

PERCHERON NEWS

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Cobigan Orlando arrives at 'Kadlunga'

The wheel has gone full circle, it would seem, with the acquisition of a new breeding stallion for one of the oldest Percheron studs in Australia. **'Cobigan Orlando'** has joined the herd at historic **'Kadlunga'** via Mintaro SA. Bearing more than a slight resemblance to Kadlunga's imported stallion **'Larigot'**, It is a wonderful twist of fate that Orlando carries several generations of 'Kadlunga' in his extended pedigree and will continue the legacy of breeding quality horses on the historic property.

The Kadlunga Percheron stud was established in 1913 by the late Alex J. Melrose with the importation of two mares and a stallion from France (see below article). Kadlunga is well known through horse circles for sourcing the best Percheron genetics to breed quality pure and partbred Percheron horses with good temperament commonly used by the South Australian Mounted Police.



Cobigan Orlando outside historic Kadlunga homestead



'Larigot' (s. Galbo x d. Mignonne)

Foaled April 12, 1911. Purchased from breeder, Louis Aveline, France along with two mares, Lanouaille and Lesion by the late Alex J. Melrose. The horses arrived in South Australia in 1914 and were moved to 'Kadlunga' in 1916.

Temperament is something Orlando has in abundance along with conformation and athleticism, all of which he passes to his already very successful progeny. At just nine years of age Percheron stallion Cobigan Orlando has amassed quite a following of fans throughout Australia. He's competed very successfully in led and saddle classes whilst also having been worked in chains and harness. The three time 'Best Percheron Exhibit' at the Royal Qld Show (2013, 2015, 2017) is well known to visitors at the 'EKKA' horse breeds ...



Pony Rides at Kadlunga, 2018



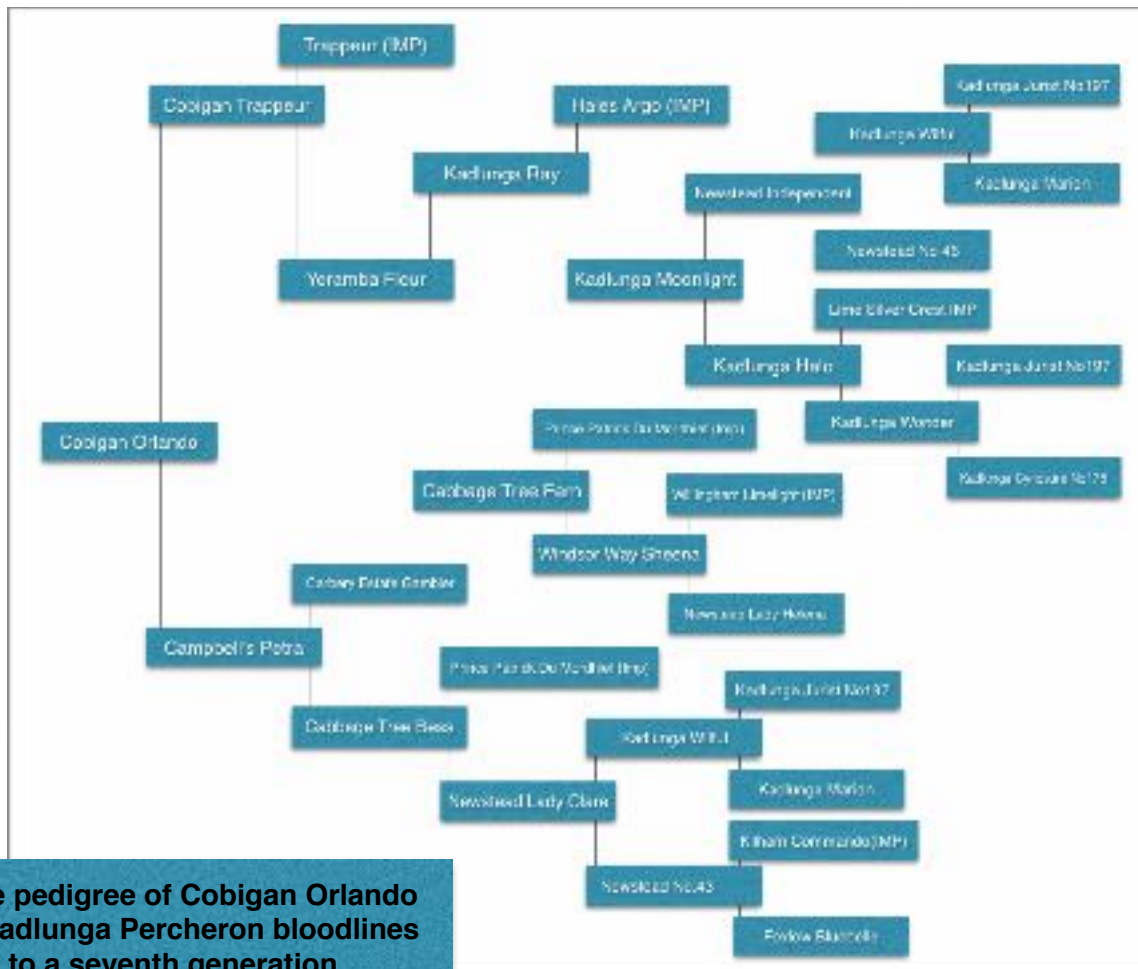
Clockwise from left: Cobigan Orlando winning Best percheron Exhibit EKKA 2015, working in slide 2013, competing in Percheron under saddle class EKKA 2017

