

North American Fell Pony Foundation Feature Waverhead Rambler

Ever wonder how and to what extent our breeding stock Fell ponies and their progeny in North America (NA) are related? Analyzing hundreds of bloodlines related to the NA breeding pool has birthed new curiosity in identifying the foundational common threads (ancestors) that exist in the NA breeding pool. This is a launch of a new project that extends from the original project where I had formed reverse pedigrees of all the breeding stock in NA that have produced 2017-2024 (not yet released to the public). While organizing the original project, I kept notes on how frequently I would see certain UK ancestors throughout all the pedigrees. I realized, with a few more steps, I could provide a way to see just how common a foundation ancestor is. My goal is to identify all ancestors that hold 50% or more influence in the NA collective breeding pool. The Fell Pony breeding pool is small globally and micro small in North America where foal crops have been averaging 38 per year. This fact in combination with a breeding pool that has a lot of close relations, requires consideration towards strategies that will expand bloodline diversity for the future. It is my hope that deep digging such as this project will help provide better insight for making breeding decisions.

To date, 199 breeding contributors (143 mares, 56 stallions) have been identified in NA from the periods 2017-2024 and will be referred to here as the current NA breeding pool. Seven generation pedigrees of the entire 199 NA pony breeding pool were analyzed.

First up for analysis is Waverhead Rambler (WR), FP4101. WR sired over 50 foals, yet NA breeding stock bloodlines only extend back to him via 7 progeny: Mountain Flash II, Waverhead Model, Waverhead Rob, Black Beauty, Waverhead Magic, Waverhead Julie, and Barbondale Rosette. The pathways to WR are most prevalent via Mountain Flash II (70 ponies) and Waverhead Magic (51 ponies). The majority of NA breeding ponies have 2 or more lines going back to WR with over 50% of the breeding pool contributors holding pathways via both Mountain Flash II and Waverhead Model.

In summary, 193 out 199 (97%) revealed 1 or more lines to WR in the 4th-7th generation. Some of the remaining 6 contributors did show pathways to WR in the 8th generation or further with a few showing none. In the following are a few different ways I have organized the data to get a sense of how our breeding pool is related with regard to WR.

All of the data in this document is for informational purposes only and can be used as a guide for personal research. Pedigree data was sourced from the Grassroots database which is utilized by the Fell Pony Society. Any user of this data is encouraged to do their own research and data checking when making decisions related to breeding Fell Ponies in NA. Although great measures were taken to be as accurate as possible with this data, there is no guarantee nor a determined percentage of accuracy.

Presence of Waverhead Rambler Bloodline in NA Breeding Pool

Producers with WR 5G or Less	Producers with WR 6G	Producers with WR 7G	Producers with WR both 6G and 7G	2017-24 NA Stallions Line Bred WR	Mares/Stallions 8G or Greater or None	Total NA Breeding Pool 2017-'24	Total NA WR producers 7G or less, out of Total 2017-'24 Breeding Pool
53	42	38	60	36/56 64%	6	199	193/199 97%

Waverhead Rambler Progeny Pathways Represented in NA Breeding Pool

	Mountain Flash II	Waverhead Magic	Waverhead Julie	Waverhead Model	Mt. Flash II and Waverhead Model	Barbondale Rosette	Waverhead Rob	Black Beauty
Only 1 line via this pathway.	36	51	28	16	101	8	2	1
More than 1 line via this pathway.	24	0	0	11	N/A	0	0	0
Total All	70/199 35%	51/199 26%	28/199 14%	27/199 13.5%	101/199 51%	8/199 4%	2/199 1%	1/199 .5%

Reverse Pedigree Related to NA Breeding Pool (6 generation extended)

KEY

Pony	WR Progeny
Pony	WR Grand Progeny
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Pony	5 and 6 generation.
Pony	A current NA producer (2017-24).
(2) or (3) or (4)	Pony has 2, 3 or 4 lines to WR.

