA, SBBA as well as other "Mustang" registries, qualify for O classification.

**Class AA-** Class AA horses are at least ½ O in breeding or are of exceptional O type. BLM horses may qualify for AA classification. To be inspected and to qualify as AA on inspection a horse must be at least 4 years of age.

**Class A-** Class A horses are horses with unknown bloodlines, but who are Indian Horse type. Most BLM horses qualify for A registration as well as many so called "grade" or "backyard" horses. Class A horses are eligible to be inspected at age 4 or over and may be passed to Class AA.

**Class M-** Class M horses include breeding of modern type. They may have parents registered with the AQHA, ApHC, APHA, APA, etc. Such ancestry will be shown on the registration certificate.

**Class P-** is for ponies of Indian Horse type. Eligible ponies include those with Galiceno, POA, etc, in their pedigrees. Ponies of unknown ancestry may also qualify.

No horse or pony exhibiting draft breeding will be registered with AIHR.