

Lets visit one of the most prestigious breed shows of the Pura Raza Española horse, the Championship of Andalusia. It took place in Armilla, Spain, on the 22nd - 25th of October and it was such an extraordinary event. 4 days full of beautiful horses, various performances, spectacular night shows and of course many shopping opportunities.

Legendary Maestro JUAN GAVIRA and "Czech" P.R.E. DOBRES PLC

Dobres PLC
stallion,
DOB: 2009,
pura raza española
height 174 cm
breeder: Yeguada Sierra
de Guadalupe
sire: Duque CXIII
dam: Lotus
sire of dam: Viboro IV
owner: Barbora Kalinová

The championship attended 105 horses from 48 different breeders. In the 5-6 year old stallion category competed, amongst others, also Dobres PLC, owned by a Czech owner, Barbora Kalinová. It is probably the first time ever that a Czech national had a P.R.E. horse compete at such a big event in Spain and so we could not miss this opportunity. Dobres is a stunning P.R.E. stallion of an impressive height of 174 cm, who knows how to make an impression and so we are not surprised that he did so well at his first show ever. Dobres pla-

ced 6th amongst mostly well known champions and obtained the needed qualification for SICAB final. He was prepared and presented by the "Maestro of Maestros" Juan Gavira and his team, who chose Dobres for his quality and character, as you can read in his interview on these pages. We would like to congratulate Dobres and his team for such a success and we are happy to announce that we will be closely monitoring his participation in the famous SICAB championship and you will be able to read about it in the next issue of the Jezdectví magazine.



Reproductor Calificado
Higher level of breeding approval, next step after basic approval. Morphology, gates and, for stallions, functionality under saddle are evaluated. Detailed X-rays are reviewed. Reproduction is examined.

Reproductor Mejorante
Improver of the breed is given to a horse older than 7 years old, who accomplished the functional requirements, passed the genetic evaluation, achieved above average genetic index and fulfilled the minimum value of repeatability. This value could be improved by the functionality results of the said horse or his offsprings or siblings.

Reproductor Joven Recomendado
Recommended young breeding horse is a horse between the ages of 4 and 6 years old, who accomplished the functional requirements, passed the genetic evaluation and at the same time achieved above average genetic index.

Reproductor
Basic breeding approval, takes place after the 3rd birthday of the horse. When approved, the horse's offsprings are inscribed in the spanish studbook.

Did you know that..
...the title Reproductor Elite with an orange logo has only ever been given to one P.R.E. horse? This highest title was appointed to the stallion Ermitaño III at the age of 27 years old for his invaluable role in the genetic improvement of the breed and not just in the dressage discipline.

DUQUE CXIII
Campeón Joven de España - 2008
Campeón de Andalucía - 2010

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© Dobres PLC pictured in front of the main show monument used in the official promotional advertisement.

📍 Sire of stallion Dobres PLC, Duque CXIII, height 168 cm (s: Educado X, d: Violetera IX).

And how did the show go? The horses competed in 12 categories, from 2 year olds all the way up to senior stallions and mares and the special titles. Fogo IV (Albert Boya Albaida) was named the Champion of the Show and the beautiful bay mare Panadera LVIII (Maria Fernanda de la Escalera de la Escalera) was crowned the Female Champion of the Show. Yeguada El Romerito was named the Best breeder and Albert Boya Albaida the best exhibitor. You can read more about it in the following interviews.....



📍 Beautiful presentation in traditional spanish attire was part of the night show.

The system of evaluation and conditions for obtaining various titles is more complicated than the basic outline here and could be found in full at www.ancce.es.



Do you know who is Presentador?

PRESENTADOR = presenter/trainer of a P.R.E. horse, who prepares and trains the horse for show, teaches the horse how to properly stand, to show his best gates, in order for the horse to get the most points from the judges. Presenters in Spain are very much valued and the breeders realize that a professional and skilled presenter is the alpha and omega of success. The best presenters receive much respect in Spain.

How did it all start?

