



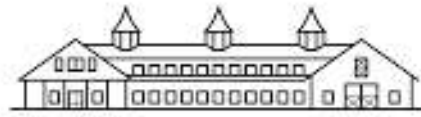
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# HORSE BREEDS

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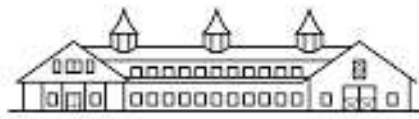
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It's important that we continue  
*growing together* even when  
we cannot spend time  
together! Our team compiled  
this book of horse breeds to  
keep you engaged and learning  
all about our equine friends!

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# Welsh Cob



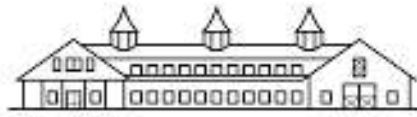
Tap Dance is a Welsh Cob

## Read about the breed

The breed originated in Wales and Great Britain in the 1600's and were later used in Great Britain's Coal Mines! Welsh Cobs were introduced to the United States in the late 1800's and were used in the agriculture industry. These beautiful equines make wonderful companions. They're seen across the country today in many different disciplines including show jumping, fox hunting, therapeutic riding, and competitive driving. Welsh Cobs can come in any solid color you can imagine! Bay, Chestnut, Black, Grey, you name it! Our Welsh Cob, Tap Dance, is a flea-bitten grey!

## Discussion:

Look up pictures of Welsh Cobs. What are some features that make them different from other equine breeds?



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# Arabian



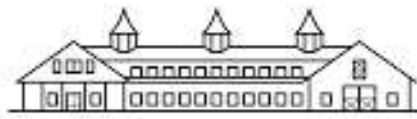
Stinky is an Arabian

## Read about the breed

Arabians are one of the oldest breeds of horses. They have been around for about 4,500 years! Known for their beautiful head-set and high-set tail, these horses have been a source of inspiration for artists all over the world! Arabian horses were first bred in the Middle East, and were brought to regions in Egypt and Rome to be ridden in the calvary. Arabians are known for their speed and endurance. The breed was introduced to America in the 1600s. Almost every other breed in America has some Arabian bloodlines! Arabians are used today in many disciplines including endurance riding, dressage, and barrel racing. Arabian horses are typically black, chestnut, grey, or white. Our Arabian, Stinky is a former 15 time Virginia Western Pleasure State Champion!

## Discussion:

Why would an Arabian horse be a good addition to a Therapeutic Riding center?



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# Thoroughbred



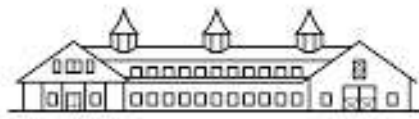
River is a Thoroughbred

## Read about the breed

Thoroughbreds are direct descendants of Arabian horses! This breed was developed selectively to promote horse racing in England. The whole breed can be traced back to three "foundation" horses. Thoroughbreds are usually larger than Arabians and some of their key features include a broad chest, tall and lanky stature, and a lot of muscle! This breed was designed to run very fast for short periods of time. American Thoroughbreds come in just about any color you can imagine! Although they were primarily bred for horse racing, they are in high demand in other disciplines like show jumping, cross country, and barrel racing! Our Thoroughbred, River used to compete in 3 star eventing!

## Discussion:

Can you name 3 famous Thoroughbreds?



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# Quarter Horse



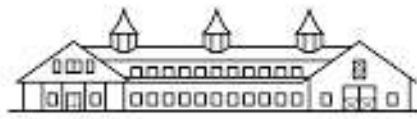
Lovey is a Quarter Horse

## Read about the breed

Quarter horses, like thoroughbreds, were bred to run short distances. The name "Quarter Horse" was coined because this breed can frequently outrun others in races under a quarter mile! Quarter Horses were introduced to the United States in the early 1600's and took over the horse racing industry. Quarter Horses were bred with Thoroughbreds to give them a "leg up" in the horse-racing world. Quarter Horses still race in many breed-specific races, but they are one of the most common breeds to see in lesson programs teaching new riders because of their laid-back demeanor and their study build. The American Quarter Horse is the most popular breed in the United States today, and the American Quarter Horse Association is the largest breed registry in the world. Quarter horses come in nearly all colors. Our Quarter Horse Lovey is paint colored!