...expo, stealing hearts of young and old who came to see the gentle giant annually.

Orlando was bred by the Perry family of Cobigan Draught Horses out of the well known harness mare '**Campbell's Petra**' and sired by the home bred stallion '**Cobigan Trappeur**' who is by the renowned imported stallion '**Trappeur**'. Orlando was always destined to have superstar qualities, his mother is still actively working and showing in harness at a royal show level at 19yrs of age whilst his sire was exported to New Zealand and featured in 'The Hobbit' feature film.



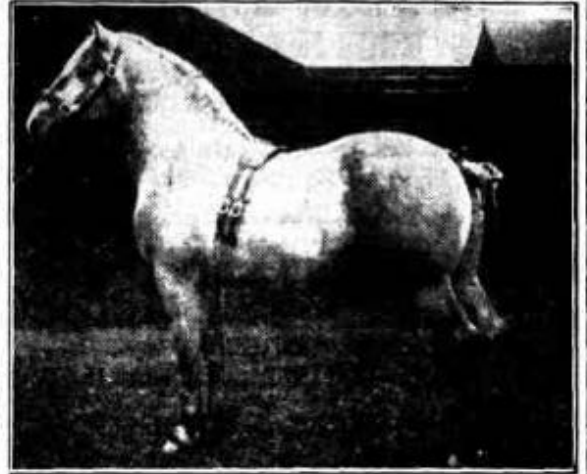
No sooner had Orlando arrived at Kadlunga he was giving pony rides to his excited new family who plan to continue the legacy of breeding the much loved Kadlunga Percherons 105yrs after the stud was founded. 🐾



A selective pedigree of Cobigan Orlando showing Kadlunga Percheron bloodlines back to a seventh generation



KADLUNGA PERCHERON STUD LATEST IMPORTATION



HISTON GREY FRIAR (Imp.)

Junior and Senior Champion Percheron Stallion, Royal Agricultural Show, England, 1932.

THE PERCHERON HORSE EXCELS IN STRENGTH, ACTIVITY, DOCILITY AND INTELLIGENCE.

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Top Left: Kadlunga Homestead

Above Right: Advertisement from The Adelaide Chronicle, August 31, 1933.

Left: Stockman working a Percheron in low chains at Kadlunga

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