

1984 Jefatura de Cria Caballar Commission - First Visit and Assessment of PREs in the UK

The first Grading and Inscription day for the assessment of the UK's small population of Purebred Spanish Horses (Andalusians) by the Spanish Commission from Madrid (three officers from the Jefatura de Cria Caballar) took place in the summer of 1984 after a year of negotiations with the Spanish Authorities. The venue was the farm and riding centre owned by Mr & Mrs Whiting, near to Horsham.



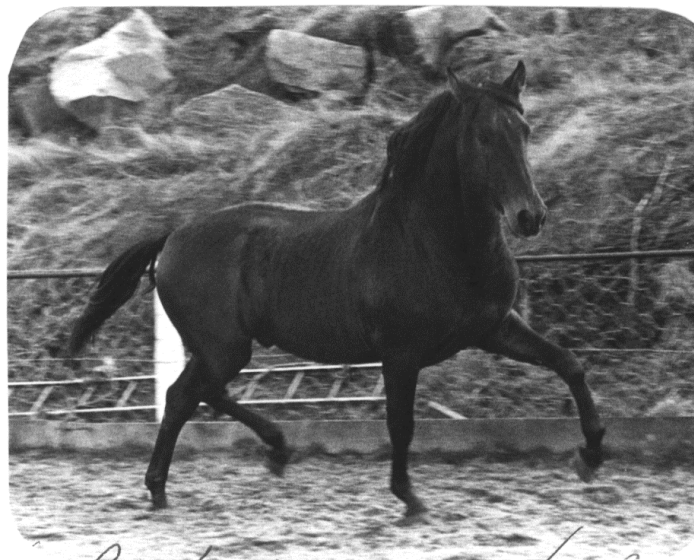
Above: Coqueta VII 1980 at 3 yrs old

Below Left: Convenida in winter, Right: Diplomada in the ring at the first show and Grading 1984

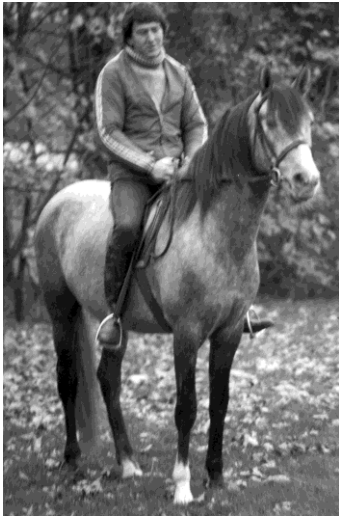


Three mares passed their Grading, Mr Michael Curson's mares Diplomada and Convenida, and Mrs Jenny Bernard's Coqueta VII 1980 - these were the only adult mares in the UK at this time.

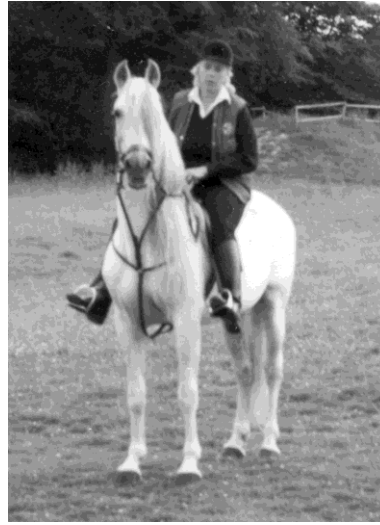
One stallion passed his Grading, Mr Desi Lorent's Alcor IV (*shown below at home*).



A number of other horses, Bandera, Sirroco, Orguloso, Eleanor, and Saragossa, were inspected by the Spanish Commission, but it proved impossible to satisfactorily trace all their ancestry as PRE. After further research in Spain by the Cria Caballar, some of these horses were established to have evidence of Arab infusions and they could not be registered as PRE horses but some years later these horses with Arab infusion were invited to become foundation stock for the Hispano-arab Studbook in the UK.



Left: Sirocco - 3/4 PRE with Robin Spinks riding.



Right: Orguloso - Andalusian stallion but pedigree unproven