**Breed Descriptor of Halari (Donkey)**

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| **Male** | **Female** |
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| **Breeding Tract** |  |
| State: Gujarat | Devbhoomi Dwarka |
|  | Jamnagar |
| **Location** |  |
| Longitude (deg.) | 69.39 - 69.42 |
| Latitude (deg.) | 22.12 - 22.13 |
| **General Information** |  |
| Synonyms | Desi |
| Origin | Local. Named after area of its origin i.e. Halar in Jamnagar district of Gujarat. Halar was first established with this name by Jam Shri Rawalji Lakhaji, a Jadeja Rajput, in 1540 |
| Major utility | Pack animal, donkey cart |
| Comments on utility | Bharwad and Rabari Pastorals mainly use this donkey as pack animal to carry luggage during migration with small ruminants. Kumbhar (Potter) community also uses this animal for pottery work in Dwarka, Jamnagar region. Also used as pack/ donkey cart to carry mud and bricks in brick making work |
| Comments on breeding tract |  |
| Adaptability to environment | Excellent drought & heat tolerance capacity, walking ability, and adaptability to extensive pattern of rearing & management |

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| **Population** |  |  |  |
|  | Year | Population | Other information |
|  | 2016 | 1112 | Source: Field Survey made Halari donkey breeders and by Sahjeevan Trust |

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| **Management** |  |
| Management system | Extensive |
| Mobility | Nomadic |
| Feeding of adults | Grazing |
| Comments on Management | Majority of Halari donkey owners are pastoralists and they follow extensive pattern for donkey rearing and management. These pastoralists regularly migrate to other districts. Pastoral women, generally, take care of Halari donkeys. Breeders usually keep few females and one or two breeding males and breed them selectively |

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| **Morphology** |  | | |
| Colour | White | | |
| Horn shape and size |  | | |
| Visible characteristics | Muzzle and hooves are black. Mane is whit. Forehead and nasal bone are mostly convex. Ears are mostly erect. Back is mostly concave. Halari donkey has a strong built and large size | | |
|  | Male | Female | Overall |
| Height (avg. cm.) | 108.04 | 107.25 |  |
| Body Length (avg. cm.) | 116.71 | 114.6 |  |
| Heart girth (avg. cm.) | 119.39 | 119.03 |  |
| Body weight (avg. kg.) | 143.0 | 138.0 |  |

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| **Performance** |  | | |
|  | Average | Minimum | Maximum |
| Age at first parturition (months) | 36.93 | 27.0 | 48.0 |
| Parturition interval (months) | 12.15 | 12.0 | 14.0 |
| Any Peculiarity of the breed | Bharwad Pastoralist maintain Halari donkey herd with few elite Jacks to breed and sell young foals and surplus donkeys in Vautha donkey fair, an annual donkey fair organized in Vautha village of Dholka Taluka of Ahmedabad District. Buyers come from different regions of Gujarat and other states | | |