

# BLAST from the PAST

## AEV REGIONAL+ THE PROGENITOR OF CLASSIC TYPE



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Bred by Alfredo Elias, AEV Regional+ was born in 1966. A son of the legendary Sol de Oro V., crossed with the pure southern mare Sultana. He was the full brother to Caramelo, Alteza, and \*Centellita. He was half brother through Sol de Oro V. to \*Piloto, \*Cascabel de Elias, \*Sol de Oro J., \*Sol de Oro CRR+, \*Otocha, \*Estrellita del Sur, and many more.

He was a very beautiful horse, compact, deep-bodied and close to the ground. He was chestnut with an overabundant mane and a strikingly unique snip on his face, which circled one nostril. Even if one never saw the horse, his commanding presence speaks volumes even from a still photo. His hooves struck the ground with a distinctive metal, so deliberate and marked, that from hundreds of feet away, you knew it was Regional+.



**Clockwise from top: Regional being ridden by his proud owner and breeder, Alfredo Elias. Regional at liberty in his corral. He proved to pass on his deep, compact body to future generations. And, AEV Regional+: Well known for his refined, chiseled features. Photos courtesy of the AAOBPPH and Peruvian Horse World.**

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As a young stallion, Regional+ began his legacy with his first competitions under saddle, becoming undefeated in bozal. When in the bit, in the years 1970, 1971 and 1972, he attained Peru's highest achievement for a stallion becoming 3 times the Peruvian National Champion of Champions stallion, and Laureado.

Yet as important as this Peruvian National Laureado was, it was not his greatest achievement. That should be reserved for his ability as a sire. Many of the sons and daughters of Regional+ in Peru, and some of which were imported into the United States were outstanding examples of the best characteristics in the breed; exceptional beauty, extreme type, wonderful gait and great energy. Not just a litany of those words – the real thing in flesh and blood. His get were distinctive and hotly sought after by breeders. Through various crosses down through the generations, the attributes and their dividends endure.

When one would view Regional+ offspring in a group of Peruvian Horses, those offspring would so much stand out in terms of great beauty and refinement, with many of the females as beautiful as supermodels and the males equally striking but absolutely macho. Their skin and hair-coat would be noticeably finer, with the areas around muzzle and eyes nearly hairless. Their faces chiseled, necks elegant, bodies deep and compact, on short legs. They had substantial termino and fine pisos.

In Peru, his daughter \*AV Regina+ owned and bred by Anibal Vazquez achieved Champion of Champions Mare in Peru in 1977, 1978 and 1979 thus becoming Laureada. In this partial progeny list for Regional+ (see sidebar), there are some of the wonderful individuals to compete and achieve in the North American arenas. And others passed their unique type to cross with other lines to create new superstars.

One of the best memories of Regional+, I was told by Andres Salinas. It was at the Plaza de Acho in Peru. After the Concurso Nacional, the horses were being presented in the bullring to the crowds. Alfredo Elias proudly rode his stallion, and a young son of Regional+ named \*BC Amigo was being ridden alongside in bozal by Andres. Well, at a certain point Don Alfredo let Regional+ go and Andres and BC Amigo were quite simply left to eat the dust; there was just no way to keep up with the power and extension of the horse.

Though Regional+ is gone, he is remembered with a reverence and passion, which remains undiminished, though decades have past. He is still discussed. His offspring are still debated among breeders. Just ask any of those who were lucky to be there, and the horse is burned in their memories where others have faded away.

And that has been the legacy of Regional+: to leave so many others behind. TPC

## PARTIAL LIST OF AEV REGIONAL+ PROGENY

- \*Dante out of \*Diadema  
U.S. National Champion of Champions Breeding Stallion
- \*Dulzura out of \*Alfajorera  
The dam of Iquenito and Marcial
- \*JOR Envidia de Onrubia out of Andaluza IV  
Dam of \*JOR Linaje: U.S. National Champion of Champions Breeding Stallion
- \*Lindera out of Tajahuana  
U.S. National Champion Breeding Mare
- \*Lindero out of Tajahuana  
U.S. National Champion Breeding Stallion
- \*AEV Oro Negro+ out of Amara  
U.S. National Champion of Champions (Laureado) Breeding Stallion
- \*Real+ out of Alteza  
U.S. National Champion of Champions (Laureado) Breeding Stallion
- \*Rediablo out of Dona Diabla  
Dam of RDS Don Diego de la Vega+, U.S. National Champion of Champions (Laureado) Breeding Stallion
- \*Zaira out of \*Dulcinea CRR  
U.S. National Champion of Champion Breeding Mare
- \*BC Amigo out of \*AV Ximena
- \*JMH Bello Gesto out of JMH Bella Paz
- \*Camelia out of \*Cabriola
- \*Canetana de Nana out of Colombina
- \*Caprichosa de Onrubia out of \*JOR Primavera
- \*AEV Herald out of \*AEV Soliluna
- \*DMP La Murga out of La Majora
- \*Labriego out of Rosita
- \*Miss Vendimia out of RMP La Canzino
- \*RyR Omega de Regional out of \*RYR Hechiera
- \*Quimera AEV out of \*Dulcinea CRR
- \*Regalita GMG out of \*Flor de los Andes
- \*JOR Regente de Onrubia out of JOR Dona Juana
- \*HNS Regia out of Peruana
- \*Regina MSR out of \*Quimera AEV
- \*Romanza out of Princesa de los Andes
- \*Ruisenor out of \*Alondra de Oro
- \*Rumbera out of \*AEV Brunilda
- \*Salvaje out of Dona Luz Aurora
- \*CMT Sonoro out of Zamba
- \*FDDB Sueno de Oro out of Lucero
- \*Viajero de Elias out of \*Parcona