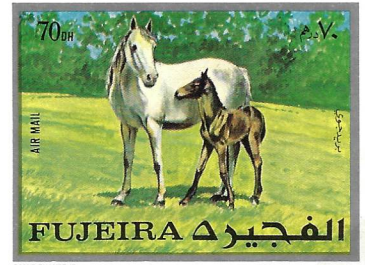


## Lipizzaners – The Dancing Horses of Austria!

The Lipizzaners lineage can be traced back to the sixteenth century. Foals are born dark brown, dark gray or black. They lighten to light gray, dapple gray or white in adulthood.



The sheetlet to the left shows the various dances:

Top left: **Spanischer tritt** – Spanish Step (walk) of the Lipizzaners.

Top right: **Piaffe** – a dressage movement where horse is highly collected and cadenced trot in place or nearly in place.

Middle left: **Levade** – test of balance in this position.

Middle right: **Am Langen zugel** – horse positioned in pre-Capriole on long reins.

Bottom left: **Capriole** (leap of a goat) – jumping through the air from standing on hindquarters.

Bottom right: **Courbette** -- series of hops.

The mares (female horses) become Broodmares in adulthood. The stallions (male horses) are trained at the Spanish Riding School of Vienna (Austria) to perform the various dances for which they are bred for.

The **Capriole** on this souvenir sheet is the most difficult dance to perform; very few stallions can achieve this, but only after years of training!

