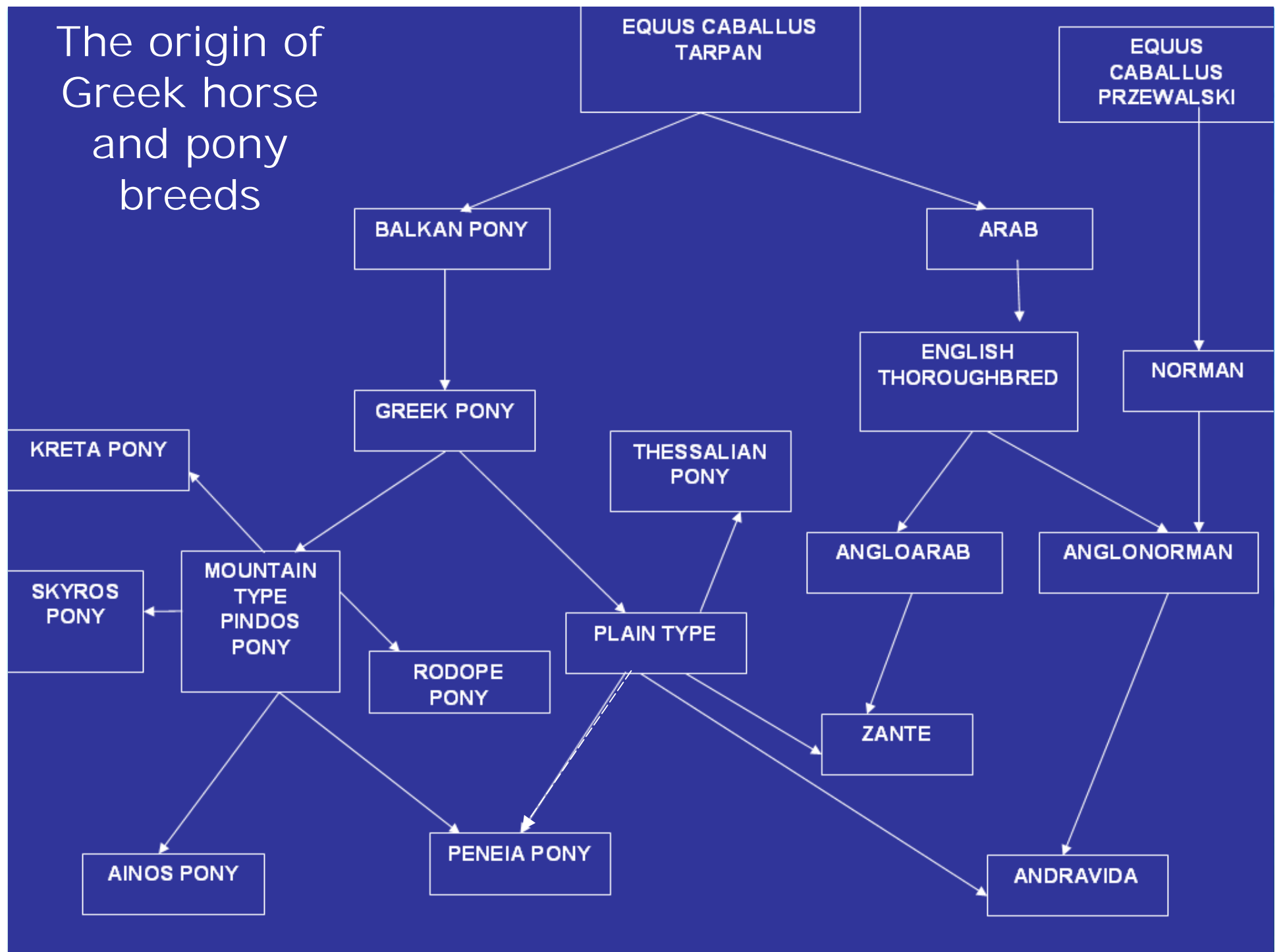


# The rare horse and pony breeds of Greece

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# The origin of Greek horse and pony breeds



# Map of Greece

Red arrow  
indicates  
location of  
Pindos  
pony

Yellow arrow  
indicates  
location of  
Andravida  
horse

Blue arrow  
indicates  
location of  
Peneia pony

Green  
arrow  
indicates  
location of  
Zante horse



White  
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indicates  
location of  
Kreta pony  
Black arrow  
indicates  
location of  
Thessalia  
pony

Purple  
arrow  
indicates  
location of  
Skyros  
pony  
Orange arrow  
indicates  
location of  
Rodope pony

# Description of Greek pony and horse breeds

The indigenous Greek horse and Pony breeds are originated from the Balkan Pony, which has been transformed in two types, mountain and and plain type.



