



## Breed standards

### Pure Bred Cleveland Bays

**Height:** 16.0 hh to 16.2 hh,

**Colour:** Cleveland Bays must be bay with black points, ie. black legs, black mane and black tail. Grey hairs in mane and tail do not disqualify. They have long been recognised as a feature in certain strains of pure Cleveland blood. White, beyond a very small star, is outside breed standards, but as from January 2005 may still be registered at the discretion of the Breed Committee and will be noted on the passport and in the Stud Book. Legs which are bay or red below the knees and hocks do not disqualify, but are faulty as to colour.

**Body:** The body should be wide and deep. The back should not be too long, and should be strong with muscular loins. The shoulders should be sloping, deep and muscular. The quarters should be level, powerful, long and oval, the tail springing well from the quarters.

**Head and Neck:** The head characteristics of the breed should be bold and not too small. It should be well carried on a long lean neck.

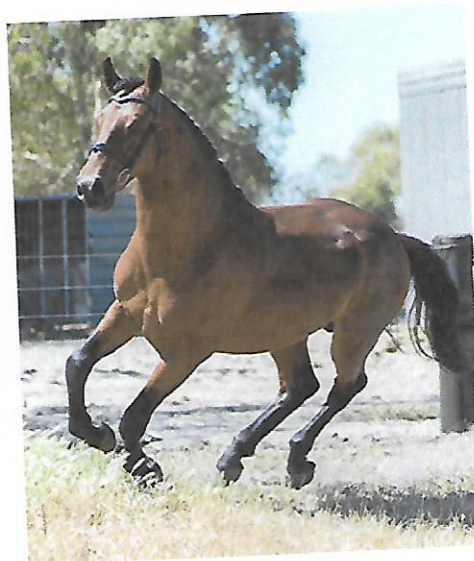
**Eyes:** Eyes should be large, well set and kindly in expression

**Ears:** Ears tend to be large and fine.

**The Limbs:** Arms and thighs and second thighs should be muscular. The knees and hocks should be large and well closed. There should be 9" upwards of good flat bone below the knee measured at the narrowest point on a tight tape. The pasterns should be strong and sloping and not too long, The legs should be clear of superfluous hair and as clean and hard as possible.

**The Feet:** One of the most important features of the breed. The feet must be of the best shape and blue in colour. Feet that are shallow or narrow are undesirable.

**Action:** Action must be true, straight and free. High action is not characteristic of the breed. The Cleveland that moves well and which is full of courage will move freely from the shoulder, and will flex his knees and hocks sufficiently. The action required is free all round, gets over the ground, and fits the wear-and-tear qualities of the breed.



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### Breed Standards for a Part Bred Cleveland Bay

Part bred Cleveland bays must have a minimum of 50% either by a registered pure bred stallion or out of a registered pure bred mare. Breed Standards are as per Pure Bred Cleveland Bays.

### Breed Standards for Cleveland Bay Sporthorses

Cleveland Bay Sporthorses are not a 'breed' as such, but are the term given to any crossbred Cleveland Bay – which may contain down to as little as 12.5% Cleveland Bay blood and still have one Great Grandparent in the Purebred Studbook. CB Sporthorses are not limited to being Bay in colour – as they will be influenced by the genetics of the horses they are crossed with. These horses will typically display a lot of the Cleveland Bay traits – be they temperament, bone, trainability and/or colour, making them an ideal horse for all disciplines.