Waverhead Rambler

Mountain Flash II

Lunesdale Jerry

Lunesdale Henry

- Lunesdale Mountain Mist (2)
- Lunesdale Tarquin (3)
- Lunesdale Mercury (2)**
- Lunesdale Redstart (2)
- Lunesdale Mountain Heather (3)**
- Lunesdale White Heather (3)
- Bybeck Debbie (2)
- Burnhead Black Bobby
- Kinniside Asi**
- Lunesdale Columbine (2)
- Lunesdale Shamrock (3)**
- Lunesdale Gypsy Rose
- Littletree Highwayman (2)**
- Littletree Bodini (3)**
- Lunesdale Rebecca (2)
- Lunesdale Black Caviar (2)**
- Lunesdale Lady Rebecca (3)
- Lunesdale Heather Belle
- Lunesdale Silver Belle
- Lunesdale Henrietta
- Lunesdale I'm The Man
- Lunesdale Briony (2)
- Clifford Silver Slipper (2)**

Lunesdale Charles

- Heltondale Rover IV (2)
- Heltondale Dainty VI (2)
- Heltondale Major II (2)
- Drybarrows Damson Blossom (2)
- Heltondale Crown (3)
- Heltondale Princess III (2)
- Heltondale Lotty (2)
- Orton Hall Dolly (2)
- Heltondale Mini (2)
- Drybarrows Jenny Wren (2)
- Heltondale Heather II (2)
- Wellbrow Rover (2)
- Wellbrow Jenny Wren (2)
- Wellbrow Blooming Heather (2)
- Heltondale Bonzo Boy (2)
- Heltondale Rosie VIII
- Heltondale Mountain Mist II

Townend Mountain Gypsy IV

- Restar Mountain Shelley III (3)**
- Willowtrail Black Robin (2)**
- Willowtrail Spring Maiden (2)**
- Willowtrail Josie**

Ralfland Treasure

- Ralfland Ranger (2)**
- Stonecreek Black Crystal (2)**
- Stonecreek Bronte**
- Dreamhayven Kismet**
- Lastdime Bold Justice (3)**
- Stonecreek Onyx**
- Lastdime Eternal Fyre**
- Lastdime Lola (3)**
- Lastdime Midnight Aurora**
- Lastdime Opal**

Peepings Raven (2)

- Laurelhighland Romany Boy (2)**
- Fellegend Betony**
- Braeberry Sierra Jane**
- Fellegend Flower (3)**
- Drycreek Heidi**
- Braeberry Bonnie Lass (2)
- Fellegend Calafia (3)**
- Fellegend Miss Potter**

Castle Hill Jerry

- Carrock I'm Yer Man
- Drybarrows Calista**
- Drybarrows Ambassador**

Guards Joanne

- Guards Joe (2)
- Guards Apollo (2)**
- Guards Jester (2)
- Littletree Patience (2)**
- Littletree Babysham (2)**

Castle Hill Prince II

- Llancloudy Gabriel**
- Kimberlake Gabriel**
- Redwillow Sapphire**

Lunesdale White Rose

Lunesdale Mountain Mist (2)
Lunesdale Tarquin (3)
Lunesdale Mercury (2)
Lunesdale Redstart (2)
Lunesdale Mountain Heather (3)
Lunesdale White Heather (3)
Bybeck Debbie (2)
Lunesdale Gypsy Rose
Littletree Bodini (3)
Littletree Highwayman (2)
Lunesdale Rebecca (2)
Lunesdale Black Caviar (2)
Lunesdale Lady Rebecca (3)
Lunesdale Prince Albert (2)
Restar Mountain Shelley III (3)
Littletree Tia Maria (2)
Restar Prince Alberto (2)

Sleddale Lib

Sleddale Lib V (2)
Laurelhighland Chester (2)
Laurelhighland Rapunzel (3)
Laurelhighland Lib (2)
Sleddale Eddie
Stonecreek Scarlett
Hiske Van Het Westerkwartier (2)
Dreamhayven Aurora
Hunter Van Veldzicht

Townend Dandy (2)

