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Section 30. TRADITIONAL GYPSY COB BREED STANDARD

A strong, active cob, full of quality and spirit coupled with an abundance of flowing mane, tail, and leg hair.

GENERAL APPEARANCE The Traditional Gypsy Cob should be a strong, sturdy, and powerful cob coupled with an abundance of luxuriant flowing mane, forelock, tail, and leg hair known as feather. Traditional Gypsy Cobs should always have plenty of heart room, and a deep girth to match. They should display ample bone and be well-muscled with a broad compact body and powerful hindquarters. Traditional Gypsy Cobs should have a kind, willing, intelligent, and gentle disposition. They are renowned for their patient, kind, and sensible nature. Traditional Gypsy Cobs are extremely versatile, suited to both driving and riding they are ideal family horses.

COLOUR AND MARKINGS All Colours and Markings are permitted

HEAD Neat, small, sweet, noble and in proportion to the body. Broad between the eyes which should be bright and alert, displaying a large kind eye. Blue eyes are acceptable.

EARS Small, neat ears slightly incurving. V23/1 32

NECK Strong and slightly arched and of a medium length. The neck is to be well muscled and well set onto a good sloping shoulder. Stallions should display a bold outlook with a well-arched crest.

SHOULDERS Well laid, long, sloping shoulders. Should not be fine at the withers.

BODY Short coupled and a strong back of good outline, muscular loins, good deep well-sprung ribs, which are round from the shoulders to the flank. Plenty of depth from the wither to the girth. The chest must be good and wide.

HINDQUARTERS Deep, lengthy, and powerful and displays an apple shape. The second thighs are well-muscled and let down. The tail should be well set on – not too high, nor too low.

FEET, LEGS AND JOINTS Feet of good size, round and well-formed, open at heels and well concaved. Pasterns are nicely sloping and of good length. Forelegs should be very well-defined and muscular. Well-defined flat broad knees. Plenty of bone below the knee (eight inches at least). Hocks should be well-defined and not coarse. Canons should be short with clearly defined clean flat bone.

MANE TAIL AND LEG HAIR (FEATHER) A NATURAL abundance of long flowing mane, forelock, and tail hair. Feather (leg hair) should start from the back of the knee and hock joints and cover the entire hoof. Hair should be straight and silky, curly hair is less desirable and course hair is not desirable.

MOVEMENT Clean, active, straight, and true. Going forward on—all fours with tremendous energy. The knee and hock should be powerful with a workmanlike action with hind legs flexed well under the body for powerful drive.

HEIGHT CATEGORIES Section A: Under 128cm Section B: exceeding 128cm but not exceeding 138cm Section C: exceeding 138cm but not exceeding 148cm Section D: exceeding 148cm but not exceeding 158cm Section E: exceeding 158cm

SECTION 31. PART-BRED TRADITIONAL GYPSY COBS STANDARDS

- Ponies (148cm and under): 50% TGC, 50% individual breed
- Natives: 50% TGC, 50% native pony breed
- Sport pony: (148cm and under) 50% TGC, 50% recognised sport breeding
- Sport horse (exceeding 148cm): 50% TGC, 50% recognised sport or performance breeding
- Show cob: 50% TGC, 50% any breeding which can be termed as show cob type, to be shown hogged and trimmed (no height limit)
- Drum (158cm upwards): ideally 50% TGC, 50% Shire, Clydesdale, or other recognised heavy horse breed, or as decided by the TGCA.

In hand classes will be judged: 60% correctness to type, conformation and movement, 40% manners and way of going.

Ridden Classes will be judged 60% correctness to type, conformation and movement 40% ride, manners, and way of going and overall presentation