

Shetland Pony Show – 26 January 2008

The Committee have introduced various height classes at the upcoming Shetland Pony Show:

- 34" & Under (where the pony is mature, it must not exceed 34 inches in height. Where the pony is immature, it must be such a height that it will not be expected to exceed 34 inches in height at maturity).
- Over 34" but not exceeding 9.2hh.
- Over 9.2hh but not exceeding 10.2hh.

To assist you in entering the correct classes, please find below instructions on how to measure your pony.

As noted in the Rules, for those who don't have an official height certificate, measuring will be available on the day of the show between 7.00am and 8.00am.

Measuring Your Pony's Height

Ponies are measured from the ground to the highest point of the withers. Formally, the standard unit of measurement was the hand, which is equivalent to four inches and the average width of a man's hand. The table below shows measurements in inches, hands and centimetres.

To get an accurate measurement, the horse must stand up completely square and still on a flat surface, such as a concrete or asphalt driveway or pad.

If you don't have your own measuring stick you will need a length of wood, a spirit level, a pen and a tape measure.

Stand the measuring stick straight at the pony's shoulder and place the level across the withers and take the height measurement. If you are using the length of wood device, place the spirit level over the withers, perpendicular to your length of wood. Carefully move the level until the bubbles in the level vials are centred. Put a pen mark on the length of wood at the point where the level intersects. Use your tape measure to measure the length of wood and determine your pony's height.

Inches	Hands	Centimetres
33"	8.1hh	83.82cm
34"	8.2hh	86.36cm
35"	8.3hh	88.90cm
36"	9.0hh	91.44cm
37"	9.1hh	93.98cm

Inches	Hands	Centimetres
38"	9.2hh	96.52cm
39"	9.3hh	99.06cm
40"	10.0hh	101.60cm
41"	10.1hh	104.14cm
42"	10.2hh	106.68cm