## Discussion:

What are some other horse disciplines Quarter Horses are used for today?



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# Appendix



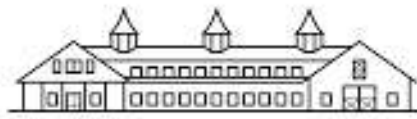
Jasper is an Appendix

## Read about the breed

An Appendix is a cross between a registered quarter horse and a registered thoroughbred. The ideal result is a horse with the quarter horse's calmer disposition and the thoroughbred's athletic ability. One of the best characteristics of Appendix horses is their versatility. With the proper training they can excel in any discipline. Their appearance and height can vary based on bloodlines, it is not unheard of to have a 17 hand Appendix, and there have been some as little as 14.2 hands! Appendix horses can also come in any color! Our Appendix, Jasper is 16 hands tall and dun colored!

## Discussion:

Due to their laid back personality, why do you think Appendix horses would be a good addition to a therapeutic riding program?



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# Pony of the Americas



Dixie is a Pony of the Americas

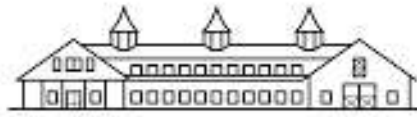
## Read about the breed

The breed "Pony of the Americas " is often abbreviated "P.O.A." The breed was first introduced in the 1950's when a shetland pony breeder bought an Arabian/Appaloosa cross mare that was bred with a Shetland pony stallion. The result was the first P.O.A. stallion, born with appaloosa markings, a beautiful Arabian face, and a petite build! This breed has grown significantly in the last 70 years. P.O.A.'s are often seen in English and Western riding programs featuring western games, trail riding, and English pleasure. Despite having the size and name "pony", the breed has the physical characteristics of a small horse. Their characteristics are more like a Quarter Horse, or Arabian, and not like a true pony breed. Our P.O.A. Dixie has the build of a small horse, and the personality of a spicy pony!

## Discussion:

Look up Apaloosa color patterns! What is your favorite and why?





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# Paint



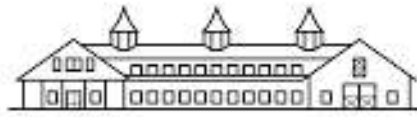
Dakota is a Paint Pony

## **Read about the breed**

The term "Paint" can refer both to a horse's color pattern, and their breed! The breed was originally developed in Spain before the colonization of America. The American Paint Horse shares a common ancestry with the Quarter Horse and the Thoroughbred. Quarter Horses were later used for transportation and work because of the horse's inherent strength, agility, and stamina. The Paint Horse is used in a variety of equestrian disciplines, most commonly Western pleasure, reining, and other Western events, although it is now common to see Paint horses in all equestrian disciplines! Paint horses are known for their unique color patterns and their stocky build. Paint horses can either be Piebald (black and white) or skewbald (brown and white).

## **Discussion:**

Is Dakota a Skewbald or Piebald Paint pony? Why?



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# Miniature Horse



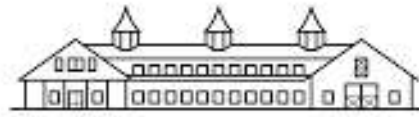
Ginger and Peter Pan are Miniature Horses

## Read about the breed

Miniature horses are horses defined by their small height. They can be found in many nations, particularly in Europe and the Americas, and are the result of centuries of selective breeding. Depending on the particular breed registry involved, the height of these horses is usually less than 34-38 inches as measured to the withers. Miniature horses are bred to be friendly and interact well with people. For this reason they are often kept as family pets, but must be treated like an equine, even if they primarily serve as a companion or service animal. Miniature horses are also trained for driving, equine agility, and other competitive horse show type events.

