



# Mule

**Origin:** Middle East

**Uses:** Riding, pack, or draft animal, showing

**Important Traits:** Nearly always sterile, good night vision, extremely strong, strong hooves, long ears.

**Size:** Varies depending on parents

**Description:** Mules are originated by the cross between a donkey and a mare. As expected, a mule has traits from both horses and donkeys. Mules are classified using three characteristics: use, size, and appearance. Miniature or pony mules are 40 to 48 inches tall at the withers. Saddle mules are 54 inches or more and round-barreled enough to carry a saddle and rider. Pack mules weight around 1000 pounds and are sturdy and short. Work mule are the new classification for farm mule. This type of mule weighs 900 to 1300 pounds and is used for pulling wagons and equipment. Draft mules are the final category. They weigh 1200 to 1600 pounds and are at least 60 inches tall.

**Color Pattern:** Any color, based on the traits from either parent

