
Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by campbh - 2008/02/21 20:18

I'm interested in finding out how many people own and ride, or have bred in the past, part-bred quarter horses (ideally AQHA.UK Section 2/3 registered, not Appendix-registered pure TB/QH crosses). I've got the opportunity to breed a PB, but before I make a decision based on sentimentality and the sheer fabrooniness of my mare(!) I want to get a better feel for the opportunities (or lack of) that are available to such horses in competitive fields, and how PB QHs are currently used (competitive and non-competitive).

- do you ride your part-bred English or Western - or both?
- if you compete Western, what are your showing opportunities - WES/BR restricted, with AQHA breed show classes for PBs?
- if your PB is English trained, what disciplines?
- what breed is your part-bred crossed with?
- how much to you feel your PB compares to/differs from a full QH?

Thanks for any pointers.

Post edited by: campbh, at: 2008/02/21 20:35

Post edited by: campbh, at: 2008/02/21 20:37

Re:Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by Roland - 2008/02/21 20:47

Just one point id like to make.. not wanting to criticise you personally just a general comment I just think you need to be sure your going to breed something usefull and wanted im concerned about the welfare aspect of unwanted horses, just my 2 cents...

Post edited by: Roland, at: 2008/02/21 20:48

Re:Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by misty - 2008/02/21 21:04

I've got a qh and an Arab so could make two quarabs(sp)both have got reasonable breeding BUT as Roland says, what would I do with them? Apparantly they are an up and coming crossbred but there are so many horses out there.

Re:Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by ellie - 2008/02/21 21:11

hello,
The first horse I bred some 11 years ago is a part bred QH. His dam was a fantastic argentine polo pony mare so he is sec 3 reg. We have done loads together and I still have him. I have never done any western with him but we have been playing polocrosse together for the last five seasons and he has proven to be tough and sound, very laid back and a good dooer (far too good!!)He will stop and turn on a dime, neck rein etc and is also a fun hack and a great friend . He would be very hard to replace which is why I haven't sold him!! Hope this helps....)

Re:Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by campbh - 2008/02/21 21:37

Hi Roland, Misty

The sentiments you raise are exactly why I'm asking this question! I have a totally fabulous sport horse with absolutely

topnotch TB bloodlines, and I'm a huge QH fan, which is why I'm considering this cross - but unless I can honestly say that a foal from this mare will be mine for its lifetime, I'm a little wary about proceeding. I know a lot of PBs end up in the polo/polocrosse market, but since my mare came from polo and I see some of the damage that can, in the wrong hands, be done, that worries me. But equally, if there are successful PBs with full working lives that are bringing joy to their owners, I'd like to hear about that too! Believe me I take horse welfare extremely seriously and don't intend to add to the burden of unwanted horses in the UK or anywhere else!

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Re:Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by whitewood - 2008/02/21 22:52

I know someone who has bred a Quarter Horse stallion to a pure bred Exmoor on numerous occasions - (different stallions, my being the last) and believe it or not the progeny are really proving themselves to be excellent in the show jumping ring. All of them are easy to produce and learn quickly and very successful in their sphere.

Not a cross that immediately comes to mind when thinking of Quarter Horses, but it obviously works with their mare. Up to now she has 8 QH crosses, her current one being her last before she retires.

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Re:Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by westernsaddler - 2008/02/22 08:48

Aren't alot of polo ponies are QH crosses. My friend has a QH x NF - so beautiful. Another lovely cross is a QH crossed with either a lusitano or andalucian these create an Azteca. :)

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Re:Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by hunterrookie - 2008/02/22 09:11

I think you should go for it campbh, but need to research your stallion carefully - QHs for one thing don't always have the best feet, and neither do TBs! So soundness through a performance career has to be a big factor in your choice.

I originally wanted a QHxTB cross and would still like one to do dressage on , jump and maybe hunt.

I'm pals with team chaser Debbie Topping who has also ridden western and she would have loved a QHXTB for her son to team chase but sadly there was nothing suitable on the market at the time.

