Peruvian Paso Breed Standard

General

The Peruvian Paso horse should have an appearance of energy, grace and refinement. Horses should have a well developed muscular appearance without exaggerations. Size ranges from 14.1 to 15.2 hands, with an occasional individual over or under.

The Head

The head is of medium size with a straight or slightly concave profile; a small muzzle; oblong nostrils which extend easily; dark skin; dark expressive eyes set well apart (glass and/or blue eyes shall be penalized in breeding classes); moderately marked jowls, and medium length ears with fine tips curved slightly inward.

The Neck

The neck is of medium length, with a graceful arch to the crest. It is slightly heavier in proportion to the body than most light saddle breeds.

The Body

The back is medium in length, strong and rounded. Loins broad and well muscled over the kidney area. The croup is long and wide, fairly muscular with moderate slope and nicely rounded. The tail set is low, and viewed from the rear is carried straight, quietly and held close to the buttocks. Chest is wide with moderate muscling. The girth is deep, with the length of leg and depth of body approximately equal. Rib cage is well sprung and deep. The barrel is deep, and the underline is nearly level from the last rib to the brisket. Flanks are moderately short, full and deep. Quarters should be strong, of medium roundness and width. Shoulders long, very well inclined and well muscled, especially at the withers.

The Legs

The bones of the lower limbs should be well aligned and well articulated so that the long bones line up with each other correctly above and below the joints, with the skin tight against the bone, and strong, prominent tendons. Pasterns should be of medium length and springy but not showing weakness. Cannon bones are short. Slightly more angle to the hock than other light saddle breeds.

Colors

Acceptable colors are bay, black, brown, buckskin, chestnut, dun, grey, grulla, palomino and roan. Solid colors, grays and dark skin are preferred.