Horse Breeds
Kentucky 4-H Horse Volunteer Certification Resource Kit
Pony of the Americas

Type: Pony, Light Breed

Origin: Iowa, originated from the Appaloosa breed

Uses: Competition mount and pleasure riding, especially for children and young adults

Important Traits: Rugged and athletic

Size: 11.5 to 14 Hands

Description: The Pony of the Americas is a medium-sized pony with large eyes and a slightly dished profile. Hooves have vertical dark stripes.

Color Pattern: Blanket and Leopard patterns are common. Many ponies are roan. Any irregular edges on patches, similar to a paint or pinto, are prohibited. The horse must have mottled skin somewhere on its body, have visible white sclera, and striped hooves.

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