
Reining Class for a Non Quarter Horse

Posted by rodeoange - 2008/05/24 23:25

Are there any reining classes for non QH's or would I be laughed out of the arena on my Welsh cross? We have been working really hard the last few months and I think it would really do her good to get out to a show and enjoy herself. I have really self taught myself and her for fun but over the last month we have really come on leaps and bounds. OK its not going to be the most polished display you have seen, but would just be fun to give it a whirl!

Any suggestions?

Many thanks
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Re:Reining Class for a Non Quarter Horse

Posted by Roland - 2008/05/25 06:25

You go for it :P best place to start is with WES they have reining classes and all breeds are welcome... www.wes-uk.com

Post edited by: Roland, at: 2008/05/25 07:31

Re:Reining Class for a Non Quarter Horse

Posted by appynospots - 2008/05/25 08:05

British Reining or NRHA classes. I am pretty sure you dont need a QH for their shows either, because the paints and appaloosa's compete there. So why not your little horse.

Have a go and dont be put off, fly the flag for the other breeds out there. All horses can do decent reining patterns. Its a matter of training not breeding, just like all of the other equestrian disciplines.

Welsh crosses are generally, athletic, quick to learn and very capable

Post edited by: appynospots, at: 2008/05/25 09:22

Re:Reining Class for a Non Quarter Horse

Posted by themendipstud - 2008/05/25 08:57

In Germany there is a Haflinger doing a very good job on the reining circuit. As everyone says....HAVE A GO. BR and WES are a great place to start neither are breed specific and very open for newbies coming along. BEST OF LUCK

Re:Reining Class for a Non Quarter Horse

Posted by rodeoange - 2008/05/25 21:34

Well thank you so much guys. Has given me confidence. I'm not too sure what to wear and where to start exactly, but it would be nice to fly the flag for other breeds and show that we can all have fun. I simply don't have the money to indulge myself and have two horses so decided to make the best of what I had! She was always very unruly at English and didn't like it much, now she enjoys herself (sometimes a bit too much!).

She has a good mean stop, rollback and flying changes are coming on well. Today she tackled spins and within half an hour had the picture, we've self taught ourselves.

I really hope to be able to meet some of you sometime, I think it will give us the confidence we need. I just feel a bit intimidated!

:) Can go to bed and dream now.....

Re:Reining Class for a Non Quarter Horse

Posted by Tally - 2008/05/28 09:25

Hiya,

Give British Reining a call - they have cheap reining clinics for beginners. They are subsidised by the Worshipful Company of Saddlers so are only about £35 for the whole day.

Trainers include David Deptford at Sovereign Quarter Horses (Cambs), Susie Anderson (Sussex), and Shane Borland (Warks). Visit www.britishreining.co.uk for the contacts.

Hope to see you out and about soon!

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Re:Reining Class for a Non Quarter Horse

Posted by cantata007 - 2008/05/30 18:55

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Re:Reining Class for a Non Quarter Horse

Posted by Belle - 2008/06/01 22:24

I have a non-quarter horse reining horse, Buddy that my husband has trained and competes. Bud's sire was an American Paint Horse and his mom was a non-descript hunter-type mare. He has competed at WES when the surfaces are suitable and more recently competed in the two open unaffiliated reining classes at the QH2000 spring show and placed 2nd and 1st. He has also just run in his first 2 British Reining classes and placed 2nd in both, all against some nice Quarter Horses.

We also own Quarter Horses and love them but it has made me smile to think that anyone who had previously considered 'laughing us out of the arena' as you say, probably isn't doing anymore!!

It is true to say that the Quarter Horse is probably better equipped physically to do the job of a reining horse but Bud does go to prove that even though he doesn't even nearly have a QH type conformation (our farrier says he has cart horse feet when he puts his slide plates on!) it is possible to go and rein on an non-QH!

Good Luck to you!:)

Re:Reining Class for a Non Quarter Horse

Posted by rodeoange - 2008/06/15 22:08

:P Thank you all for your support and ideas, its very humbling! I have now established where we can compete. I will do a video as soon as I pluck up the courage and post it for you all to comment on.

Very interestingly, we had a problem for ages with an incorrect leg on the left lead which was possibly down to an original joint problem and then knocked onto being stiff and difficult. I corrected this and she was quite strong on the side she found difficult. So as not to be strong on her in return I used my old technique of less is more and threw off the headstall and used a parelli halter type instead. It was amazing and amazed everyone that she was suddenly not strong, relaxed, and performing the nicest work yet.

I'm not sure she has a clue why we are trying to learn to spin, but certainly enjoys it!

Thank you again so much and I really hope to be able to see you all soon, just for fun on our part! Well done to those few who have the clever non QH's too, i'm inspired :silly:

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Re:Reining Class for a Non Quarter Horse

Posted by barb - 2008/07/09 17:32

My Welsh Section D cross took part in a clinic with Bruce Lawrence recently and surprised himself at what he could do. I have seen huge cobs doing reining patters. If they are agile they can do it.

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