# Pindos Pony



Its height is 1.15-1.25 m. Narrow body with lack of muscles in the neck and quarters. Predominant colours are bay, brown and grey.

# Peneia Pony



Ancient breed developed in N.W. Peloponnesus (statues in Olympia museum). Its height is 1.25-1.40m. Chest and pelvis are wide. They are pacers. All solid colours.

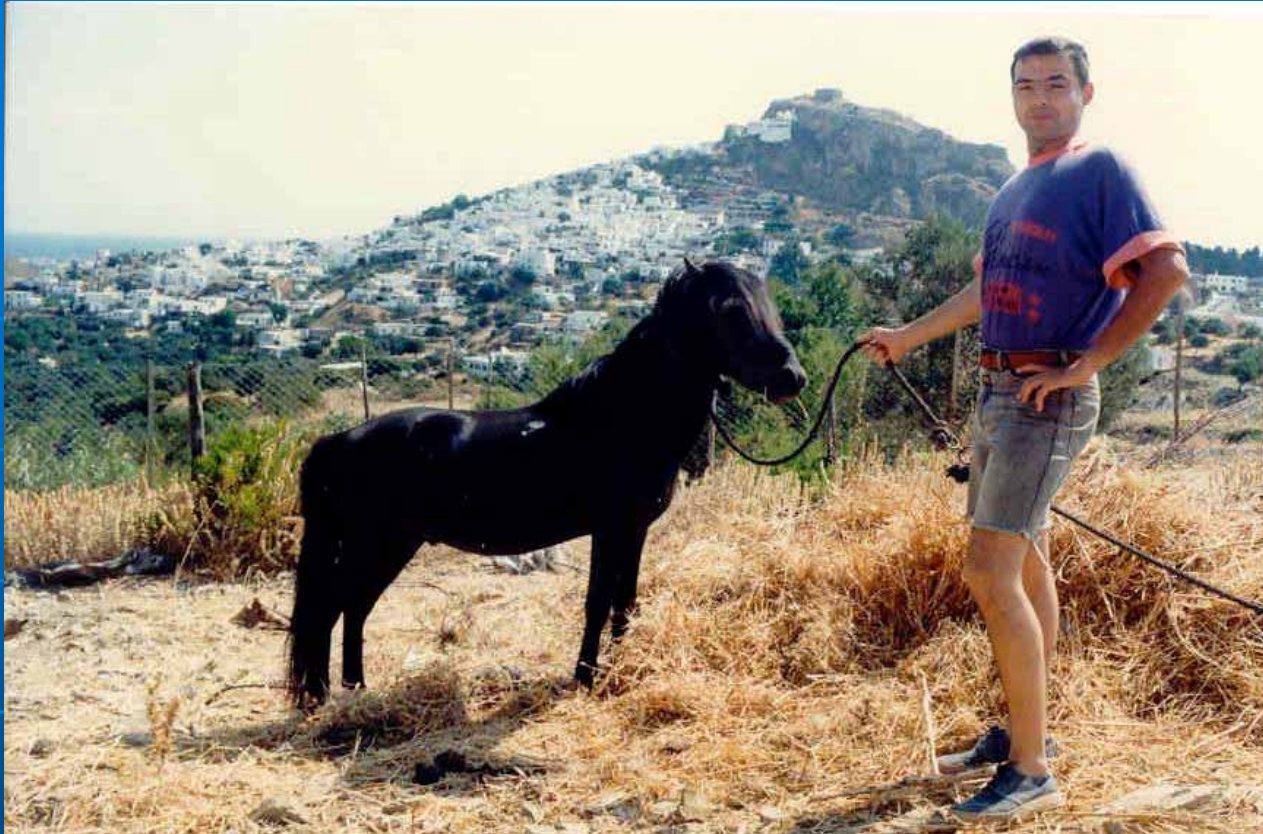


# Creta Pony



They are raised in Creta. It is an ancient breed. The body is narrow and they are pacers. Its height is 1.25-1.40m. All solid colours.

# Skyros Pony



Developed in the island of Skyros , it is the smallest Pony in Greece and one of the smallest in the world. The body conformation is unity. Its height is 0.90-1.10m. All solid colours. The breed is beginning to study in the Agricultural station of University of Thessaloniki by Professor A.Zafrakas and is now continued by Professor Meny Avdi.





Ms Konstantinidou embraces a Skyros Pony which belongs to Mr. Dimos, in the horse exhibition of Andravida





Skyros Ponies are photographed by Nikos Kostaras for his studies

# Rodope Pony



Note the strong neck of this stallion  
(compared to this of the statue in the next photo)

This ancient Pony breed is raised in the mountain of Rodope in Thrace. Its height is about 1.35m. The dominant colours are: Grey, bay and roan grey, with markings on head and legs. The body cylindrical with normal dimensions. This breed was studied by Professor T. Alifakiotis but is not registered yet.





