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Basic Equestrian Terms

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A la Groupa ~ usually seen at parades, exhibitions and feria, a couple rides with the woman behind the saddle on a pad (side saddle, not astride) in a brilliant flamenco dress.

Amazona ~ a woman riding side saddle in traditional attire

Arbol genealógico, linaje ~ pedigree, lineage

Atuendo y Arreos ~ Riding attire and tack

Bloque de Sal ~ Salt Block

Botas ~ Boots

Caballos ~ horse

Caballerizas Reales ~ Royal Stables

Cabeza ~ head

Carruajes y Guadarneses ~ Carriages and tack

Castaña or castaña—Bay

Carta ~ your Spanish stud book passport or registration documents

Cinchar ~ to girth

Cobra ~ In Spain mares are shown in groups of 3 or 5 of like type and color with one handler on foot. Much larger cobras have been shown in exhibitions, sometimes controlled by a single horseman, a thrilling spectacle

Código ~ registration number in the Spanish stud book for the horse or breeder

Colas ~ tail

Compañía aseguradora de equinos ~ Equine Insurance company

Concurso, hipico ~ Horse show

Cria ~ breeding (of animals)

Criador ~ Breeder

Cuello ~ Neck

Doma Classica ~ Doma is literally translated as 'breaking of horses' or 'training'. Doma classica is the Spanish form of classical equitation

Doma Vaquera ~ riding style developed for working cattle. Ropes are not used; instead a pole is used to move cattle. This is where the term "cowpoke" came from

Ecuestre ~ Equestrian

Encillar ~ to saddle

Estribo ~ Stirrup

Finca, Hacienda ~ Ranch

Galope ~ Canter

Ganaderia ~ livestock breeding, ranching

Grano ~ grain

Haute Ecole ~ 'High school' refers to the training or movements

Hembra ~ Mare

Heno de timoteo—Timothy hay

Herradura ~ Horse shoe

Herrero or Herrador ~ Farrier

Hierro ~ Brand

Jefatura de Cria Caballar— government body managed the Spanish Stud Book past 100 yrs.

Jinete ~ rider, horseman

La Garrocha ~ the garrocha pole is used in Spain by the vaquero (cowboys) to move cattle around rather than roping. The art of working with the garrocha pole, about 12 feet in length, has been developed into performance exhibitions and is breathtaking to watch.

Llame al veterinario! ~ Call the vet!

Mandil ~ Saddle pad

Manzana ~ apple

Mare ~ Hembra

Melena ~ Mane

Morfología y funcionalidad ~ morphology and functionality refers to conformation & performance

Negro ~ black

Paso ~ Walk

Pierneras, zahones ~ Chaps

Polainas ~ Half chaps

Potro ~ Foal

Pura Raza Española - P.R.E. ~ Pure Spanish Horse

Rabicano ~ roaning in the coat and frosting on the tail, usually in bays or blacks, somewhat rare.

Real Escuela Andaluza del Arte Ecuestre ~ Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art

Rejoneador ~ bullfighter

Rejonero ~ Bullfighting from horseback

Rienda ~ rein

Sección de Heno ~ hay

Sementales ~ Stallions

SICAB ~ National PRE Breed Show in Sevilla, Spain held 3rd week in November

Silla ~ Saddle

Tirado por caballos ~ Horse drawn

Transportador de caballos ~ Horse hauler

Torte ~ Trot

Uña ~ Hoof

Vaquero ~ cattle herdsman, cowboy

Veterinario ~ Veterinarian

Yegua ~ Mare

Yeguada ~ Herd of horses, studfarm

Yeguada Militar ~ Stud farm operation of the Spanish Military

Zanahoria ~ carrot

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A cobra of mares at Sicab