

# Qatar's Premier Stud Provides Continuing Support to Spain's Endurance Racing Season with Internal Endurance Event, Xinzo De Limia

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*May 23, 2010, Xinzo DE Limia, Spain: The results from Spain's National Endurance Ride held in the Ourense Providence of Spain at Xinzo De Limia brought forth top international riders to compete for the National Honors. Sponsored by Al Shabania Stud of Doha, Qatar, this event highlights the stud farm's firm support of endurance racing around the world and their dedication to the sport.*

*Held over the weekend of May 21-23 top horses and riders came to this region noted for its excellent course. "We are thrilled to have sponsored the National Championships for Spain's endurance riding efforts. We were impressed with the number of horses and riders, and are very pleased with the local support we received," said a representative of Al Shabania Stud.*



Located in an oasis outside Doha, the capital of the Arabian Gulf state of Qatar, Al Shahania is one of the most progressive and successful Arabian breeding and racing establishments in the world. The impressive facility boasts state-of-the-art equine breeding laboratory and barns, full quarantine facilities, and lush pastures ideal for young, growing horses. Currently producing an average of 20 foals per year, the farm is breeding consistent quality flat racers as well as endurance Arabians. Keen to embrace the world's growing interest and participation in endurance, Al Shahania has ambitious plans for future event sponsorships as well as increased breeding efforts.

The 160 KM race had 49 starters with 18 finishing. David Fernandez won the event riding Enia with a time of 10:55:22. The 120 km race had 25 starters with 17 finishing the race. This event was won by Oriol Casals Fores riding Zarba De Vilarormiu, with a time of 7:47:08. For both days of racing, the weather was hotter than usual, which was challenging for horse and riders alike.

Race participants and organizers enjoyed a lively cocktail party pre-race, and an enthusiastic prize giving ceremony wrapping up what was a fun filled weekend for all. □



Al Shahania Stud, founded by HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani, is recognized as an international racing enterprise. In all, 157 horses reside at Al Shahania, predominantly of French lines, and the farm produces an average of 20 foals per year. In the 20 years since its inception, Al Shahania has earned a place among the world's great Arabian race stables, helps define the standard for excellence in breeding of the Arabian horse. Al Shahania breeds both flat and endurance racers, and is consistently producing results-driven horses.

