



# Shetland Pony

**Type:** Pony, Light Breed

**Origin:** Shetland Islands, Great Britain

**Uses:** Pet, child mount, driving small vehicles

**Important Traits:** Hard and strong, gentle and versatile

**Size:** 10.2 Hands

**Description:** The U.S. has separate breed standard for each type of Shetland pony. The Classic Shetland pony has a short head with large nostrils, a wide forehead, sharp, small ears, a fine muzzle, and bright eyes. The body is sturdy with substance in the hindquarter and chest. The tail sets high on the croup. The Modern Shetland pony is strong and blends the classic pony with quality and refinement. The neck is well arched and the head is carried high.

**Color Pattern:** Any color except appaloosa. No particular coat or eye color is preferred. The most popular colors are black and dark brown. May come with silver dapples, which is unique to the Shetland pony.

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