

## Where to find out more

- Dartmoor National Park Authority  
High Moorland Visitor Centre, Princetown  
Tel: (01822) 890414  
[www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk](http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk)
- Friends of the Dartmoor Hill Pony  
Tel: (01626) 888713  
[www.dartmoorhillpony.com](http://www.dartmoorhillpony.com)
- Dartmoor Pony Society  
Mrs M Vanstone Tel: (01409) 231233  
[www.dartmoorponysociety.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.dartmoorponysociety.freeserve.co.uk)  
or Mrs E Newbolt-Young  
Tel: (01364) 621281  
[www.dartmoorstables.com](http://www.dartmoorstables.com)

## If you see an injured pony please contact:

- Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society  
South Brent . . . . . Tel: (01364) 73121  
Haytor . . . . . Tel: (01364) 661332  
Buckfastleigh . . . . . Tel: (01364) 643411  
Mary Tavy . . . . . Tel: (01822) 810303  
or ● Dartmoor National Park Authority  
High Moorland Visitor Centre, Princetown  
Tel: (01822) 890414  
or ● Dartmoor Commoners' Council  
Tel: (01822) 618892

If you are involved in a vehicular accident with a pony **YOU MUST** telephone the police. If you witness such an accident please also telephone the police.



The Dartmoor National Park Authority is working in partnership with the Dartmoor Commoners' Council and other interested bodies to secure a viable future for the ponies on Dartmoor.

Please follow the advice contained in this leaflet. With your help, animal accidents on Dartmoor can be reduced.



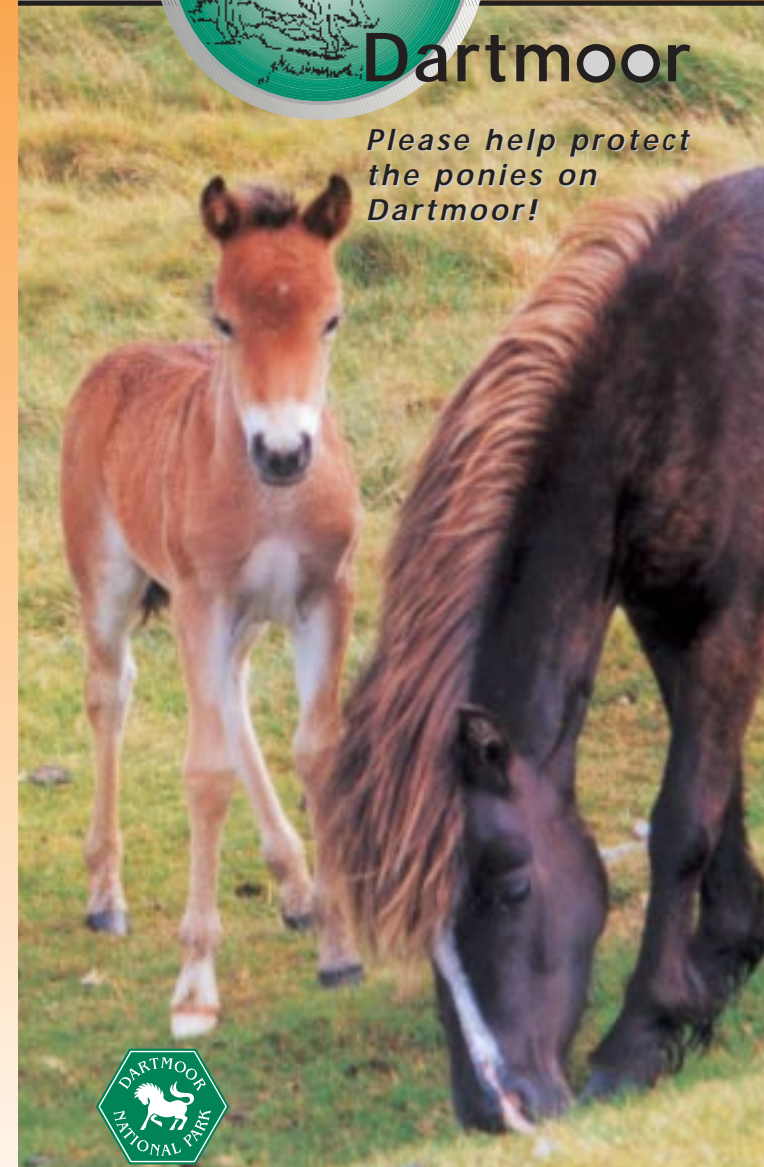
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Ponies on



Dartmoor

*Please help protect the ponies on Dartmoor!*



The ponies help to give Dartmoor its unique character and are an important part of the landscape. Not all the ponies on the moor are of the traditional Dartmoor type – other breeds have been introduced at various times. The traditional Dartmoor is a short, stocky pony with a strong body and a full, flowing mane. Its colouring can be shades of brown, grey and black – excessive white markings are not characteristic.

The ponies on Dartmoor need to be hardy because the animals live out on the moor all year round. They are owned by farmers and each owner can identify animals by ear tags, coat branding or other marks.

Most foals are born between May and August which is also the main tourist season. The animals are untamed which means that they are not trained to be ridden or even handled by people. Visitors often stop to photograph, feed or even stroke the ponies. This can be very dangerous for people and ponies - please don't approach the ponies.

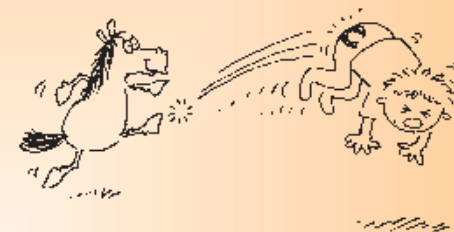
### Please do not feed the ponies

- It encourages them to stay near the road where they might be killed or seriously injured.
- The food we enjoy is not a natural or healthy diet for ponies and can make them very ill.
- Ponies will learn to expect food from people and might frighten or hurt them in an attempt to get more food.
- It is illegal (*Byelaws: In respect of Dartmoor National Park 10(1)*).



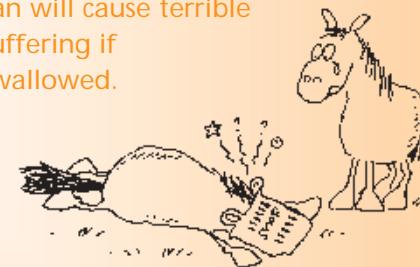
### Keep well away

- The ponies are untamed - they can be unpredictable and may kick and bite if approached.



### Take all your litter home

- A plastic bag or ring pull from a can will cause terrible suffering if swallowed.



### Park only in designated car parks

- Pulling in on the roadside causes damage to moorland verges and is potentially dangerous to other road users. It also attracts ponies to the road looking for food.



### Keep to the 40 mile per hour speed limit

- This is the *maximum* speed limit on many of Dartmoor's roads. Always drive cautiously according to road conditions and visibility.



### Find out more

- For more information about the ponies on Dartmoor and how they are managed, call at the High Moorland Visitor Centre, Princetown or visit our web site [www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk](http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk)

