

Profitability of American Miniature Horses

Information on this chart is gathered from a variety of sources and is not intended to represent specific or actual costs.
Prior to the start up of any horse operation, material and financial profitability should be examined in detail.

Factors Considered	American Miniature Horse	Average Full-Sized Horse
Purchase Price	\$1,000 to \$400,000 Depending on size, conformation, blood-line, show record. The smaller & more correctly conformed, the greater the value.	\$1,000 to Millions Determined by breed, conformation, genealogy, show record...
Feed Costs	Approximately \$25 per month/horse Includes hay and grain	\$50 to \$150 per month/horse Depending upon use & purpose
Professional Stable Cost	\$50 to \$150 per month/horse Miniatues can be kept in backyards with a Mini barn or shelter depending upon local zoning laws.	\$200 to \$600 per month/horse Varies according to facilities, pasture availability, riding opportunities.
Trainer Costs (Halter In Hand)	\$300 & Up per month/horse Family involvement encouraged – children can even help train a Miniature Horse.	\$550 to ??? per month/horse Depends upon the reputation and demand of the trainer, stable & breed.
Pasture Size	3 Miniature Horses per acre With supplemental hay & feed	Minimum 3-5 acres per horse With supplemental hay & feed
Tack-Halters Work Show	\$4 to \$8 per horse \$25 to \$150 or more per horse	\$12 to \$18 per horse \$75 to \$500 per horse
Harness Work Pleasure Driving	\$200 to \$400 \$750 to \$1,400	\$350 to \$4,000 \$1,500 and up
Blankets Sheets Saddles Carts	\$25 to \$65 \$20 to \$45 Not normally used on Miniature Horses \$375 to \$1,500	\$85 to \$200 \$40 to \$75 \$250 to much much more \$1,000 to \$5,000
Farrier Cost - Trimming	\$10 to \$18 per horse Some owners do their own trimming due to the ease of handling Miniature Horses.	\$15 to \$25 per horse Some very knowledgeable owners do their own trimming.
Shoeing	Usually not done on Miniature Horses Except for correction or driving on hard surfaces.	\$50 to \$200 per horse
Suitability to Ride	Children up to 70lbs may ride depending on Miniature's age, height & body type. Riding generally not recommended.	Children & adults can ride. Risk increases due to animal's size, training, rider experience.
Suitability to Drive	Children 3-4 years & up routinely drive at home, parades and in shows. Miniature Horses can easily pull up to 1-2 adults in a cart in all gaits, minimal experience is needed.	Children - questionable. Adults – dependent upon experience.
Health & Hardiness	Excellent – with good care. Treat with same medications as large horses – just much smaller doses.	Excellent – with good care. Dosages of medications double or triple the size given to a Miniature.
Life Span	20-30 Years	20-30 Years
Veterinary Care Vaccinations Medications & Worming	Same as for larger horses. Determined by horse's weight – greatly reduced dosage for Miniatures.	Same as for Miniature Horses. Determined by horse's weight – 4-5 times the cost of Miniature Horses.
Suitability for Special Needs Individuals	Greatly adaptable to individuals with Special Needs due to Miniature Horse's smaller size and affectionate nature.	Difficult for some individuals to handle due to larger size.