

# HOT STUFF

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## HOT BREEDS

### Desert Horses Arabians

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ENDURANCE

When animals are described as “hot-blooded”, “warm-blooded” or “cold-blooded”, most people think about body temperature. But not if you’re horse-crazy. These terms take on a whole new meaning if you know a lot about horses. For horse people, these words give clues to a horse’s temperament, breeding and abilities.

Hot-blooded horses have a reputation. They’ve been bred for SPEED, AGILITY, and SPIRIT.

Their origins can usually be traced back to regions in the world with warmer climates where they evolved to be lighter and faster. Except for Thoroughbreds, that means places like Northern Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia.

Hot-blooded breeds are known for being fast and full of energy, and a bit more fiery than most horses. Thoroughbreds and Arabians are two of the most recognized hot-blooded breeds.

Hot-blooded horses keep cool with small heads, thin skin, fine coats, big nostrils, long necks, oval bodies and long legs. They can be high-spirited and quick to react. They’re intelligent, quick learners and ideal for racing and horse sports that require agility.

From the ancient deserts of the Middle East comes one of the oldest known breeds of horse. For thousands of years Arabian Horses lived among the desert tribes.

These horses were bred to be war horses by a group of people called the Bedouins. The harsh desert made it so that only the strongest and smartest horses survived.

The hallmark of a purebred ARABIAN is its dished-shaped head. Shaped like a gazelle, Arabians have a broad forehead, a small “tea-cup” muzzle and large nostrils. Their ears are small and flame-shaped, much like the majestic gazelle.

Large, flaring nostrils helped them take in more air when needed. An arched neck kept their windpipe open, and a large lung capacity gave them incredible endurance for racing across the desert.

Today, the Arabian Horse is one of the most popular breeds in North America. Their energy and intelligence make them a great choice for most equine sports and activities.

The Arabian Horse Youth Association (AHYA) members are kids, up to age 18, who love Arabians and take part in AHYA activities all year long. Learn more at [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org).

### Fairytale Horses Andalusians

The Andalusian Horse calls the Iberian Peninsula home. Located on the southwestern tip of Europe, the Iberian Peninsula includes the countries of Andorra, Portugal and Spain.

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The Andalusian is a symbol of beauty and style. With long, luxurious, flowing manes and tails, and quick intelligence, the breed is born to perform. Andalusians are movie stars. They’ve posed for famous works of art and are popular performers in traveling shows.

BEAUTY

