

# Hispano-Arabe

The Stud Book for the Hispano-Arabe was set up by the AHAA in 2009.

To be registered in this Stud Book, a horse must be the result of the joining of a registered Purebred Spanish horse and a Purebred Arabian. All horses must be microchipped, DNA tested and parent verified. The Hispano-Arabe usually ranges between 15 and 16 hands in height. The refinement of the Arabian head carries through; the neck is long, muscular, and well arched, a contribution from the Andalusian. The shapely withers ensure good saddle placement. The body is full and strong with a large chest, deep and muscled with great depth through the heart girth. Also inherited from the Andalusian, the Hispano-Arabe exhibits a solid foundation of ample, extremely dense bone and well shaped hooves which are extremely strong. Currently, there are Registers for the Hispano-Arabe in Spain, North America and the UK.

## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

The Hispano-Árabe is a horse of good proportions and medium-size, of graceful silhouette/outline, overall harmony, and elegant movements. In general, given the breed's origins, the racial characteristics can be very variable, but this variability does not constitute a reason for disqualification or objection. General harmony and mass in proportion to a slender figure, with a graceful outline and harmonious proportions.

## MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

### HEAD

A relatively small head and pyramidal, that ends with a discrete widening at the muzzle. The nasal profile is straight or slightly undulating in a prolonged S shape. Ears are medium sized and very mobile, discretely separated with the tips tending to point towards each other. The forehead is flat or slightly arched, and broad. Eyes are round, and quite large, level with the face and expressive, with marked orbital arches. The face is straight or very discretely subconvex. The union of the cranial region with the facial region may show a sort of depression which forms the prolonged S shaped profile. The muzzle is wide and squared off, forming a clear angle to the face. The nostrils are open and project forwards. The lips are fine. The jawbone is extensive and has an angular edge.

### NECK

A light neck, elongated and lightly arched along the topline. It is well connected to the head and to the body.

### BODY

The trunk is strong and deep. The withers are pronounced and extend smoothly towards the back. The back slightly curved, ample loins which are muscular and horizontal and well-coupled both forward and back. The croup rectangular, strong, flat, or slightly sloping. The tail begins on the line projecting from the line of the croup, it is lifted considerably when the animal is in action. Deep chest, protruding thorax, with gently arched ribcage, open flanks, and the belly well tucked up.

## **LIMBS**

The legs are medium to long with good vertical lines. The forelegs:- Shoulders are long, wide and obliquely set. Upperarms and forearms are strong and correctly positioned. Knee is large and neat. Cannon-bones of good length and well defined tendons. Pasterns well proportioned and hooves of a size in accordance to the body size. Hindquarters:- Thighs well-developed, the buttocks and gaskins are long, the hocks are large and strong. The lower legs are of similar characteristics to the front-legs.

## **FUNCTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

The physiological inheritance from the union of the two parent breeds give the Hispano-Árabe a particular style of movement intermediate between the PRE and the Arab, which demonstrates good elevation with ample extension without either being too pronounced. The result is a horse which is easy to handle and which promptly responds to its rider or handler.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Extremely docile, agile, with a lively temperament and quick response. Hardy, steady and strong, these horses can cope with harsh conditions without great effort.

## **APTITUDES**

This is a riding horse with a particular suitability for sport, especially for cross-country races and jumping and also for the disciplines of dressage, doma vaquera, le TREC, long distance rides, and group sports.

## **DEFECTS**

Defects are those general to all horses, morphological, physiological, and temperamental.