BOOK REVIEW

International Encyclopedia of Horse Breeds. By Bonnie L. Hendricks. 1995. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, OK, USA. 512 p. US\$24.95. paper. ISBN 978-0-8061-3884-8.

For those interested in horses and horse breeds, the *International Encyclopedia of Horse Breeds* will be a valuable reference. Hendricks has done a superb job of cataloging an amazing amount of information about over 500 breeds of horses and ponies, from Aabtenauer to Zhemaichu, originating in 83 countries or regions.

This is more than simply a reference book; it is a continuing project, an ongoing endeavor by Hendricks, intended to be revised periodically as additional information becomes available. Photographs are included for nearly every breed: 530 black-and-white and 32 color illustrations. A list of addresses of breed associations and government departments is included for those wishing to have more information on specific breeds.

This book provides an abundance of information on popular and well-known horse breeds as well as adequate coverage of the lesser-known or more obscure breeds. The author has written a 6-page preface that is a joy to read, with insight into use, value, and geographic distribution of a multitude of horse breeds and equines in general. The book contains a good deal of new information not found in other reference books on horse breeds. The book is a useful encyclopedia with 512 pages, an appendix, a glossary, a bibliography, and an index.

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