



### Activities of the Friends

Friends overseas chapters organise many different types of event within their own countries in order to raise the profile of these breeds.

Friends can also help the IHSI by, at their request, sourcing veterinary, farriery, bloodstock and general horse management experts and arranging for them to visit the breeders and horse fairs in India to educate and spread knowledge of good breed management.

Friends also support the IHSI's efforts by working with the European Union to relax import restrictions.

Become a member of the Friends, receive regular newsletters, & attend social and fundraising events.

### How you can Help



### Friends of Marwari / Kathiawari Horse UK

#### MEMBERSHIP:

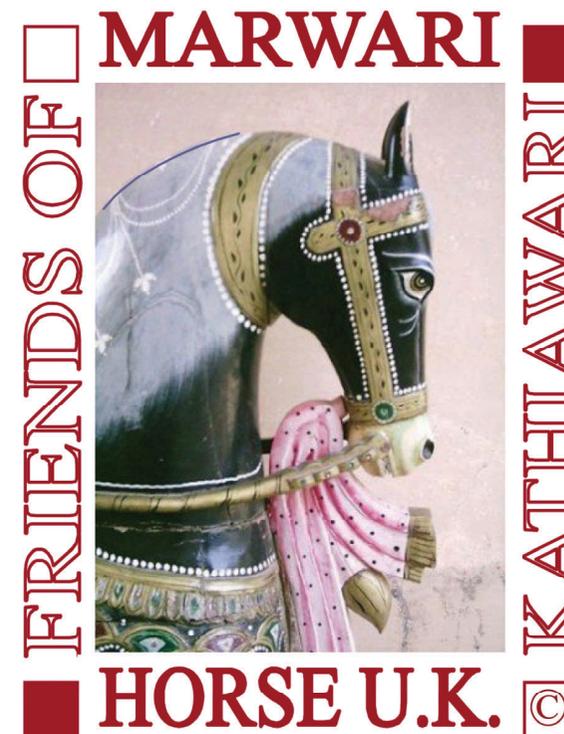
- £10.00 Supporter, Yearly (no voting rights)
- £25.00 Individual, Yearly
- £100.00 Life Member
- £500.00 Institution / Co / Corporate (for 3 years)

All cheques and donations made payable to:

**'FRIENDS OF MARWARI HORSE UK'**

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#### MISSION STATEMENT:

*"A non profit making organisation working towards international recognition of, and dedicated to the improvement and preservation of, the Marwari and Kathiawari horses of India".*

*Affiliated to the Indigenous Horse Society of India*

[www.friendsofmarwari.org.uk](http://www.friendsofmarwari.org.uk)



## The Horses in History



*The Marwari was bred to “lift the heart in battle & please the eye “*

The Marwari & Kathiawari horses today are descended from the splendid war horses that served the ruling families and feudal warriors throughout India’s history.

Their status was unparalleled; they were declared ‘divine and superior to all men’, including those of Royal blood. Accordingly, only the Rajput families and the Kshatriyas (warrior caste) were permitted to mount these exalted animals.

Today the breeds are once again achieving eminence after over a century of twilight status due to the presence of the British who tried to eradicate the native breeds with imported thoroughbreds and Australian walers, and then came the new dawn of Indian democracy.

It is thanks to the surviving Rajput families, and horse lovers from all communities, that these resilient and beautiful breeds have emerged out of the shadows and the threat of extinction, into a bright and hopeful future.



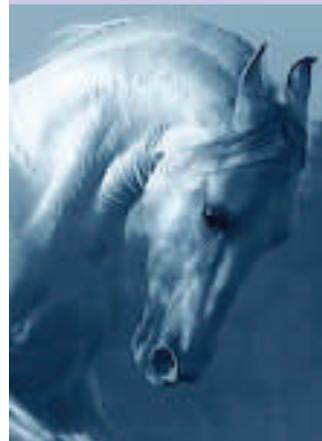
## About the Indian Breeds

The Government of India identifies the 5 breeds of Indian horses as Marwari, Kathiawari, Manipuri, Spiti and Zanskari. ( See IHSI web: [www.horseindian.com](http://www.horseindian.com) )

**MARWARI:**  
The Marwari Horse has acquired its name from its original breeding place - Marwar in Rajasthan.

Easily recognized by their proud carriage, upright graceful neck and distinctive aquiline head with deep expressive eyes, the crowning glory are the *unique lyre or scimitar shaped ears* set high on the poll, touching at the tip, and without exception unique to this noble Indian horse.

Their intelligence is blended with tremendous poise, stamina, and with graceful animated gaits. Hardiness and longevity have enabled the breed to survive wars, famine and droughts, also proving their adaptability in all riding disciplines.



**KATHIAWARI:**  
The Kathiawari has the same history as that of Marwari but having been bred in the Kathiawar region of Gujarat, it acquires that name.

Breeding line and environmental differences have given the Kathiawari certain distinctive features that separate it from its cousin the Marwari. Such as smaller ears (though still lyre or scimitar shaped), dished nose and in its built up structure.

After many trips to India to see these horses in their native surroundings, a group of like minded people, at the request of the Indigenous Horse Society of India, formed the Friends, with the aim of helping these special breeds to flourish in the future.

## Creating the Friends

