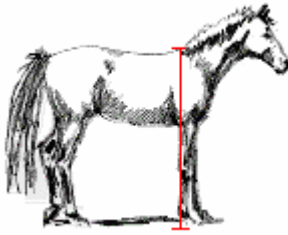


## Measuring a pony or horse's height



A rider measures a horse's height from level ground to the withers.

- A horse is measured in hands.
- One hand equals four inches.
- 40 inches equals 10 hands high.
- 40 divided by 4 equals 10.

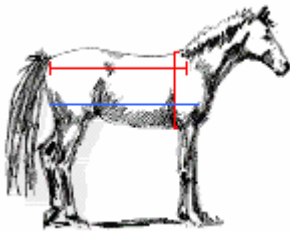
Note:

42 inches is called 10.2hh (10 hands two inches)

not 10.5 (10 and a half)

There is no such thing as 10.4hh. That would be 11.0 or 11hh

## Guesstimating a horse's weight in pounds



Weight tapes give a rough estimate of horse's weight.

- Circle the girth just behind the elbow
- Read the tape measure in inches right after the horse exhales
- Measure body length from the point of the shoulder to the point of the buttocks in a straight line.
  
- Now multiply girth in inches by itself
- then multiply that by the body length in inches.
- Divide the total by 330 for the approximate weight in pounds

For example:

if the horse measures 70 inches girth circumference  
and body length is 60 inches: 70 times 70 equals 4900,  
times 60 equals 294000, divided by 330 equals 890.9 lbs

$$70 \times 70 \times 60 / 330 = 890.9 \text{ lbs}$$