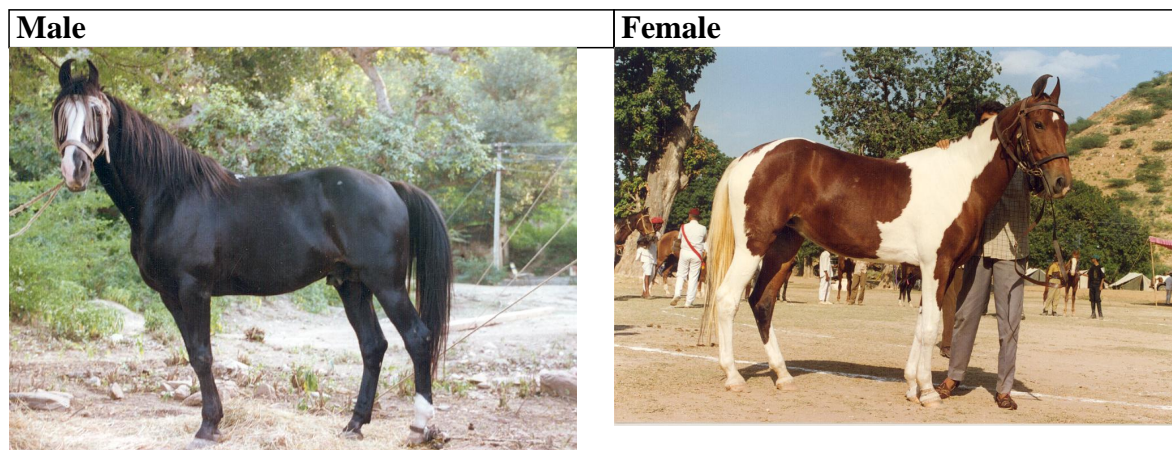


Breed Descriptor of Marwari (Horse)



Breeding Tract			
State: Rajasthan	Udaipur		
	Sikar		
	Pali		
	Jhunjhunu		
	Barmer		
	Ajmer		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	71.25 - 75.33		
Latitude (deg.)	25.22 - 27.42		
General Information			
Synonyms	Malani		
Origin	Selective breeding by Rajput rulers to meet the needs of their cavalry resulted in development of this resilient and elegant breed. It has the influence of Turkman horses from central Asia. Named after area of its origin i.e. Marwar region of Rajasthan.		
Major utility	Socio-cultural- Game, religious ceremonies; Work-riding		
Comments on utility	These days the Horses are bred for sports, as police chargers, ceremonial or marriage and for personal interest.		
Comments on breeding tract	Area called Malani (Madiyad, Malaan, Maheva) in Barmer district of Rajasthan is the nucleus of breeding of Marwari Horses. These are also found Banaskantha and Meshana districts of Gujarat bordering Rajasthan.		
Adaptability to environment	Arid and semi arid		
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	1997	500	Estimate given by NRC Equines, Hisar. Annual Report. 1997-98.

	2001	5000	3000 in Rajasthan and 2000 in Gujarat). Source: Marwari Horse Society, Jodhpur.
	2013	38696	Source: Estimated Livestock Population Breed Wise Based on Breed Survey 2013. Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Government of India, New Delhi
Management			
Management system	Intensive		
Mobility	Stationary		
Feeding of adults	Fodder and Concentrate		
Comments on Management	Herd size is generally 2-3 but it goes up to 20 in some cases. The owners care the horses like their kids. Farmers practice grooming twice a day.		
Morphology			
Colour	The most prevalent body colours are : Dark Brown (Musky or Bhawar), Bay (Kumet), Dark Bay (Telia Kumet), Chestnut (Surang), Dun (Champa), Grey (Swet), Fleabitten Grey (Kagra), Skewbald (Lal Ablak), Pie Bald (Kala Ablak).		
Horn shape and size			
Visible characteristics	Head is long with soft and medium muzzle. Forehead is flat and broad. Ears are medium in size, soft and curved inward at the tips which are often touching, and can rotate 180 degrees. Nasal bone is flat and long.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	156.0	154.0	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	154.0	153.0	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	169.0	171.0	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	361.0	339.0	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)			32.8
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Age at first parturition (months)	62.6	41.0	82.0
Parturition interval (months)	21.08	12.0	24.0
Any Peculiarity of the breed	It has strong limbs with clearly defined tendons, square frame and a thin coat which has the ability to cope with heat and cold without excessive dehydration. It has a well developed sense of smell and hearing which is very useful in desert.		