## Discussion:

What activities are not listed above that our minis get to participate in?



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# Percheron



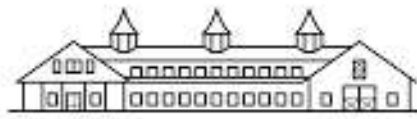
Polly and Shay are Percherons

## Read about the breed

The Percheron Horse originated in France, and was introduced to the United States in the 1800's. This breed has been the most influential in the American Agriculture industry. Percherons were bred to do a tremendous amount of farm work in one day. They are able to pull giant loads and carry heavy farm equipment. Percherons are a draft breed, but they typically stay between 16 and 17 hands, making them one of the shorter draft breeds in the horse world. Most commonly, Percherons are black or grey in color. Because of their docile temperament, many people refer to them as "Gentle Giants!" Today, Percherons are used in many disciplines like fox hunting, vaulting, and competitive driving. When crossed with lean breeds like thoroughbreds, they make fantastic eventing horses!

## Discussion:

We have 2 resident Percherons at Madison Fields. What do you think some of their past jobs included? Hint: some are listed in the description above!



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# Trakehner



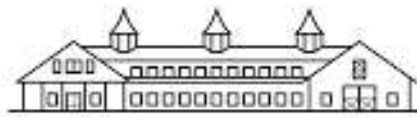
Schatzie is a Trakehner

## Read about the breed

Trakehner is a light warmblood breed of horse, originally developed at the East Prussian state stud farm in the town of Trakehnen from which the breed takes its name. The Trakehner typically stands between 15.2 and 17 hands. They can be any color. Trakehners are athletic and trainable, with good endurance, while some are more spirited than horses of other warmblood breeds. While Trakehners compete in nearly all equestrian disciplines, they are particularly prized as dressage mounts, due to their sensitivity, intelligence and way of going. Our Trakehner, Schatzie competed all over Montgomery County in her previous career as a hunter jumper.

## Discussion:

What is the name of the Trakehner on the United State's show jumping team that brought home a gold medal at the 1984 Olympics?



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# Oldenburg



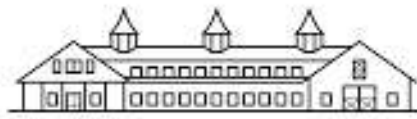
Lua is an Oldenburg

## Read about the breed

The Oldenburg is a warmblood horse from the north-western corner of Lower Saxony, what was formerly the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg. This breed was originally bred from Friesian horses to pull carriages for transportation. This breed began to grow when the need for carriage horses declined in the 1970's and these horses started to be bred to be sport horses. Oldenburg's are tall sport horses with excellent gaits and jumping ability. The modern Oldenburg can best be identified by the "O" and crown brand on the left hip. You can find Oldenburg horses in Olympic horse sports today, and they usually excel in dressage. Oldenburg horses have been known to rank as one of the most successful breeds in the dressage ring.

## Discussion:

Why might breeders cross carriage pulling horses with Thoroughbreds to build a more athletic breed?



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# Canadian Warmblood



CC is an Canadian Warmblood

## **Read about the breed**

Bred throughout Europe for over 200 hundred years, the Warmblood horse's history has been recorded all over the world since the times of Monarchies and Dukedoms. Warmblood horses combine the athleticism of the Thoroughbred with the movement, substance, power, and trainability of the early military horse. Today's Warmblood has evolved from the farm/military horse of the 19th century. Modern Warmbloods can be found competing in nearly all equestrian disciplines and are known for being popular Olympic mounts. CC is considered a "Canadian" Warmblood because she was born in Canada! CC is personally owned by Madison Fields Program Director Jessica Oyarzo!

## **Discussion:**

Look up 3 Olympic horse sports! Challenge: Name 3 Olympic Warmblood mounts!