



## **Standard of Excellence for AMPS®** **& Appendix Ponies**

### **Presentation:**

Is to be at the discretion of the Owner / Exhibitor, i.e. to be shown to the pony's best advantage at the time of the year - the ideal presentation for a pony is in Summer Coat, but ponies which are either clipped or in heavy coat are not to be debarred from showing.

### **General:**

The Australian Miniature Pony is a small well-proportioned pony, possessing good temperament, not exceeding 87cms (Appendix 91.5cm) and free of hereditary unsoundness, exhibiting no vices, showing refinement and femininity in mares and boldness and masculinity in stallions.

The pony should be robust enough to pull an adult in a small vehicle and also the pony should possess the characteristics recognized of a typical pony in miniature.

### **Description:**

**Ears:** Small to medium size.

**Head:** Comparatively small, well in proportion to rest of the body, profile straight or slightly concave (dished) below eyes, comparatively small muzzle, round expressive eyes set well apart, comparatively short distance between eye and muzzle.

**Teeth:** Should meet evenly, no more than 3mm variation acceptable.

**Neck:** Light crested on mares and moderately crested on stallions. The length of the neck will be proportional to the body.

**Body:** Should have well sprung ribs, a generous girth, a slight natural curve in the back and strong well-rounded rump, the whole body shall present a picture of balance and shall be in proportion for the height. The body should not be coarse or overlong.

**Legs:** Are to be straight, true and squarely set, straight sound flat bone, strong forearm, short cannon bone, strong sloping pasterns,

**Action:** Should be smooth showing free flexion of the joints without exaggeration.

**Colors:** All colors are acceptable

**Size:** All ponies must not exceed 87cms (Appendix 91.5cm)

### **Disqualifications:**

1. Height not to be over 87cms for AMPS Registered Ponies or 91.5cm for Appendix Registered Ponies
2. Dwarfism
3. Overshot or parrot mouth in excess of 3mm maximum.
4. Monorchids or cryptorchids in stallions
5. Lock stifle, congenital cataract, nasal disease, malformation of genitals