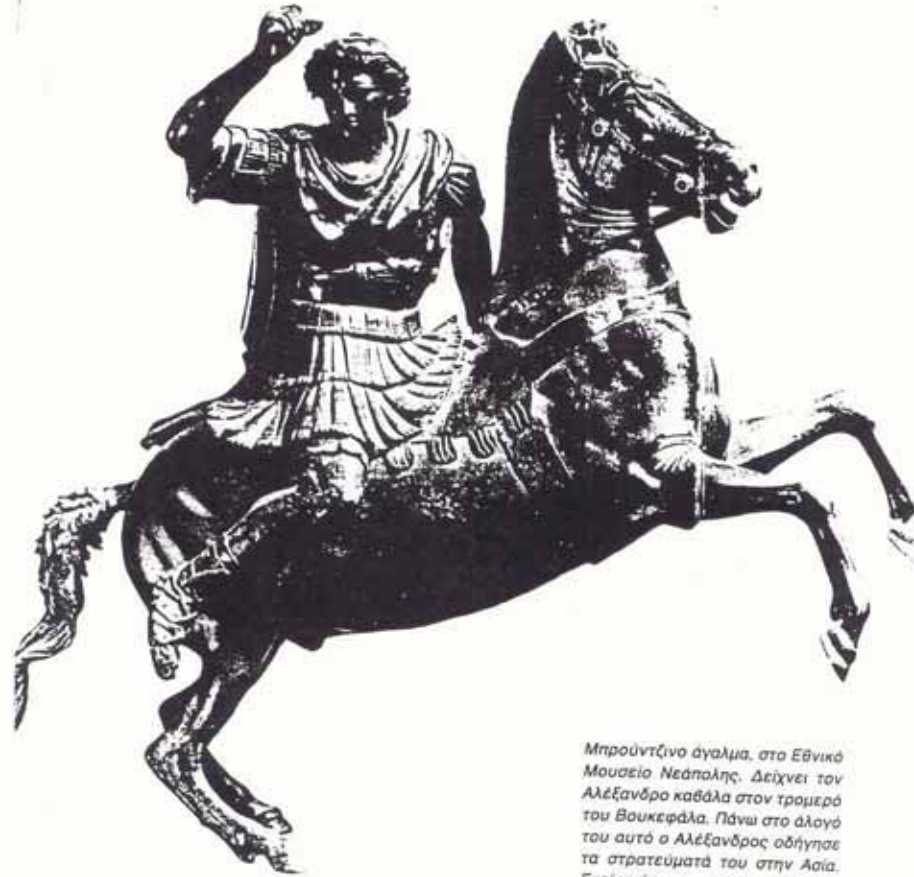
A statue with a Rodope pony in Thrace (museum of Komotini).

Note the resemblance with the horse in the previous photo.

# Thessalian Pony



This ancient breed that gave horses to ancient Greek and Roman cavalry now is almost extinct. The horse of Alexander the Great named 'Boukefalas' was a Thessalian Pony. Its height is 1.35-1.45m. All solid colours.



Μηρούντιζινο άγαλμα, στο Εθνικό  
Μουσείο Νεάπολης. Δείχνει τον  
Αλέξανδρο καθάλα στον τρομερό  
του Βουκεφάλα. Πάνω στο άλογό  
του αυτό ο Αλέξανδρος οδήγησε  
τα στρατεύματά του στην Ασία.  
Εκεί γνώρισε και νίκησε την Περ-  
σική Αυτοκρατορία, τους πολέμι-  
στές του Δαρείου, μα γνώρισε πα-  
ράλληλα και το σπουδαίο περσικό  
πολιτισμό.

The most representative statue of 'Boukefalas' and Alexander the Great ,sculptured by Lyssipos.  
(Museum of Napoli)





An improved Thessalian stallion in the horse exhibition of Andravida.  
Note: the big head and neck and the narrow croup

# Andravida horse



A bay roan mare of Andravida breed with her bay colt.

This breed was developed in the region of Andravida (near Olympia) by crossing native mares with nonius stallions. Its height is 1.50-1.60m. They are bay chestnut brown, black, roan and sometimes white.





A black Andravida stallion  
Note: the resemblance with the nonius breed





A pregnant brown mare of the Andravida breed.

# Zante horse



This beautiful breed are raised in the island of Zante. Its height is 1.45-1.55m, and they were produced by crossing with Agloarabs stallions early in the late century. The main colour is black. This breed is not registered yet.

Thank you for your attention!