I grew up with horses, my father was a horse farm manager and so horses were always in our lives. My first experience was when I was 7 years old, I showed arabian horses for a breeder Luis Ybarra. First show was in Jerez de la Frontera. I worked here for many years and accomplished some good results for example 4x title Champion of Spain. When I was 14-16 years old we managed to get all the way to the World Breed Championship in the UK and

JUAN GAVIRA LORENZO (51) P.R.E. dokáží být univerzální

You are being called “Maestro of Maestros” of all the presenters of Pura Raza Española horses in Spain. You are a legend, you were the one who actually “invented” this profession. You also “made” many P.R.E. champions. Now you teach and amongst your students are many of the best presenters and top horses. That is an incredible accomplishment.

I was twice named The Best Presenter. I credit my first valuable accomplishments to my teacher, Rafael Cumplido Romero.

How did you get to the P.R.E.?

What I learned I slowly started adapting to the P.R.E. breed. Until that time, P.R.E. horses were shown in a different way. I started showing them more collected and with their necks more beautiful. I was the catalyst for change. That is why my name is historically being used in relation to the presentation of these horses. Much has changed.

Can you give us some names of breeders you worked for that our readers could recognise?

At the beginning of the 90s I started wor-

king at Yeguada Ayala, legend in the P.R.E. breed. I worked with horses like Educado X, Ebanisto, Corinta, Imperiosa etc, with whom I managed to obtain the highest awards for example Champion of Champions with Educado in Jerez and Gold Medal at SICAB. There are too many to name them all but few more would be Yeguada Cubas and the mare Caoba and stallion Torero, that I made Champions of Spain. In the breeding program of Benito Sierra I found a 3 year old colt Remache XIII and I knew he would be an important P.R.E. We attended together 12 championships and today this horse has many prestigious awards. Next Yeguada Can Maynou and their legendary stallion Nero II, winner of SICAB, participated in 12 championships and holds many medals and titles.

When did you go private?

In 2008 I opened my own business. Next came Yeguada Dehesa Cabeza Rubia in 2009, but already in a technical director capacity. I would look at all the horses, pick the ones I considered talented enough for competitions and with our team helped to prepare them for shows and presented them.

Which of your accomplishments are you most proud of?

I value every accomplishment. If I would have to name some horses, it would probably be stallions Remache XIII and Duque CXIII. What makes me very proud though is the fact that I am mostly right about the horses's potentials and it is very nice to see horses that I selected becoming champions. It is such a fulfilling feeling.

Of the current top P.R.E. horses, which ones would you say have the most potential?

For me the favourites are Duque CXIII and the Guardiola lines. They have height, morphology, gates and on top of it all, incredible character. These lines I know very well, and their willingness to work and kindness are unique.

Do you think the breed is changing? What draws you to the P.R.E.?

I love the nobility, beauty and character of this breed. Everything changes and evolves and it is only natural that this breed does as well. There have been many changes, be it in the gates, morphology or character. And of course the height. Population is evolving, people tend to be taller so also the horses tend to be taller. For me personally, all these are positive changes. There is always a room for improvement though of course.

What do you consider of the biggest importance when selecting a potential champion? What do you focus on? What is the weakness of the breed?

For me it is mostly gates, head profile, back and build. Personally, I think the weakness of the breed is still the backs, lack of strength in them, which is closely connected to the quality of the gates.

What direction do you think should the breed go in the future? In the recent past, the market suffered greatly and Spain has been through a lot....

Honestly, I think it is important to support

Evaluation system of the P.R.E. horses at shows

Judges evaluate the presented horses in these categories:

1. morphology - evaluation of how the horse is built

2. gates - walk, trot and canter in hand

3. functionality test under saddle, only older stallions

Each presentation category is marked separate, then added together and averaged. The resulting number determines the winner of the given age category, stallions and mares are judged separately. Every show has a winner of each category and then so called special titles are given such as Breed Champion (stallion and mare), Junior Breed Champion (colt and filly), Functionality Champion, Best Movement Champion. Best breeder and also Best Exhibitor are also announced etc. The detailed system is available at www.ancce.es.

is full of champions from both sides. Duque is Duque and Lotus is a legend. I remember seeing her for the first time years ago. She was coming out of the transport at SICAB. I will never forget it. Dobres is still young and his bloodlines with their heights mature very slowly, this is just the very beginning for him. Only when he is 8-9 years old, we will really see the horse that I know he will become one day. I saw about 15 of his offsprings, including the ones owned by Yeguada D (yeguada.com) and they look very promising. I was shocked they were all by the same stallion. It is not very often that a stallion gives such consistent quality.

