

## ENGLISH RIDING: COMMON HORSE BREEDS

Once riders become very competitive in their discipline, they will look for a horse that has been bred to jump, race, or move for a specific sport. Just like a family of very tall people might be more interested in playing basketball, or a very muscular person might want to play football, horses can be naturally built for different sports as well. Here is a list of the breeds you might see competing in an English riding discipline.

### FRIESIANS

Friesians are one common breed in Dressage. They are large and muscular and very graceful. Josh in the JHTR herd is part Friesian, and he is a retired dressage horse as well!



### WARMBLOODS

Warmblood breeds are very common in dressage, eventing, and all forms of show jumping. “Warmbloods” are a group of many different breeds that are large, calm, and very athletic which makes them great for competing in lots of different sports.



## ARABIANS

Arabian horses are used a lot in endurance racing. They are originally from desert climates, are very active, and can run for a very long time. They are long distance race stars, which makes them perfect for the tough world of endurance riding!



## THOROUGHBREDS

Thoroughbreds are most famous as race horses. They are one of the fastest horse breeds, which makes them great on race tracks. They are also tall and athletic, which makes them good horses for jumping as well, and you can also see them competing in eventing, or show jumping! JHTR has our own favorite Thoroughbred, Beau! He was once a race horse!

