



Miniature Horse

family Equidae



What is the history of my relationship to man?

Miniature horses are friendly and interact well with people. For this reason they are often kept as family pets, though they still retain natural horse behavior and must be treated like an equine, even if they primarily serve as a companion animal. They are also trained as service animals.

Habitat / Climate

Can be pastured in most environments

Where am I from?

The original Miniature Horse comes from Europe. They were bred for the Nobility and used for Pets and to pull children around in carts.



Who are my relatives?

The Falabella Horse is one of the original mini horses, it comes from South America. My big cousins are the pony and standard size horses. My distance relatives are Equine like the Zebra or Donkey.



Other family members:

Zebra
Donkey

Breeding

Gestation 310 days

How am I born?

I am born feet first, all four feet first. I am able to stand within an hour. When I am standing I immediately nuzzle my mother looking for milk. My eyes are open and I have a full coat of hair.

Breeding Season

How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live

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Mini foals are very small, some standing only eight inches tall at birth, and mature to their adult height by the age of two. The average life span of miniature horses is from 25 to 35 years.

What kind of family life do I

If we were a wild horse we would live in herds. As a pet I live in pastures and barns and am cared for by people.

Names for
Adult male- Stallion
Adult Female- Mare
Young- Foal
Group:- Herd

What do I eat and when do I eat?

I eat grass, alfalfa and grains. I also like treats like carrots and apples. I need to watch my weight and exercise.

Who are my predators?

Wild horses need to keep watch out for big cats and wolves.



Comments:

Here at the Ranch we have two mini's, Sierra and Little Bit. Our mini Gelding, Little Bit, has Dwarfism.

The oldest living horse on record was a dwarf named Angel