



Who's the tiniest horse in the world, Bella or Einstein? Bella, shown above, weighs 9 lbs. and is 15 in. tall.



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It's Einstein Vs. Bella For Smallest Horse Title

Have you heard about the brewing controversy about the two tiniest horses in the world? "Bella vs. Einstein" is a contest to see which tiny horse will make it into the Guinness Book of World Records.

From East of the Mississippi we have Einstein, born April 22, 2010 on a farm in Barnstead, N.H., at 6 lbs. and just 14 in. tall, 2/3's the normal height of a newborn. The pinto's parents are miniature horse

champions.

West of the Mississippi we have Bella, born May 12, 2010, at 9 lbs and 15 in. tall in Oklahoma City and moved to Mandan, N. Dak., where she lives on a miniature horse rescue ranch.

While Bella was born bigger than Einstein, neither can be considered for a Guinness record until they are 4 years old.

The current record winner is Thumbelina,

a 17 1/2-in. tall miniature sorrel brown mare, which is considered to be a dwarf. That's different than Bella and Einstein who are true miniature horses. Their owners would like to see a new category created by Guinness to separate dwarf and miniature breeds.

Each horse has a website and each has had a children's book written about them. Both have received lots of media attention, including appearances on national TV and

overseas.

At the least, they both win as the smallest mare and the smallest stallion. As for the title of smallest miniature horse, it's a waiting game to see who grows the least in the next three years.

Stay tuned ...

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"Mower Squad" Helps Small Town Save Money

Community spirit is cutting a wide swath in Zearing, Iowa, since a crew of local citizens took over much of the town's lawn care work. The all-volunteer mower squad heads out every week to make short work of a big job.

"We can cut the town's entry road ditches and parkway in just 35 minutes," says Rick Good. "It used to take Jeff, the town custodian, 4 hrs. to do the same job. We figure he's got other important work to do."

The Zearing "green-up gang" and their support crew check in at Good's Kwik Stop convenience store after their 8 to 5 workday, before they tackle the town's grassy property.

The city fills their fuel tanks. In return, the happy hour gang has cut the city's annual lawn care bill by about \$1,200.

Zearing's mob mowers say it's not just the money. They enjoy the camaraderie and community improvement. "Drivers on U.S. highway 65 wave and honk when they see our mower derby," says Good. "Sometimes people in town thank us for helping to make the old town look her best."

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Residents of Zearing, Iowa, take care of much of the town's lawn care work, which has reduced the city's annual lawn care bill by about \$1,200.



Jason Johnson has a matching pedal tractor for each of his 9 full-size Massey Ferguson tractors. He had to modify the tractors shown here to make them look right.

Pedal Tractors Match Full-Size Models

Jason Johnson of Belle Plaine, Minn., has a nice collection of Massey Ferguson tractors, with a matching pedal tractor for every full-size tractor. He had to modify a couple of commercially available pedal tractors to look just right.

"No one makes a nice looking replica of the 1955 and 1957 model 35 pedal tractors, which were limited production models. The ones on the market don't have the right body

lines. So I modified the bodies to make them look just like the full-size tractors, complete with authentic graphics," says Johnson.

The 1957 Ferguson 35 was a red and silver-colored special edition model made for the FENA Ferguson enthusiasts club of North America.

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Ice Rink Trimming Machine

"I've been taking care of our town's outside hockey rink for the last three years. To make the job easier, I recently built an ice trimming machine that I use to trim ice and snow lumps away from the rink's wall," says Jack Speers, Edmonton, Alta.

He uses a front-mounted, hydraulically-operated, 5-ft. snowblower and a 3-pt. mounted, 7-ft. blade on his Deere 955 30 hp tractor.

The problem was, any snow along the sides of the rink would turn to chunks of ice if water accidentally got on it. "Whenever I turned a corner, I had a hard time getting right against the wall because of the chunks of ice. Now I can just saw the ice off at the skating level," says Speers.

He mounted a 10-in. dia., carbide tipped bench saw and mandrel off to one side just behind the tractor's 3-pt. hitch. The saw is belt-driven off the tractor pto via a right angle gearbox that mounts on the blade's tongue. The belt runs from a pulley mounted on the gearbox over to a pulley mounted above the saw, with the belt crossed so the saw runs in the right direction. Another pulley above



Machine uses a 10-in. dia. saw blade, belt-driven off the tractor pto, to trim ice and snow lumps away from ice rink's wall.

the mandrel serves as a guide to keep the saw from accidentally hitting the wall. A 6-in. wide, 5/8-in. thick steel plate that straddles the blade's tongue supports the entire setup. "It works as well as I hoped," says Speers. "The saw slices right through any chunks of ice and then the blade sweeps them away. Without the saw the blade would just ride over the ice."

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