

APPROVED DONKEY COLOUR DESCRIPTIONS: -

These colour descriptions are to be used to describe the colour of your donkey when registering.

Please note:

- * All colours are determined by the freshly shed summer coat. Winter coats, clipped coats, and foal coats will be deceptive as to colour.
- *The terms light or dark can be added to all colour descriptions.
- *If the donkey has no light points (around muzzle, eyes, under-belly and tops of legs) then NLP should be added to the description.
- *If the donkey has the dun markings add the word dun if it is not in the colour description.
- * To help with descriptions you can add dun with NLP. Gaiter (legs)

BLACK: (with cross, no visible cross). Black is sometimes a difficult colour to determine. There are two kinds of black, a raven black, which is easy to determine and a duller black, which could often be a very dark brown. If the donkey is “jet” black or “raven” black with no visible cross and stripe if it can be listed as black. If the coat appears black but the cross, stripe and lower legs are visibly darker black it is called **Black with a cross** (smoky black). Dark brown describes donkeys whose coats are very dark brown in appearance with darker cross, stripe and lower legs. This applies especially for foals. **Charcoal** is not a shade of black but the very darkest shade of grey-dun.

BROKEN COLOURED: This is always listed as whatever the base colour is first, then “and white broken coloured” e.g., Grey, and white broken coloured” or “brown and white broken coloured,”. Red and white. The donkey might have three colours in its coat in solid patches. The eyes are dark. The skin (especially around the eyes, muzzle, and genitals) is broken coloured pink and black. The body may actually show mottled (patched) grey and pink skin, but the colour does not appear on the coat. A dark or partial cross, coloured ear tips, tail-tip, striped hooves, dark spots may be present in the foal coat, which fades out in the adult coat, leaving the broken coloured skin as the only indicator of the broken coloured pattern

BROWN: Light, Dark or Very Dark

CREAM: Off white, creamy colour. Can be a dun or not have any dun markings.

GREY-DUN: The most common of donkey colours. It is the original “wild” colour. Body colour is some shade of grey or tannish grey, ranging from very light oatmeal or light silver colour, to a very dark charcoal colour. Cross dorsal stripe, ear marks and often leg stripes (garters) or black dots on the lower part of the neck below the jowls are found. Grey-dun donkeys may have black muzzles and no light points (belly and legs as well as muzzle are usually lighter than the coat in all donkeys) and still be the grey dun colour.

RED: For all the red shades that are not *bay, red roan or reddish brown*. Most red donkeys have extensive white points as adults. If they are clearly frosty or dappled red roan it should be noted on their papers.

DARK RED: Usually no stripe or cross

LIGHT RED: tending towards apricot. With or without cross.

ROAN:

Brown Roan Dark chocolate and white or fawn hairs mingling, dark predominating on the body. Light on face and legs. Mane and tail unusually dark.

Blue Roan. As above, intermingled black and white hairs with white predominant

Pink Roan. As above, but fawn or chestnut hairs replacing the dark. Roans do not usually have a cross.

Black Roan – intermingled black and white hairs with black predominant

Grey-Dun Roan – grey-dun with white hairs intermingled

Dark Red Roan- intermingled brown and white hairs with brown predominant chestnut roan?

Red-Roan – intermingled brown and white hairs in approximately equal amounts

Pink Roan – intermingled brown and white hairs, with white predominant.

SILVER GREY: White, with a silvery sheen giving the impression of silver. With or without dun markings.

WHITE: (Frosted spotted white, or Ivory/Blue eyed White). Due to many factors White is not always snow white. Often it is yellowish. If a donkey has blue eyes and pink skin it is registered as White* (BEW) **Blue-eyed white**. Although there is no true pink-eyed albino in equines, the term albino- white is accepted in equine circles. The descriptive term is **Ivory**. Dark-eyed white donkeys with mottled skin are spotted and not true white.

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