Hillhead Evelyn (2)
Lastdime Bold Justice (3)
Lastdime Lola (3)

Townend Henry

Bishopdale Duke
Hardendale Henry
Uldale Black Misty
Wildhoeve Boy
Rackwood Prince
Brackenbank Poppy (2)
Rundales Garry (2)

Carrock Sybil

Majestic (USA) Madeline
Grace II (2)

Sleddale Bertie

Hades Hill Patience
Littletree Patience (2)
Hades Hill Fancy II
Hades Hill Freya
Foggy Gill Prim
Murthwaite Irina
Foggy Gill Brenda
Murthwaite Blossom

Midtown Joy

Towerview Spirit of Joy
Castle Hill Emma (2)
Stennerskeugh Martha May
Orton Hall Dennis
Stennerskeugh Bethany

Townend Dusk II

Townend Dawn III
Townend Maydawn

Adamthwaite Bell Heather

Heltondale Bellman V
Guards Joe (2)
Guards Jester (2)
Sleddale Lib V (2)
Castle Hill Dainty (2)
Heltondale Ted
Bowthorne Matty (2)
Greenholme Jacklynne

Kerbeck Night Music

Goytvalley Magic Minstrel
Stonecreek Sapphire
Llancloudy Daisy
Llancloudy Bramble
Llancloudy Felicia
Llancloudy Carrion
Stonecreek Magic Minstrel
Llancloudy Stor
Llancloudy Marlas
Llancloudy Magic Diamond (2)

Sleddale Rosemary

Sleddale Rose Beauty (2)
Willowtrail Wild Rose (3)
Midnightvalley Wild Rose (2)

Lunesdale Sandra III

Lunesdale Briony (2)
Clifford Silver Slipper (2)

Lunesdale Sandra
Townend Samuel
Lownthwaite Orange Blossom

Lunesdale Lucky Jim
Sleddale Rose Beauty (2)
Willowtrail Wild Rose (3)
Midnightvalley Wild Rose (2)
Mustahevonen Rheged's Inkeri

Bleaberry Candy
Townend Candy
Townend Dandy (2)

Townend Briar
Ravenscairn Privet
Lownthwaite Hazel (2)

Lunesdale Helen
Lunesdale White Heather (3)
Dreamhayven Avalon Mist (2)
Littletree Bessie Bell (2)
Lunesdale Tarquin (3)
Stennerskeugh Danny Boy
Stennerskeugh Smoke

Townend Dally III
Townend Jonty
Braeberry Whimsical Legend
Gemma

Townend Duke III
Murthwaite Chanthal (2)
Braeberry Ruby (3)
Braeberry Joyful Delight (3)
Braeberry Clarabel (4)
Tarnbeck Lightning
Newfarm Valencia
Inglegarth Revelation
Inglegarth Radiant

Sleddale Rosette XVIII
Lunesdale Columbine (2)
Lunesdale Shamrock (3)

Peepings Wild Rose
Peepings Raven (2)
Laurelhighland Romany Boy (2)
Braeberry Bonnie Lass (2)

Townend Mandy
Hillhead Jean
Hillhead Evelyn (2)
Lastdime Bold Justice (3)
Lastdime Lola (3)

Sleddale Mike II
Wansfell Amanda
Bowthorne Matty (2)
Willowtrail Mountain Honey (2)

Greenholme Delight
Greenholme Jess
Murthwaite Ice Man
Murthwaite Boy Blue II (UK)
Murthwaite Victoria Pendleton
Murthwaite Smoking Joe
Murthwaite Windrush
Murthwaite Grey Bird
Murthwaite Yelena (2)
Bybeck Gatecrasher
Murthwaite Look At Me
Brackenbank Romany's Prince (2)
Greenholme Amie Good Un
Murthwaite Natasha
Brackenbank Sorrel
Murthwaite Timothy
Greenholme Look At Me

