

old stallion Venturoso Repoula. The partbred classes were equally contested.

Norfolk based freelance instructor Alexandra Downing and the partbred Lusitano gelding Xá followed on from their double win at the Woodbridge Show and placings at Royal Windsor to secure the Partbred Lusitano Championship at the Suffolk County. Seven year old Xá owned by Fenella Roiz de Sa won both the in-hand and ridden partbred Lusitano classes.

Second place in the in-hand partbred class went to Ballet Dancer, Miss C Sales's four year old mare and third place to Xerife ridden by N Read. Ridden partbred placings also featured Xerife in second place who went on to take the Reserve Championship. Pakefield's Nabucco by Opalino secured third place ridden by Karina Savil.

As always, the Parade Class is the highlight of the Lusitano classes at the Suffolk Show. This year Helen Barlow's Sa-Sa and Pine Lodge's Rafa took first and second places respectively. Sussex Lusitano's Quota ridden by Sherene Rahmatallah was placed third. A fantastic display of classical riding was on show and as always a great crowd pleaser!

Many thanks to Sr Joao Pereira Lynce for judging all the Lusitano classes. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Suffolk Show on the 7th and 8th June 2012.



The Lisbon Show 2011

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By Nicola Pugh

The Brighton Show is an annual event that has been held in the city since 1851. It is one of the largest and most popular shows in the country, attracting over 1 million visitors each year. The show is held at the Brighton Centre, a large indoor arena in the heart of the city. The show is divided into several sections, including a main arena, a children's area, and a food court. The main arena is the heart of the show, where a variety of activities are held, including horse shows, dog shows, and exhibitions. The children's area is a popular destination for families, with a range of activities and games. The food court is a great place to grab a bite to eat and enjoy the view of the show.



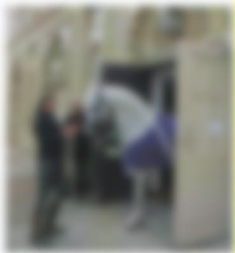
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Woodbridge Horse Show Trinity Park, Suffolk

Despite the bitterly cold wind there was a distinct sense of Iberian warmth at the Woodbridge Show on Monday 2nd May 2011. The Lusitano classes at the annual show have gained increasing popularity since they were first introduced and the turnout at the 2011 show held at Trinity Park Ipswich was testament to this.

The Lusitano Parade Class attracted great attention from the crowd as the riders paraded their horses in traditional Portuguese tack and dress. After a very impressive display, Holly Barber riding Pine Lodge's purebred Lusitano gelding Rafa were placed first by judge Tony Dampier. Natasha Read riding Helen Barlow's Sa-Sa were placed second followed by Alexandra Downing on Xá third. Both Rafa and Sa-Sa are from Pine Lodge School of Classical Equitation.

There was strong competition in all the classes with the in-hand and ridden English dress classes also represented by very good examples of the breed. Both the in-hand and ridden English dress classes were won by Alexandra Downing riding part-bred Lusitano gelding Xa, owned and bred by Fenella Rois de Sa. Second place in the in-hand went to Pakefield Lusitano's Desejada (by Spartacus) who was imported only last year by owner Tessa Hardy. Pine Lodge's home bred 5 year old stallion Bento (by Infinito) was placed third.

There were eleven entries in the ridden class with a mix of stallions, geldings and mares, demonstrating a good diversity of the breed. Second place was taken by Gemma Laws on her beautiful mare Songhurst Zecora and third place taken by Jenny Clarke on her purebred gelding Urano. Alexandra Downing was especially pleased with Xá's performance, "The Woodbridge Show was a fantastic start to the season, especially having the opportunity to compete against purebreds. It was a great warm up for Royal Windsor which followed later in the month".



Many thanks to this year's judge Tony Dampier and look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Woodbridge Show.

Alexandra Downing Classical Dressage Trainer and Working Equitation Rider & Xá

Alex has worked and trained with Lusitanos since 1998 when she was first introduced to the breed whilst working at Pine Lodge School of Classical Equitation. Under the expert training of Sue Barber, Alex went on to compete in Working Equitation at both the World and European Championships for five consecutive years.

Pine Lodge's Mafioso (by Florim) was the first Lusitano Alex competed, winning many showing classes at the Suffolk and the annual Lusitano Breed Shows. Pine Lodge's Uxaria (by Quito) was also very successful winning the purebred Lusitano class at the Suffolk Show and regularly competing on the WE circuit. Alex has trained at Pine Lodge for many years and also in Portugal, Brazil and Vienna.

Alex is currently training part bred Lusitano Xá. He is a 16.3hh grey Lusitano gelding owned and bred by Fenella Roiz de Sa. In 2003 Fenella went to Portugal in search of a brood mare. After scouring various studs in the Portuguese countryside Fenella was introduced to the Projecto family at their farm 'Herdade dos Padres' situated just outside Evora. This introduction resulted in the purchase of two mares and four yearlings. Snr Projecto did not mention that the mares were in foal so six months after they landed on Kent soil, Xá arrived on a cold, crisp winter's day in December 2005.

Xá has not always been the stunning horse that he is now as Fenella recalls "I was always shocked by the size of him, he was a giant! He wasn't the most attractive horse I had ever set eyes on, his enormous bulky head did not belong to his neck and body. Thankfully this changed when he turned six and transformed in to a stunning head turner of a horse. Those long spidery legs came in handy after all as he developed a fantastic movement".

Fenella backed Xá at three years old and his veiga blood lines, out of Impar (by Dinamite) became apparent when ridden. He then went to Portugal where he continued his training at Lusitanos in Golega. On returning to England Fenella enjoyed participating in local riding club activities. Fenella who was now enjoying

Artista, Xá's younger sister decided to focus on her and rethink Xá's future. Fenella had met Alex several years ago and became happily reacquainted with her at Golega Horse fair when Xá was only 3 years old. While watching the parade of horses Fenella asked Alex to describe her perfect horse, "It would have to be a Veiga for me every time, and if I could find one that's 17hh all the better!" Alex replied.

In July 2010 Fenella's mastermind plan fell in to place and Alex and Xá have been perfectly paired since. After just 6 weeks in training Xá and Alex went to the Annual Lusitano Breed show, Fenella came and supported them and watched as Sylvia Loch presented them as the winners of the Hilario shield and crowned Xá partbred champion 2010. This year Alex will be competing in showing classes with Xá and also Working Equitation. Xá started the season well winning the in hand and ridden Lusitano classes at Woodbridge show. She continues to train at Pine Lodge with the help of Sue Barber. Fenella continues to support both horse and rider during the show season of 2011.

