



The Peruvian Horse transmits its *smooth* lateral four beat gait to its purebred foals. No artificial devices or training aides are utilized or permitted.



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A unique trait of the Peruvian Paso's smooth gait is *termino* which is an outward swinging leg action, originating from the shoulder. The front lower legs roll to the outside during the stride forward, similar to a swimmer's arms.

A Versatile Horse



The Peruvian Paso horse's gait supplies essentially none of the vertical bounce that is characteristic of the trot, and hence posting (moving up and down with each of the horse's footfalls) is unnecessary. It is also very stable, as the execution of the gait means there are always two, and sometimes three feet on the ground. Because the rider feels no strain or jolt, Peruvian Paso horses are often popular with riders who have back trouble or knee injuries.



"What the Peruvian does, he does better than any horse in the world. He is the absolute master, the ultimate riding horse".

Instead of a trot the Peruvian Paso performs an ambling or four beat gait between the walk and the canter. It is a lateral gait, in that it has four equal beats and is performed laterally — left hind, left fore, right hind, right fore.

This characteristic gait was selectively bred in Peru since the time of the Conquistadors for the purpose of covering long distances comfortably over a short period of time without tiring the horse or rider.

CONFORMATION AND APPEARANCE

The horse is medium sized, usually standing between 14.1 and 15.2 hands tall, with an elegant yet powerful build. A low set, quiet tail, clamped tightly between the buttocks is a vital quality. Stallions have a broader chest and larger neck than Mares. They can be varied yet solid in color. The mane and forelock are lustrous, fine and abundant.



JUNIOR PROGRAM

Both the Canadian Club and the Provincial Clubs support Junior Riders. Many of our ranches provide lessons for juniors and often will lease a horse to them. We have two age divisions 7-12 and 13-18. Each year a free Junior clinic is hosted by Paradise and Ringstead Ranches. A High Point Junior can qualify to win a trip to show their horse at the US Nationals in Texas expense free.



BRIO QUALITY TEMPERAMENT

Peruvian horses are known for their quality temperament .

Brio is one of the most appreciated traits of the Peruvian Horse by novices and experts. Brio is an inherent quality of a noble and willing spirit that enables the Peruvian horse to perform with exuberance.