Greenholme Dusty
Murthwaite Chanthal (2)
Braeberry Joyful Delight (3)
Braeberry Clarabel (4)
Braeberry Ruby (3)
Murthwaite Greta
Murthwaite Yelena (2)
Heltondale Crown (3)
Ludworth Adam (2)

Greenholme Kitsey
Severnvale Grey Bobby
Greenholme Viv (2)
Murthwaite Blizzard

Black Beauty
Lunesdale Mountain Heather (3)
Waverhead Model
Waverhead Pearl

Waverhead Model IV (2)

Laurelhighland Model
Laurelhighland Maestro (3)
Laurelhighland Mariah
Laurelhighland Chester (2)
Southmoore Poppet (3)
Laurelhighland Leonardo
Laurelhighland Athena
Laurelhighland Union Jack (3)
Laurelhighland Charlotte (2)
Laurelhighland Lib (2)
Fellegend Winterfell
Laurelhighland Hope
Laurelhighland Sweet Melody
Dakotafell Ali
Laurelhighland Brown Sugar
Laurelhighland Blossom
Lady Liberty
Laurelhighland Duchess
Laurelhighland Mayblossom

Ferrymount Timothy

Rylstone Black Knight

Lunesdale Rock Rose
Laurelhighland Lindy
Laurelhighland Rock Star
Littletree Bodini (3)
Dreamhayven Aphrodite
Dreamhayven Valhalla
Dreamhayven Decadence
Dreamhayven Arcadia
Bo's Gypsy Dreamer
Dreamhayven Endora
Dreamhayven Avalon Mist (2)
Grace II (2)
Littletree Bessie Bell (2)
Dreamhayven Daphne Jane
Littletree Limited Edition
Hardenberg Griffen
Dreamhayven Double Agent
Lunesdale Shamrock (3)
Littletree Babysham (2)
Lunesdale Blackwatch
Bowthorne Marie (2)
Lunesdale Prince Albert (2)
Restar Mountain Shelley III (3)
Littletree Tia Maria (2)
Restar Prince Alberto (2)
Lunesdale Beckham
Lunesdale Black Ice II (UK)
Lunesdale Lady Rebecca (3)
Lunesdale Warlord (UK)

Llancloudy Marti

Stonecreek Black Crystal (2)

Heltondale Blooming Heather VII

Heltondale Duke IV

Lownthwaite Vanity
Ludworth Lady Grey
Lownthwaite Gary
Guards Patrick
Waverhead Model IV (2)
Brackenbank Oscar
Lownthwaite Melodic Grace
Ludworth Misty Melody
Ludworth Secret Melody (2)
Lownthwaite Starbright II
Bowthorne Marie (2)
Brackenbank Mayblossom
Brackenbank Romany (2)
Carrock Simone
Gelbrich Van Het Westerkwartier
Lownthwaite Lapis
Brackenbank Poppy (2)
Townend Bryony
Townend Bunny
Guards Blossom (2)
Laurelhighland Dancer (2)
Lownthwaite Skylark II
Lownthwaite Moonshadow
Waverhead Bess
Niekerks Swallow
Waverhead Rob II
Bracklinn Fergus (2)

Heltondale Rover IV (2)

Heltondale Dainty VI (2)
Murthwaite Bross

Heltondale Major II (2)
Ralfland Ranger (2)
Drybarrows Damson Blossom (2)
Rundales Garry (2)
Heltondale Crown (3)
Ludworth Adam (2)
Heltondale Princess III (2)
Castle Hill Dainty (2)
Heltondale Lotty (2)
Castle Hill Emma (2)
Orton Hall Dolly (2)
Llancloudy Magic Diamond (2)
Heltondale Mini (2)
Greenholme Viv (2)
Drybarrows Jenny Wren (2)
Drybarrows Millie
Heltondale Heather II (2)
Wellbrow Raider
Wellbrow Rover (2)
Wellbrow Gypsy Moth
Wellbrow Jenny Wren (2)
Wellbrow Ibis
Wellbrow Blooming Heather (2)
Wellbrow Amber
Heltondale Bonzo Boy (2)
Ludworth Secret Melody (2)