This was his first show, what are your thoughts?

I am proud of him. He qualified for SICAB at his first show ever, which is a big success. It was his first event of any kind and he is under saddle since this summer only. He competed against horses whom almost all are many times champions and have been at shows and under saddle for few years now. He was at a disadvantage. There was



the versatility of this breed. P.R.E.s are not just beautiful and are not only good for morphological shows. We should support efforts to participate in other disciplines like dressage, doma vaquera, carriage driving etc. This is a universally talented breed and helping it excel at other sporting disciplines would open the door for this amazing breed to new markets.

And now let's talk about Dobres PLC. Why did you choose him?

Because he has potential, incredible character and the needed quality. His pedigree

much he had to cope with, both physically and mentally.

Heartfelt congratulations for making it to the SICAB final. What comes next? How difficult is it to get ready for such a big event?

Well, there is much to do of course but rest is also important. Dobres deserves some rest after an event such as first show. SICAB has the advantage that we will be there enough days in advance so he will be able to adjust to his surroundings. I think he has already proved his quality and succeeded. We should all just enjoy SICAB without stress.

Barbora KALINOVÁ, owner of Dobres

From left Juan Gavira, owner
Barbora Kalinová, presentador
Isaias Contreras Martin.
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Not even in my wildest dreams did I imagine he could be mine!

First heartfelt congratulations for your success and SICAB qualification. Lets start at the beginning. How and why it all started?

Thank you. It started in 2006. I was living in the USA and studying my Master's Degree at Stanford University. That fall, my father passed away and I was devastated. That same year, a black P.R.E. colt Ducado YR, was born in Michigan. To this day, I believe, that it was meant to be. He saved me. I fell in love with him and the breed, which I would define as extremely gentle, kind, noble, majestic. For me, a relationship with a P.R.E. is truly special. No wonder people say it is "The Horse of the Kings."

That was 2006, what happened next?

I started researching everything about P.R.E. horses, visited famous breeders in the USA. After finishing my studies, I moved back home to Europe. Ducado came with me. I bought him first a P.R.E. gelding and then 2 P.R.E. mares as I did not want him to be an isolated stallion. I would have done everything for him. We had few foals and I kept educating myself on the breed but realized that theory was not enough. I downsized the number of horses we had, found loving homes for our foals and started traveling to Spain on regular basis. In the last few years, I was very fortunate to meet some legendary breeders and their families. They are an incredible source of valuable information and I am eternally grateful

for their time and willingness to answer all my questions. The more I know about this breed and breeding in general, the more I realize how much I still do not know and need to learn. To me, it is important to keep learning and not be afraid to seek advice from the very best.

It has been a few years since your interview with Sr. M. Cárdenas that you did for our magazine about his breeding program and the legendary olympic Fuego. What are your favourite memories of this trip?

That was a big experience for me at that time. Mr. Cárdenas was very kind to us. He showed us his farm and breeding program including few of his favourites. Manuel rode Fuego so we could see him in action. What stayed with me the most though was one advice from M. Cárdenas: "Breeding is tough and the most important thing is to have patience and follow your vision. Everybody will always have subjective preferences, but as a breeder you must make your own and follow them. If you persist, sooner or later others will see what you see."

So what is your personal "Ideal" P.R.E. horse?

To me, P.R.E. is a multi-talented breed and you can find different types of P.R.E. horses. Everybody likes something a bit different, my own personal ideal is a taller P.R.E. horse with

kind character and smooth functional gates under saddle.

And in the meantime your breeding program grew again..

Yes, that is true :) The more time I spent in Spain and the more breeders I met, the harder it was for me. From the "resisting" point of view. I had the honor of meeting such stunning P.R.E. horses that sometimes it was almost hard to breathe. I was able to handle it for some time, but then I met Sultana (our Reprodutor Calificado mare) and when I saw her daughters and realized what she could give, I could not keep resisting any longer. Breeding is difficult, as we all know, often even the best show mare does not give quality foals and so when this opportunity presented itself, I took it.

