

The Peruvian Horse -

a naturally gaited horse for all riders...

At what do Peruvian Horses Excel?

The Peruvian horse is first a wonderful riding horse - a horse that because of its comfortable four beat lateral gaits (pisos), it is super smooth for its rider for any task. They are wonderful steady trail and pleasure horses, enjoyed by riders of all ages. Owners also enjoy them as show horses in breed and open gaited horse shows, showing their talents at many things from performance to trail classes. They also excel in trail competitions such as NATRC, due to their ability and steadiness on the trail.

Tack of the Peruvian Horse

The traditional tack of the Peruvian Horse has remained true to his heritage, but they may be ridden in any type of tack that fits properly. You will see them being ridden in various types of saddles, such as Western, English or Australian. The headgear, saddle, stirrups and "guarnicion" (tail gear) used today in shows are the traditional equipment imported from Peru. The Peruvian saddle is very beautiful & comfortable, for training, pleasure riding & for showing.

Breed Characteristics - Elegance and Intelligence

Like so many Spanish breeds, Peruvians have tremendous presence. At an average of 14 to 15 hands, Peruvians may look small in the pasture but seem to double in size under saddle.

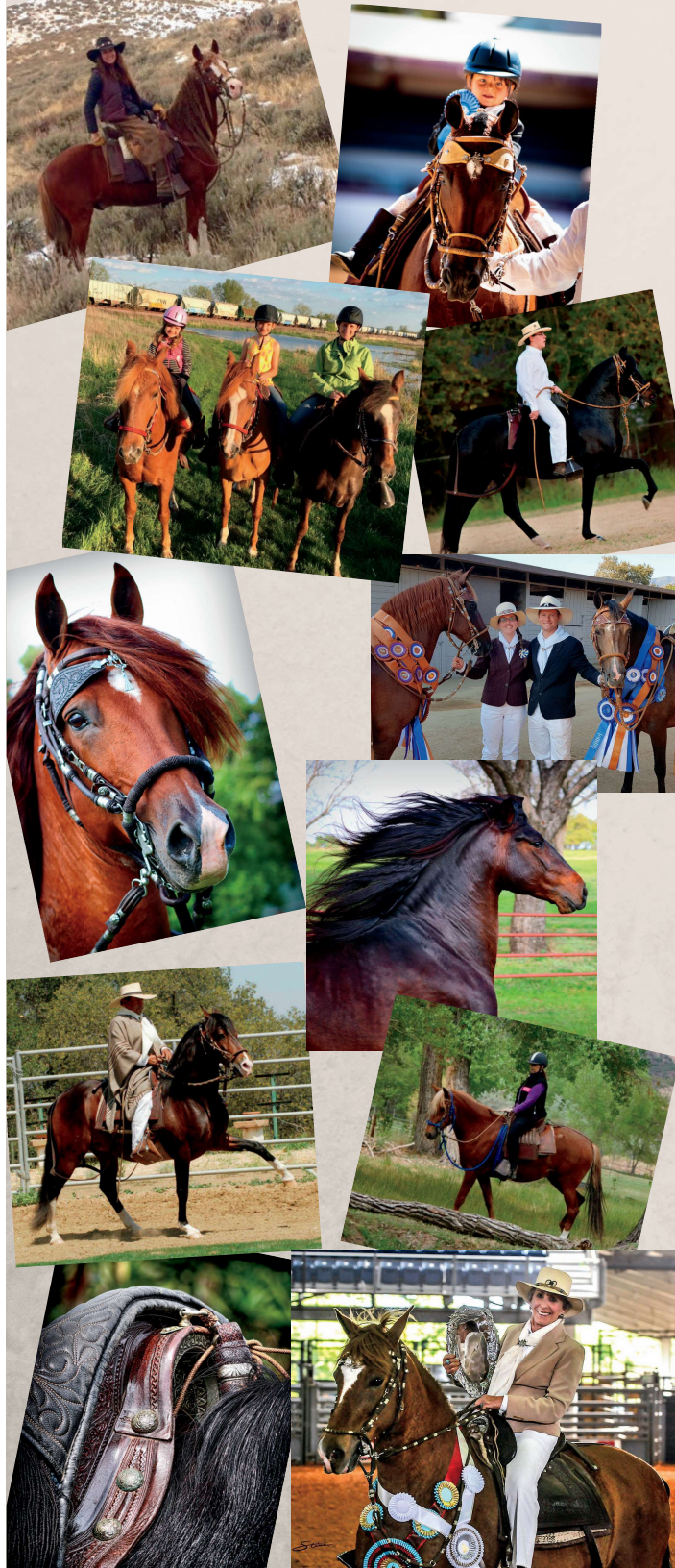
Brio, a hallmark of the breed, roughly translates to "willing energy." It means the animal is forward, smart, eager and responsive. It does not mean "hot" or "high-strung." They typically have thick, luxurious manes and tails, alert expressions and bigger bodies than Paso Finos, a completely separate breed with a much shorter stride.

Is This the Horse for You?

Peruvians are a rare breed. There are only about 20,000 in the United States, compared to roughly 5 million registered quarter horses. They're the ideal choice for the rider who appreciates the depth of character, willing disposition and ultra-smooth glide over whatever terrain you choose to conquer.

The Peruvian horse can be found in many countries across the world, mainly in its home country of Peru, the United States, Canada & across Central America.

For more information and to find Peruvians near you, visit the North American Peruvian Horse Association online at napha.net.



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A BREED APART

There is “something for everyone” in this smooth, elegant animal; riding comfort, strength and stamina for the avid trail rider; calm tractable disposition so important in the family mount; arrogant, flashy presence and action which set the exhibitor and parade rider apart from others.

The Peruvian Horse is a naturally gaited horse. No artificial devices or special training aids are necessary to enable the horse to perform its specialty “pisos” – a natural four-beat footfall of medium speed that provides a ride of incomparable smoothness and harmony of movement. . It’s the only horse bred for término, a swinging motion of the front legs not to be confused with “paddling.”



The North American Peruvian Horse Association is dedicated to the registration and promotion of the Peruvian Horse breed in North America. We have 20+ approved shows across the United States every year, as well as a certification system for trail horses and our Joy of Riding program which awards owners for their hours spent riding their Peruvian horses.

To learn more about the Peruvian Horse, contact

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