Abians bred in Spain have long been appreciated for their wonderful dispositions, great work ethic, athletic ability and Arabian type. In the past, Spanish related Arabians have excelled in nearly every discipline in which Arabians compete in the show ring. Although in recent years fewer breeders are concentrating on breeding straight Spanish Arabians, their influence is still strong in the ancestry of successful athletes today, particularly in the sport horse division. 2016 was a banner year for the Spanish bred Arabian at the U.S. Sport Horse National Show, as 14 horses won 43 titles including 14 National Championships or Reserve National Championships, winning titles in every discipline offered at the show.

Spanish related horses excelled in hand in 2016. Top Ten Hunter Type Sport Horse Stallion and Top Ten Hunter Type Sport Horse Stallion ATH Gun Smoke Blu SFA (WN Ben Samir x Desert Aurora) is 25% Spanish through his sire, a son of the imported stallion *GG Samir, the all time leading Spanish sire of National winners. He is owned by Sanford Farms Inc of East Haddam, Connecticut and was shown by Debbi Thomas to both of his titles.

National Champion Two Year Old Sport Horse Colt is Regalo C (Czantiago+++/x Remarkable C), who is straight Spanish. Regalo C’s sire Czantiago+++ won three titles at the show and sired two National Champions In Hand. Regalo C is linebred to the excellent sire Ghadames as both of his parents are Ghadames grandget. Ghadames is a World and National Champion sire. Regalo C is also linebred to National Champion sire Tabal, sire of the legendary mare *Estopa. Regalo C was bred and is owned by Martin and Rusty Cook and was shown to his title by Jim Porcher.

Jim Porcher is the breeder, owner and handler for another of the National Champions In Hand, who is also a Czantiago+// son. Tieter is an Anglo-Arabian who was named National Champion Half-Arabian Two Year Old Sport Horse Gelding as well as Supreme Champion Two Year Old Sport Horse in Hand. Like father like son-Czantiago+++/ was also named U.S. Supreme Champion Two Year Old Sport Horse In Hand. Tieter will have a wonderful career under saddle as well as he is built to be a superb athlete!

Czantiago+++ (*Granizar x Pasion S), sire of National Champions Regalo C and Tieter, added to his long roster of Sport Horse National titles with National Champion Working Hunter, Top Ten Sport Horse Under Saddle ATR and Top Ten Jumper. Czantiago+++ is owned by Lisa Stapleton and was ridden to his over fences titles by Julia Werner Mahoney and to his sport horse under saddle title by Lisa Stapleton. Czantiago+++ now has 16 National titles including National Championships in hand, as a working hunter and a hunter hack and Top Ten titles in dressage and sport horse under saddle.

The Bedouins valued their mares above all else, and when one looks at the ancestry of the Spanish Sport Horse National winners one can see why. The wonderful Spanish mare Pasion S (*Esperanto x *Boria), bred by Stanley Arabians, is the dam of two National Champions and through her sons Czantiago+++ and Yo+ is the granddam of three National Champions! Her 2016 National winner is the Half-Arabian Handsome Iz. He was named National Champion Half-Arabian Hunter Hack Junior Horse, Reserve National Champion Half-Arabian Sport Horse Under Saddle Junior Horse, and Top Ten Half-Arabian Training Level Dressage Junior Horse and Sport Horse Under Saddle ATR. Like his maternal brother Czantiago+++/, Handsome Iz is owned by Lisa Stapleton and was bred by Stanley Ranch. He was ridden to his dressage title by Michelle Mahoney, his hunter hack and sport horse under saddle junior horse titles by Julia Werner Mahoney, and his sport horse under saddle ATR title by Lisa Stapleton.

Pasion S is also the paternal granddam of multiple National Champion Siete Leguas II, an Anglo-Arabian sired by her son Yo+ (himself a Reserve National Champion Hunter Hack). Siete Leguas II was bred by Jim Porcher and is owned by Marique Rochester, who rode him to all of his titles. In his first Sport Horse National competition, he excelled! He was named National Champion Half-Arabian Sport Horse Under Saddle Junior Horse (defeating his “cousin” Handsome Iz) and Reserve National Champion Half-Arabian Hunter Hack Junior Horse (to his “cousin” Handsome Iz), and had Top Ten titles in Half-Arabian Hunter Hack ATR, Half-Arabian Hunter Hack AOTR and Half-Arabian Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR.

