

# CARMEN "QUECA" FRANCO

MAGNOLIA, TX - Carmen Franco came to TP Farm, owned by Linette Vest, in Magnolia, Texas in February and gave a three-day clinic to an eager audience. Queca's first clinic here was a huge hit with riders and horses from green to Grand Prix. Almost all of the horses were PRE or Lusitanos. Queca is softly classical in her approach with emphasis on quiet, correct rider position. She is very subtle, yet effective in activating the horse's hind legs. Each day after the clinic, riders and auditors were able to meet and talk with Queca over dinner to better understand her philosophy and approach to riding.

## Carmen "Queca" Franco

Queca is originally from Colombia. After graduating from the Universidad de Los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia) as an Architect in 1991, she moved to Germany for three years to study under Mr. Gerd Rietbrock, a highly renowned member of the Hanoverian Association and a National German Judge. Upon returning to her homeland, she competed extensively and became a licensed Judge A (the highest level possible in Columbia) and a Member of the Dressage Technical Committee of the Columbian Equestrian Federation. In 2004 Queca moved permanently to the United States in order to pursue her training and further represent Colombia in international competitions. She has extensive experience working with Lusitanos.

Queca has trained primarily under Thomas Von Samson (GER) and other clinicians such as Gary Rockwell (USA), Jacques Van Daele (BEL), Jennie Loriston-Clarke (GBR), Irmeli Summanen (FIN), Stephanie Rexrodt (GER), Uwe Spenlen (GER), Eric Lette (SWE), and Siegfried Peilicke (GER).

Queca's riding and training credentials:

- Bereiter of the German Equestrian Federation (August 1995)
- Four Times Colombian National Dressage Champion
- Two Times Colombian national Dressage Reserve Champion
- Three Times First Place Colombian National Dressage Rankings
- Team Gold and Individual Silver Medal Bolivarian Games 2001
- 4 Times Winner as Individual and with the Team of the FEI World Dressage Challenge in Colombia
- USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist (2008)

Queca has graciously agreed to return to Magnolia. Below is more information on these educational, congenial, and affordable clinics.

Clinics - Queca Franco

May 22 thru May 24

[www.q-equestrian.com](http://www.q-equestrian.com)

TP Farms

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Auditors welcome

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Carmen on Linette Vest's Faraon



Barbara Ferrer riding Zoi



Carmen on Cheryl Person's Rumbero