

Black Pine Animal Park

Animal Facts

Breed: MINIATURE HORSE

Names / Sex / Age:

Minnie Female 14

Previous Home: Minnie was acquired by Black Pine from a breeder. She was not of great interest to them because of her bone structure (knock-kneed) and dwarfism (out of proportion) so they were happy to see her come to the sanctuary.

Native to: North America

Size: Less than 3 feet tall

Life Expectancy: Up to 30 years

Diet: Grasses and other vegetation; Hay, grain and grazing at Black Pine. Hay is the only feed that they can have in unlimited amounts due to the risk of foundering.

Facts:

- Similar to Arabian horses in learning capacity, the mini tends to be smart, and not lazy
- They are high-strung and can be feisty, especially when learning new lessons
- When spooked, the mini will usually run far enough away to be out of reach of whatever scared it, then turn and stare at whatever it was
- They are very quick learners
- Miniature horses are not naturally occurring, but are bred-down versions of full size horses.

Personal History:

Minnie has dwarfism, so she is smaller than a typical miniature horse and somewhat deformed as a result. She was purchased by the founder of Black Pine from a breeder after she was first observed on exhibit at the Indiana State Fair. Once it was clear she was of no use for breeding, showing, or other sport, it seemed Black Pine could provide her a nice permanent home to live out her life.

Following an exam at Purdue University, Minnie is expected to live a full normal life of up to 30 years, and her stature is not expected to cause her any significant problems.