The third straight Spanish 2016 Sport Horse National Champion is Magico+++ (Guapo Chico x LC Felicia). His sire Guapo Chico is a son of multiple National winner sire WN Santana (whose sire
Another Spanish related Sport Horse National winner is Kendrick Wind GM+, a Half-Arabian who is 28.125% Spanish breeding. His sire Corre Con El Viento is a grandson of Canadian Top Ten Stallion Retador and his dam Kalana Magnifica is a granddaughter of the Spanish import Ceral. She also has a line on her sire side to National Champion sire *AN Malik, Kendrick Wind GM+ is a 3/4 brother to the successful sport horse mare First Legacy GMH+ (Corre Con El Viento x PA Famas Kapuni, dam of Kalana Magnifica), who has six National titles including National Championships in hand and in training level dressage. 2016 was Kendrick Wind GM+’s first year of National level competition. His four Top Ten titles include Top Ten Half-Arabian Hunter Type Sport Horse Gelding, Half-Arabian Sport Horse Under Saddle Junior Horse, Half-Arabian Training Level Dressage and Training Level Dressage Junior Horse. He was bred and is owned by Gwendolyn Marshall and was shown in hand and under saddle by Dannie Haugen.

The seasoned sport horse campaigner CFS Dark Dreams+/- added two more titles to her roster of National titles at the 2016 Sport Horse Nationals. This Half-Arabian pinto is 25% Spanish as her dam is a daughter of the straight Spanish Don Juan Lagasca, a inbred son of Spanish National Champion Stallion *Figuros. She was named Top Ten Half-Arabian First Level Dressage AOTR and Second Level Dressage AOTR.

Five of the 2016 Spanish related National winners are on stallion and four of his get. Crimson N Smoke+++/(Flaming Crimson x R S Krystal) was named a U.S. Top Ten Hunter 14.2 and Under at age 22-a testament to the durability and soundness of the Spanish lines. Crimson N Smoke+++/+ has a total of 11 lifetime titles-three in western trail and the remaining eight in sport horse disciplines. In 2015 he was also named Canadian National Champion Hunter Type Sport Horse Stallion ATH, Top Ten Hunter Type Sport Horse Stallion and Top Ten Working Hunter. Crimson N Smoke+++/+’s sire Flaming Crimson was himself an accomplished athlete winning U.S. Top Ten Working Hunter and Jumper titles. Flaming Crimson’s parents *Zurhama De Washoo and *Saludurra were both part of the important Steen importation from Spain.

Crimson N Smoke+++/- was bred and has been owned all his life by Larry and Kelly Alcorn, and Kelly rode him to his National title. Four of his get are also 2016 Sport Horse National winners. His purebred daughter STL Smoke Before Fire+++/x Sassy Prediction was named a Top Ten Hunter Type Sport Horse Mare ATH, Top Ten Jumper, Top Ten Speed Jumper and Top Ten Jumper Novice Horse. She now has 18 lifetime National titles at age 11! She is owned by Diane Wither. Kathryn Doyle showed her to her in hand title and was ridden by Kelly Alcorn in her jumping classes. Diane Wither also owns a second Crimson N Smoke+++/- offspring with 2016 Sport Horse National titles. Half-Arabian STL Smoke Inthecore won both his titles in the sport horse carriage driving division, driven by Kelly Alcorn. He was named Top Ten in Scunny Obstacle and Pick Your Route classes and now has a total of nine lifetime National titles in hand and carriage driving.

Crimson N Smoke+++/-’s Anglo-Arabian daughter Shes On My List+/- has three 2016 Sport Horse National titles: Top Ten Half-Arabian Hunter Type Sport Horse Mare, Top Ten Half-Arabian Hunter Type Sport Horse Mare ATH, and Top Ten Half-Arabian Hunter Hack Junior Horse. She has 11 lifetime National titles including four National Championships or Reserve National Championships in hand. She was bred and is owned by Larry and Kelly Alcorn. Kelly showed her in her open in hand and hunter hack classes while Madeline Jahns showed her in amateur in hand competition.

The final Spanish related 2016 Sport Horse National winner is Crimson N Smoke+++/-’s son Citie Slicker+/-, owned by Ann and Sara Kerr. A 16 year old show veteran, he was named U.S. Top Ten Half-Arabian Second Level Dressage ATR and Second Level Dressage AOTR and National Champion Half-Arabian First Level Dressage ATR, ridden by Sara Kerr. He now has 12 lifetime National titles including multiple national championships in dressage with a junior rider.

Spanish bloodlines, although less common than in the past, have stood the test of time. For those who wish to compete in sport horse disciplines, Spanish ancestry is a proven asset!

For more information regarding the Spanish Arabian please visit www.spanisharabianhorsesociety.org

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