

The NORTH AMERICAN CURLY HORSE

THE SMOOTH COAT CURLY

In what athletic discipline can I use my Smooth Coat Curly?

From trail horses, gaited pleasure horses, to dressage and eventing to driving and western working horses, the Smooth Coat Curly can do it all. The Smooth Coat Curly comes in all sizes and body types, so there is Smooth Coat Curly for everyone. Ride sneeze free today on a Smooth Coat Curly. Ask a Curly breeder to arrange a visit and if you are allergic to horses, let the breeder know so they can help you.



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CURLY HORSE INFORMATION

COAT TYPES The Curly Horse comes in three coat types, a curly or marcel wave coat in winter that has a smooth sleek coat in summer generally, although some Curly horses keep some curl or wave in summer. Smooth Coats have a sleek summer coat and a fluffy coat in winter but lack the curls. Some Smooth Coats have what we call “Bunny Fur”, these are fluffy swirly plush coats without curls in winter.



“Bunny Fur” Smooth Coat

Whether in the draft influenced, pony, miniature or in one of several saddle types, the North American Curly horse is a very naturally successful horse. We look for a hardy, sound, well proportioned, well- balanced curly-coated horse or Smooth Coat, with a forward way of going with an overall desirable conformation. It will show a gentle, calm, docile demeanor, yet remains alert. It will exhibit friendliness, intelligence, and a willing, dedicated work ethic.

The majority of Curly coated horses come from the North American West and Canada. They were part of the Mustang and Native American and Indigenous horses. Some of these horses were born with a Curly hair coat. There are several curly coat genes responsible for Curly coated horses, they are dominant curly coat genes, which means it is either inherited or it is not. When the coat gene is not inherited we get a Curly horse lineage pedigree but in a Smooth Coat (straight haired horse). We also have another line of Curly Coated horses from the Eastern US that is also a dominant curly coat gene and the horses are gaited. Many of this line also carry Missouri Foxtrotter bloodlines. When the coat gene is not inherited we have a gaited Foxtrotter Smooth Coat.

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The domestic Curly and Smooth Coat horse of today is still a horse designed more by Mother Nature than by man, and it still has many survival and primitive characteristics as a result of that heritage. The North American Curly horse is a very unique horse of widely variable descriptions. Part of its very identity is this wide range of diverse types. Close to nature, and unique to man for all these reasons, the North American Curly horse of today is still a horse known for its solid rugged natural ability and adaptability, and its wide diversity of size, color, and type. These Smooth Coat Curly horses have good bone, soundness and curious temperaments.

HYOALLERGENIC QUALITIES THE CURLY COAT and the SMOOTH COAT both show hypoallergenic qualities for many people allergic to other types of horses. Some owners report that the Smooth Coats are more hypoallergenic than the Curly coats. If you are allergic to other horses and not fond of the curly coat, the Smooth Coat Curly is the horse for you.

SIZE Smooth Coat Curly horse saddle types are the most numerous kind of horses, typically ranging from 14.1 to 15.1 hands high. However, the amazing Smooth Coat horse comes in all sizes and shapes from large draft type horses down to Smooth Coat miniature horses, and everything in between.

COLOR There are no restrictions in color. All equine genetic coat colors, dilutes, eye colors, markings, and pigments are allowed, and probably all exist in the Smooth Coat Curly horse - none are penalized.

TEMPERAMENT Most horse breeds fondly claim their most intelligent or well-mannered members as being representatives of their breed. With Smooth Coat Curly horses, the majority of them are found to be consistently highly intelligent, naturally calm, and friendly, personable horses. Smooth Coat Curly horses are highly prized by their owners for both their peaceful dispositions and their ability and desire to use reason when frightened or challenged.



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The rare gem of the Curly horse population

Many people do not know Smooth Coat Curly horses exist and do not know why they are such important members of the Curly Horse population. Because of the nature of Curly horse dominant genes, when a horse has inherited two copies of the dominant gene they are called homozygous. When they breed to a Smooth Coat Curly they will always produce a Curly Coated foal and retain the pedigreed Curly line of the Smooth Coat Curly. This makes Smooth Coats a very important and valuable member of the breeding population of Curly horses and their unique Curly Breed Lines- Damele, NV Mustang, Salt Wells WY Mustang, Native Warrior, Aishihik, Canadian, Fredell, Curly Jim, Sulphur Mustang, Damele Miniature, Canadian Miniature, and Curly Jim Miniature.

