

# Friesian Dwarfism



## What is Friesian dwarfism?

- Inherited disproportionate dwarfism seen in the Friesian breed
- Affected horses exhibit shortened stature, shortened limbs, and a broad chest.
- There is no treatment, but affected horses can have a good quality of life.

## What you can do to keep your horse healthy:

- The available genetic test for Friesian dwarfism can be used to inform mating decisions and avoid producing affected foals.

### Signs

Shortened stature  
Shortened limbs relative  
to body size  
Bowed forelegs  
Shortened neck  
Broad chest  
Abnormal gait

### Transmission

Autosomal recessive  
mode of inheritance

### Treatment

None

*\*If your horse needs medical care, contact the Large Animal Clinic at (530) 752-1393.*



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