## The CANADIEN HORSE - Breed Standards

## Old English name: FRENCH CANADIAN HORSE

Official Characteristics: Abundant, long, fine and wavy hair. Tail long and thick, Shows power, agility, finesse, strength, vigor, and natural balance. Bones dense and clean, joints lean and clean. Elegant and noble in carriage and movement. Symmetry of shape, stands Origin: Province of Quebec - St. Lawrence Valley. Nickname: "The Little Iron Horse"

squarely on ground. Free and vigorous movement, joints bending freely and with lots of action. Temperament is energetic, vigorous, enthusiastic, gentle and docile. Versatile, easy-keeping, resistant to disease, strong, and known for their endurance and robustness. Height 14 - 16 hands (Reviewed in 1991) / Weight 1000 - 1400 lb / Color: Brown, Black, Chestnut, Bay, Rarely Grey or with blaze or white stockings. Source: French Canadian Studbook, Book 1. This diagram provided by the Association Québécoise du Cheval Canadien and the Syndicat d'Élevage National du Cheval Canadien Français. Neck: fairly arched, medium length broad at the base and Loins: broad, short, strongly Head: short, lean with straight lines narrower at the top, sides firmly muscled, gracefully attached to the heady muscled, well attached to croup Ears: set well apart, short, thin Croup: long, broad, Shoulders: long, sloping, well muscled slightly sloped, well muscled Eves: large, kind, bright, lively, neither Withers: medium height, lean, sunken nor protruding Flank: short, full broad and long Forehead: broad, flat Tail: attached high. Back: strong, straight. covered with abundant hair Nostrils: large, wide apart\_ broad, short Mouth: s mall, firm lips -Buttock: firm, dense, thick, broad, long and substantial

Cheeks: well developed, firm-Throat wide, throatlatch slightly smaller

Chest: broad, deep through the girth, ribs long and well sprung

Breast broad, protruding, well muscled Forearm: long, broad, well muscled, straight Elbow: long, free, parallel to axis of body

Knee: large, broad, dense, clean-

Front Feet: average size, standing squarely, frontline following angle of pastern, heels open, equal size, hollow sole, thick wall, well developed for Cannons: short, broad, flat Fetlocks: broad, thick. lean, clean

Pasterns: broad, thick medium slope

Belly: full, rounded, follows

curve of ribs and flank

Stifle: clean, close to body turned slightly outward

Thigh: broad, thick, well muscled

Gaskin: long, broad, well muscled, clean, tendons

large and well attached

Hocks: clean, lean, -broad, thick, good angle

Rear feet: same as front feet but less developed, oval shape, with higher heels