Waverhead Rob

Waterstolls Beauty

Bracklinn Fergus (2)

Laurelhighland Rambler
Laurelhighland Crystal (3)
Inglegarth Inka Maree
Garrighyll Rosetta Maree

Waverhead Magic

Waverhead Prince II

Waverhead Robbie

Newfarm Midsummers Night
Majestic (Usa) Madeline
Garrighyll Midsummer Melody
Broughhill Hadrian's Wall
Fellegend Calafia (3)
Braeberry Clarabel (4)
Braeberry Emma Mae
Braeberry Magna Carta
Braeberry Anne
Deerstones Will-o-the-wisp
Newfarm Apple Blossom
Mustahevonen Rheged's Pippin
Newfarm Minneola
Mustahevonen Rheged's Lemon Drop
Laurelhighland Union Jack (3)
Laurelhighland Rapunzel (3)
Laurelhighland Jack of Diamonds
Laurelhighland Tiara
Laurelhighland Black Diamond
Laurelhighland Treasure
Laurelhighland Hope
Laurelhighland Emma
Southmoore Poppet (3)
Laurelhighland Diamond
Laurelhighland Sapphire
Laurelhighland Crystal (3)
Laurelhighland Topaz (2)
Laurelhighland Rose Petal (2)
Fellegend Flower (3)
Laurelhighland Lyric
Laurelhighland Piper
Laurelhighland Maestro (3)
Laurelhighland Tango

Brackenbank Romany (2)

Brackenbank Romany's Prince (2)
Laurelhighland Charlotte (2)
Laurelhighland Oliver
Laurelhighland Shimmer
Laurelhighland Diva
Laurelhighland Piper
Roxanne
Laurelhighland Romany

Guards Tracey

Guards Apollo (2)
Willowtrail Mountain Honey (2)
Willowtrail Josie
Willowtrail Black Robin (2)
Willowtrail Spring Maiden (2)
Willowtrail Wild Rose (3)

Moonlit Anna Belle
Guards Julie
Guards Blossom (2)
Laurelhighland Dancer (2)
Dene Rebel
 Dene Darius
Garrighyll Dapper Dan
Garrighyll Rosetta Maree
Border Black Prince
 Underwoods Drummer
Lownthwaite Hazel (2)
Lownthwaite Symphony
Niekerks First Lady
 Fellshoeve Black Charity
Hiske Van Het Westerkwartier (2)
Waverhead Julie
Waverhead Julie's Jenny
Waverhead Robbie
Newfarm Midsummers Night
 Majestic (Usa) Madeline
Garrighyll Midsummer Melody
Broughhill Hadrian's Wall
Felllegend Calafia (3)
Braeberry Clarabel (4)
Braeberry Emma Mae
Braeberry Magna Carta
Braeberry Anne
Deerstones Will-o-the-wisp
 Newfarm Apple Blossom
Mustahevonen Rheged's Pippin
 Newfarm Minneola
 Mustahevonen Rheged's Lemon Drop
Laurelhighland Union Jack (3)
Laurelhighland Rapunzel (3)
Laurelhighland Jack of Diamonds
Laurelhighland Tiara
Laurelhighland Black Diamond
Laurelhighland Treasure
Laurelhighland Hope
Laurelhighland Emma
Southmoore Poppet (3)
Laurelhighland Diamond
Laurelhighland Sapphire
Laurelhighland Crystal (3)
Laurelhighland Topaz (2)
Laurelhighland Rose Petal (2)
Felllegend Flower (3)
Laurelhighland Lyric
 Laurelhighland Piper
 Laurelhighland Maestro (3)
Laurelhighland Tango
Barbondale Rosette
Barbondale Ruby
Brackenbank Elizabeth
Copperbeech Casper
Braeberry Ruby (3)
Braeberry Hwinhynym
Braeberry Serendipity
Braeberry Joyful Delight (3)
Braeberry Buffalo Bill
Braeberry Isabella