



Wild Horse

Type: Light Horse, different breeds

Origin: Great Plains, North America

Uses: Many are adopted to become ranch horses, family pets, trail riding horses, etc.

Important Traits: Tough, adaptability

Size: 13.2 to 15 Hands

Description: A bill prohibiting the use of motorized vehicles when hunting burros and wild horses on public land was introduced by a Nevada Congressman in January in 1959. This bill became known as the “Wild Horse Annie Act.” Citizens still saw a need for management, protection and control of the wild horses. The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act was introduced in 1971 and amended by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act in 1976 and the Public Rangelands Improvement Act in 1978. The 1976 act allowed Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to manage wild horses and burros on public lands by using motorized vehicles and helicopters. The 1978 act established and reaffirmed the need for identification of public rangeland conditions, the continuance of protecting wild horses and burros from branding, harassment, capture or death while still facilitating the removal and disposal of wild horses and burros who pose a threat to themselves, others or the habitat. Finally, the act allows a transfer of title to an individual who has adopted a removed wild horse or burro if the animal has received proper treatment from the person for one year. The Bureau of Land Management currently monitors Wild Horses.

Color Pattern: Any variety

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