The breed originated in the Karakum desert of Turkmenistan, where the horses had to tolerate sparse water and food, as well as extremes of heat and cold.

WEIGHT: 900 to 1,000 pounds

HEIGHT: 14 hands to 16 hands

BODY TYPE: Fine-boned, flat-muscled build; long, narrow head and neck; hooded or almond-shaped eyes; distinctive metallic coat