Dobres PLC. Your current star. Why him and how did it happen?

Honestly, I never thought I would have another stallion next to my Ducado. 2 years ago I was in Madrid again and through some complicated circumstances I met Dobres. He was already huge even at his young age, barely touched by people, after his first breeding season that he spent living in the fields with his mares. He made an unforgettable impression on me, he was truly majestic. But at the same time, gentle and with an intelligent face.



📌 Half sister to Dobres PLC, Hacendada Arenas, height 166 cm, d: Estudianta XXXV. Champion of Shows and Medal winner (4 gold, 5 silver a 1 bronze), finalist in SICAB 2011, 2012, 2013. Photo © Azahara Photography



📌 Dam of Dobres PLC, Lotus, (height 172 cm, s: Viboro IV, d: Etna,) and also of 4 P.R.E. horses titled Reproductor Calificado. Pictured at the age of 24!



📌 Half sister to Dobres PLC, Calidad PLC (DOB: 2008, height 167 cm), sire D'Adeje. Champion in Spain, Mexico, Guatemala and Nicaragua, finalist in SICAB 2011 a 2012. Photo © siemPREcaballos

I fell in love with him instantly. But not even in my wildest dreams did I think he could be mine. The next few years I kept meeting his offsprings and spent time with him on regular basis. I never met a stallion that would consistently give so similar high quality foals with different types of mares. Even with small mares he could give good height. I realized that he is an incredible breeding stallion. And his character impressed me. The rest was just a big amount of luck. I am deeply thankful to his breeder Pedro at Yeguada Sierra de Guadalupe and my very close friends José and Cristina at Zeta Horse, because without them, this would not be possible.

And then you started preparing for the shows?

First, Dobres and Ducado went to Galicia to a reproduction clinic. It took few months before we had enough quality frozen semen from both for export to USA, Europe and South America. Ducado then came back to Czech Republic and Dobres went to Southern

Spain to Juan for training. We wanted to take Dobres to a smaller show first to get him used to the show environment but unfortunately it was cancelled and so we went directly to the Championship of Andalusia.

As far as we know, you are the first from the Czech Republic, who ever attended a P.R.E. show in Spain with a horse. Was it difficult to organize?

Honestly, you cannot even imagine. When I was deciding, whether to do this or not, I figured it would not be easy, however I still underestimated it. It was a significant commitment of time and finances and still it would have never worked if not for the incredible character of Dobres. And also without the support and help of so many of my friends both in Spain and in Czech Republic. I was very fortunate during the last few years to have met so many special people. Without them it would not happen and I would like to thank them all from the bottom of my heart. I did not even know most of them few years ago and now

they are like family to me. I value their friendship and support very much.

I know you do not have your own property for your horses yet, that does not make things any easier...

That is my dream. To have an equestrian center where it would be possible to organize international horse shows, smaller expositions, breed shows, conferences etc and next to it to have a small but quality P.R.E. breeding program. And even charity events, imagination is the limit :-). But these are just dreams and plans for now, we are in the phase of searching for investors. At this time, we have our horses boarded in the Czech Republic (Yeguada D) and in Spain (Yeguada D España), which is harder. On the other hand, I have to admit, that up until now it made sense given my frequent trips to Spain.

There is still much we would like to ask but are running out of space. What are your plans now? Of course SICAB...

Qualifying for SICAB finals is a big success for us and I am very proud of Dobres. He is still young for a P.R.E. and given his height he has much maturing to do. And he is just only starting under saddle. In 2-3 years we will see what all he could do. It is important to me, that he handles SICAB without stress and stays healthy, everything else is secondary. He already proved himself by qualifying for SICAB. Next comes rest and some fun for him. We will be selling frozen semen and also have few P.R.E. horses for sale. We even managed to get our hands on few of his offsprings before he was shown and so will be finding them loving homes. Hermida Z, our Dobres daughter, who will be 3 next year, will be competing in Spain in the Spring and Dobres will come home for dressage. Maybe he will come back for SICAB next year, but we will see. We have many plans..... more info at www.yeguada.com. 🍷



📌 DOBRES PLC: 3 months under saddle with his dressage rider/trainer Antonio Trigo