- Ideally you would get a slightly bigger, scopier youngster, but still with the fantastically trainable temperament.

However, unless you were breeding for yourself you might have to consider that you'd struggle to sell a QH cross as an unbroken youngster for a realistic price.

There is certainly one part bred QH competing to a high level in western - Dee Allen's Calder's Pride (lots of points in trail and pleasure) but I think the other bit of his pedigree is unregistered paint.

Maybe a chat with David Brindley at WES would come up with some more examples.

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Re:Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by mrickard - 2008/02/22 17:36

I breed paints and although its going off the beaten track slightly in relation to breeding part bred QH's. I do breed my paint stallion to my (Unreg) connermara mare and up until this year my purebred TB - I have a cracking TB X Paint Colt out of this TB mare who I bred purely for sport horse events he has the laid back temperament of his dad with the athletic ability of his mum the TB. Sadly my TB mare passed away last week due to complications of going into foal too early but still all her babies have gone on to be cracking all round sport horses. In relation to the (unreg) connermara she again has cracking babies out of my stallion whose foals go into all sorts of disciplines whether its english or western. I think as long as you research your chosen stallion well part breds are just as good as the full breds. Hope this helps slightly?!?;) http://www.thewesternshop.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/images/DEVON1_200907.JPG

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Re:Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by BLACKJACK - 2008/02/23 10:59

Hi, I have a TB X QH, who is rising 3, he seems to have the temperament of a QH, but is thrown body wise to the TB, currently he stands at 15.2.

Conformation wise his only fault he is slight pigeon toed on his near fore.

I purchased his from a QH breeder in sussex and he was totally unhandled, in fact they roped him to get him in.

Everything that has been thrown at him, he has taken in his stride.

Considering I only paid £800 for him and that I'm not into reining I'm delighted with him and would certainly consider this cross or similar again.

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Re:Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by Lullaby - 2008/02/23 17:47

I have a beautiful Sec 3 mare which is by a QH stallion and a mare of native breeding (?dartmoor x). She is definitely only half a QH when it comes to temperament, as although she has her chilled out times, she is very strong-willed and far too clever for her own good. She is 14.2 with huge strong feet and has many QH characteristics (large butt being one of them) but with more of a dartmoor type face.

I ideally want to ride western but haven't done alot with her due to her developing an asthma type problem to fungal spores/pollen last year. I think she'll make an excellent allrounder eventually but she is hardwork - still love her to bits though.

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Re:Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by elkay - 2008/02/23 21:57

We are waiting to see what my Section III partbred QH mule is going to turn out best at - in my last two visits (she is away being started) over the past month I have seen some moments that suggest a reiner, other days a pleasure horse, and when she really struts her stuff, she could really move for dressage. Oh, and - when we put the crupper on for the first time - she did a great bucking bronco act.

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So we really don't know yet - I am hoping for an all-rounder like my purebred who will happily perform at a variety of western and English classes - but we shall see. It would be nice if there were more part-bred classes at AQHA-UK shows.

She is very sweet tempered and very affectionate indeed; loves her trainer; hates vets; and does have a nice QH "off" button. On the other hand she is much more competitive in company and likes to be at the front than my pure-bred.

I've never had a youngster before and it is quite exciting as she learns and develops and we wait to see in which direction her talents lie

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Re:Part-bred Quarter Horses

Posted by Calamity - 2008/02/24 00:04

I really think the QH cross PRE is a fantastic horse - the Azteca. Almost like taking the QH back to its roots, particularly as many of those produced in the USA seem to be getting more and more 'thoroughbred' in looks and height. I know quite a few people considering QH crosses for polo and as small weight carrying hunters that can also do well in the show ring.

I used to ride a really nice little QH x New Forest western and english.

AQHA-UK doesn't really cater for partbreds though, which is worth bearing in mind (though I think a number of partbreds are doing well showing 'english')

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