



# AUSTRALIAN QUARTER PONY ASSOCIATION

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## GENERAL INFORMATION FACT SHEET

### QUARTER PONIES IN AMERICA

In 1964 the American Quarter Pony Association was set up to register both quarter ponies and stock of unknown breeding with approved western type conformation. They decided to follow the American Quarter Horse Association and only allow the registration of solid colored stock. The International Quarter Pony Association was later started to cater for quarter pony and western type ponies of any colour (appaloosa, paint etc). Acceptance of various colours is enabling breeders to breed those all so sought after colour patterns such as tobiano and overo paints as well as appaloosas onto the quarter pony size and conformation.

### QUARTER PONIES IN AUSTRALIA

Quarter Ponies have been bred in Australia since the early days when the first Quarter Horses, Paint Horses and Appaloosas were imported into Australia. A few of these crosses have been registered as ponies as they are not eligible for registration in the various "Horse" Associations. Most were not registered at all.

The Australian Quarter Pony Association was formed in early 2006 to promote Quarter Ponies within the Australian horse industry. We felt it was time these versatile and fantastic little ponies were able to be recognised and registered as a breed in their own right!

AQPA registers approved western bred and quarter horse type ponies of ALL colours, be it solid, dilute or one displaying paint or appaloosa colour patterns. This means ONE membership for all people breeding and showing Quarter Ponies. Breeders have the option of breeding different colors without having to register in separate associations. We offer separate colour sections under the ONE banner of the AQPA.

### THE QUARTER PONY

A Quarter Pony is

- a pony that has good quarter type, conformation and disposition
- a pony that is from 11.2hh up to and including 14.2 hands
- in any colour and coat pattern
- with a naturally outstanding temperament

### REGISTRATION

The Australian Quarter Pony Association (AQPA) offers registration to ponies between 11.2hh and 14.2hh of any colour with Quarter Pony and approved western bred or quarter horse type breeding. As there are very few officially registered purebred Quarter Ponies in Australia we currently have a (limited) open stud book. The AQPA also offers registration to ponies and horses between 11.2hh and 15hh that are used as Quarter Pony breeding stock.

The AQPA recognises that there is greater value attached to a pony that is registered over one that is not. The Registration Certificate is a document that uniquely identifies an individual pony and lists the pony's bloodlines. The pony's information is kept in the stud book and provides an excellent reference to researching both the bloodlines of the pony and past performance.

The AQPA is accepting applications for registration for ponies. Ponies must meet certain criteria to be eligible and all ponies must be inspected. To ensure the integrity of the breed ponies with conformation & temperament faults, that pace or are gated are ineligible. In addition ponies with more than 25% thoroughbred, standardbred, warmblood, draft and/or Arab blood are also ineligible.

If your pony is already registered with another association (ie as a paint horse, appaloosa, quarter horse etc) then your pony is also eligible for registration as a Quarter Pony.

*All ponies must be inspected and approval for registration is not automatic.*

## QUARTER PONY, APPROVED & HARDSHIP CATEGORIES

We offer registration in the following categories

**Quarter Pony** – Ponies of documented breeding with western type breeding and registered Quarter Horse, Paint and Appaloosa horses under 14.2hh. Ponies are classified according to their blood %.

**Approved** – Stallions or mares used as breeding stock and registered with an "Approved" association.

**Hardship** - Geldings which are unregistered or of unknown breeding with quarter pony characteristics

## COLOUR SUB-CATEGORIES

The above categories are further divided into sub-categories by colour. For more information on colours and patterns see the information booklet "Colours, Patterns & Markings"

**Solid** - For solid coloured horses or ponies, with no known coloured breeding

**Appaloosa** - For Appaloosa/Palouse coloured or solid colour of known Appaloosa/Palouse breeding

**Paint** - For Paint/Pinto coloured or solid colour of known Paint/Pinto breeding

**Pintaloosa** - For Appaloosa/Palouse and Paint/Pinto coloured or solid colour of known Appaloosa/Palouse and Paint/Pinto cross breeding

For detailed information on the requirements of each category and classification please refer to the AQPA Regulations.

## SUITABILITY

You think you want to breed a quarter pony for the kids or yourself even, below are some helpful hints:

- Is your horse or pony suitable to be used as a broodmare (temperament, conformation, age etc)?
- Register your pony before you breed (some breeds are not eligible for registration)
- Is the stallion suitable to breed quarter ponies?
- Will the resulting foal be within the height requirements?

If you have any questions feel free to contact the AQPA before you breed your mare.

## BREEDING

Although the eventual aim is to breed a Quarter Pony with the highest level of blood percentage possible, the road to that point may be varied given the individual breeders goals, for example some may be wishing to bring the breed size down to the lower end of 11.2hh therefore needing to infuse blood of ponies of no quarter horse blood. While other breeders may be aiming to infuse dilute colours, or colours of Paint or Appaloosa breeds.

We are aiming for ponies within height requirements that have excellent conformation and temperament. The development of the breed will take many years of selective breeding.

To enable the AQPA to begin to define a pony breed based on the blood percentage, we have designed a classification format that allows for differing amounts of quarter horse blood.

## BUYING INFORMATION

When purchasing a quarter pony it is important to ensure that the registration papers are in order. The pony must match both the picture and information detailed on the registration certificate. The transfer form must be completed correctly and forwarded to the AQPA with the registration certificate, photo (side shot showing all legs with face facing the camera) and the appropriate fee. Then providing everything is in order the AQPA will issue you with a new registration certificate. If there is any doubt as to the identification or description of the pony feel free to contact the AQPA before you purchase to check our records.

*NOTE: If you plan to use the pony to breed or show, please ensure that the pony is actually entitled too, as some categories of stock have limitations placed on them.*

