

Dreams can come true...

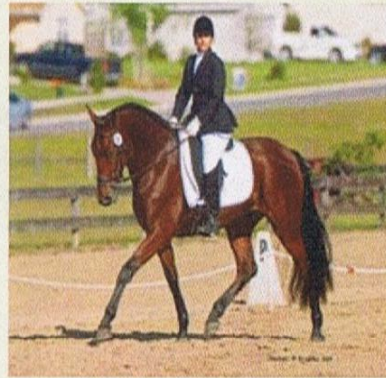
Born in Spain, I, Ruth began to ride at the age of 4. My family moved to Miami, FL where I was able to follow my dreams. At 15, I became assistant trainer, working with a few PRE horses at Miami Equestrian Center. While showing in my early training years, I won numerous Dressage Suitability, Show Hack, Hunt Seat, and Native Tack & Attire classes. By 19, I was working at a Guardiola-bloodline breeding farm of PRE horses, training mares, foals, and stallions. I returned to Spain repeatedly to work closely with top Classical PRE trainers; I developed an extensive knowledge of training PRE horses in Doma Vaquera, Doma Classica, and Alta Escuela.

Born in Cuba, also an early rider, I, Joey Perez started training different breeds when I was 18 years old, but my passion was and always will be Iberian horses. I became a trainer at a PRE breeding farm, where I improved in Classical Dressage with the help of master trainers. I was also very successful in breed shows. I try to improve as a trainer every year.

When Ruth and I met, I was head trainer at JD Equestrian Center PRE Horse Farms in Miami, FL. Although we ran a larger training stable in Miami, we chose to emphasize excellence in training each of our clients' horses by limiting the size of our next facility. We established our training facility, *The Art of Riding*, in Silver Springs, FL. Here we work side-by-side, practicing the time-honored training methods of Don Luis Ramos Paul in Classical Dressage, which develop an excellent horse for many styles of competition.

We have over 35 years combined experience working with Iberian breeds. It shows in our consistent wins in regional and national competitions throughout the years at both breed shows and open dressage. We believe our dreams come true when we train such a magnificent breed together daily!

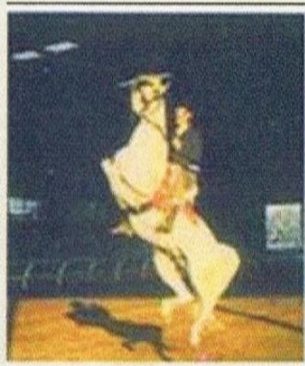
Ruth Perez: awarded IALHA's Professional Horsewoman of 2010 - *Thank you, IALHA*



Ruth on Tandil, PRE, then owned by Jennings & Suzanne Lambeth, won Training Level 1st Place (67%) in Dressage his first time out.

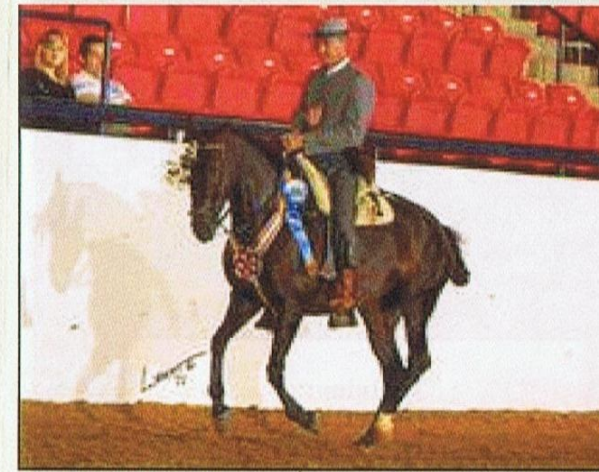


Joey, with Cor. F. Javier Velazquez Rivera, shows Companero JE, owned by Sharon Rapp, at 2012 Fiesta Florida to Champion Colt, at his first show.



Joey and Hechicero, PRE, received Region 7 Championship Exhibition Performance Honor Award in 1997; here performing classical Courbet.

Joey Perez: awarded IALHA'S Professional Horseman of 2012 - *Thank you, IALHA*



Joey on Nothing Toulouse, owned by Cynthia Roberts, winning 2011 National Championship in Doma Vaquera

... at The Art of Riding

Our training goal is the careful, step by step development of the horse's mind and body. **Our methods encourage** the horse's calm acceptance and cooperation. **We create a firm but tactful relationship** between horse & rider, causing little or no discomfort or rebellion by the horse. **We carefully develop the basic skills** that prepare the horse, physically & mentally, for the training movements he will need to master later. After having trained so many horses, **we recognize when the horse is truly ready to progress** to a higher level of training.

Thank you to all our present & past clients for giving us the opportunity to train your wonderful Iberian horses!