

Partbred Andalusian

The first Andalusian horses arrived in Australia in 1971. With their rarity at the time and the difficulties involved in buying and importing them, the obvious avenue for many people to realise their dream of owning one of these wonderful horses was to breed partbreds. Often their favourite performance mare was put to foal. Some breeders embarked on a deliberate breeding programme to produce superior eventers or showjumpers, others to introduce the wonderful temperament of the Andalusian to their existing line of breeding. Many of our present breeders started their early days with the Partbred and loved their qualities so much they moved on to the Purebred, or used the upgrading programme to produce Australian Andalusians.

Others were happy with the results they produced so they stayed with breeding Partbreds and, by 1975/76, Partbred Andalusians were starting to infiltrate the equestrian sporting scene. They have continued to do so with great success. With selective breeding, superb quality can, and has been, attained. The variety of Partbreds is large. They have been crossed with large ponies to produce small superb horses for children; with Thoroughbreds, Anglo Arabs and Warmbloods to produce eventers, show jumpers, hack and dressage horses; with Quarter Horses, Arabians, Stock Horses to produce campdrafters, sporting horses and harness horses etc - the list is endless and the results have been spectacular.

Partbred Andalusians have won Hack classes at Royal Shows, gone to the highest levels in Dressage, been shortlisted for the Olympics in Eventing, won Campdrafts and have been successful Showjumpers. They have also carried their loving owners safely and calmly on trail rides.

Horses in this Stud Book are first or second cross Andalusians. They are the result of joining a Pure Spanish or an Australian Andalusian parent with a foundation parent (parent representing a breed other than Andalusian). e.g. Pure Spanish mare/Warmblood stallion = 1st Cross Partbred Andalusian or Australian Andalusian stallion/Warmblood mare = 1st Cross Andalusian. A First Cross mare may be joined to a Pure Spanish or Australian Andalusian stallion for a foal that would be eligible to be registered as a 2nd Cross Partbred Andalusian.

The AHAA does not recognise Partbred Entires for breeding programmes and only provides Gelding classes at shows for partbred males over 2 years.

No broken coloured horses (Pinto, Paint and Appaloosa) are accepted into the Register, so care must be taken that the foundation mare is not one of these. There are no height or breed restrictions.