



# The Lusitano Collection™



## The Lusitano Aficionado

Vol. I

Welcome to the ever-growing Lusitano Collection™ family and to our newly revised newsletter, The Lusitano Aficionado. Thank you for registering for the 2011 Lusitano Collection International Horse Auction. This is our first newsletter that we originally sent out at the beginning of October. Stay tuned for Vol. II which will be coming out very soon. We hope you will enjoy our updates about the 2011 Collection horses, the event, previous buyers' stories, and other news about our Lusitanos both in the United States and abroad.

We thank you in advance for your continued support and look forward to having you with us in 2011!

The Lusitano Collection Team

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### IN THE SPOTLIGHT



## The 2011 Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction Gears Up To Be Most Exciting Ever-And Helps A Worthy Cause

The 2011 Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction is already promising to be the biggest and best auction yet as well as the social event of the season. The star-studded event will be filled with a prestigious collection of Brazilian Lusitano horses, a silent auction and the exciting sound of the auctioneer and eager bidders. The not-to-be-missed auction will be held at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center in West Palm Beach, Florida, February 23-26, 2011.

In addition to delighting the audience with talented horses, cocktails, catered dinner and dancing and fabulous music, the auction also benefits a worthy cause. For a second year in a row, The Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction has named the Equestrian Aid Foundation (EAF) as their official charitable partner for the event. The Equestrian Aid Foundation is a membership-based organization built to assist anyone in the equestrian world suffering from life threatening illness, catastrophic accidents or injuries by providing direct financial support for their medical or other basic needs.

"We are thrilled to be named as the charitable partner by The Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction," said R. Scot Evans, President of the Equestrian Aid Foundation. "We rely on support from organizations all over the world, and we believe it is an honor to be associated with The Lusitano Collection™. We had an amazing time at the auction last year and it was a spectacular event. All of the people we met were fantastic and I have never seen a finer collection of horses."

### 2011 LUSITANO COLLECTION™ EVENT PROGRAM: February 23-26th, 2011

Horse Tryouts: February 23-24, 2011

Showcase & Cocktail Reception: February 25, 2011

Dinner & Auction: February 26, 2011

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### THE MANE LINE

#### ON THE SCENE

The dedicated team behind The Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction is doing their part to spread the word about their amazing horses and The 2011 Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction to be held February 23-26, 2011.

- The Lusitano Collection videos and literature garnered a lot of attention both weekends at the USEF Festival of Champions Selection Trials held at the USET headquarters at Gladstone. Lusitano enthusiasts from California to Canada visited the display at Sho Clothes and started thinking about plans to come to Florida next February! One fun surprise was a visit from a couple from Brazil!!



Xerxes Interagro under saddle

## Xerxes Interagro 2011 Collection

Introducing Xerxes Interagro, one of The 2011 Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction headliners. This amazing 7-year-old stallion is sired by Quinio Interagro and is the brother of 2010 Collection top seller, Beato Interagro. Xerxes is already a successful dressage competitor. Standing at 16.1 hands, this bay beauty is a solid 3rd level horse and, thanks to his very correct dressage foundation, he is ready to move forward toward the FEI. He has confirmed changes and is starting on tempis and pirouettes. "Xerxes is a joy to work with. He has a sensible character and is forward and willing in his work. Add to that three very correct gaits, his near perfect conformation, and his eye-candy good looks and it is easy to see that this horse is headed for greatness," said Heather Bender, Director of USA Training for Interagro.



- The Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction held a sweepstakes for event tickets, sponsored by Interagro Lusitano Collection USA at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Kentucky. Visitors filled out entry forms at the USDF Lounge. The ticket sweepstakes will also took place at Dressage at Devon and continues through Dressage Today online.



**Xerxes Interagro**

[Quinio Interagro](#)

[Cigana III \(MLC\)](#)

[Xique-Xique \(CI\)](#)

[Cyclope \(SA\)](#)

Maravilha (MV)

Odalisca (MMV)

Quieto (CI)

Nieta (CI)

Vidago (SA)

Cybeles (SA)

Boca-negra

Toleirona

Guizo

Negra

## 2011 COLLECTION CHARITABLE PARTNER

Equestrian Aid Foundation



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The Equestrian Aid Foundation's mission is to build a membership based organization to assist anyone in the equestrian world suffering from life threatening illness, catastrophic accidents or injuries by providing direct financial support for their medical or other basic needs.

"Our pledge is to treat our clients with dignity and respect while promising our members and sponsors the highest level of fiduciary responsibility with their dues and donations."

For additional information, please visit: <http://www.equestrianaidfoundation.org/>



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## MAKING STRIDES

### Lusitanos Become A Family Affaire



*The whole family with Carmelita Interagro right after the 2010 Auction*

Lusitanos play an important part in the life of dressage competitor Kate Saunders, who attended the 2010 Lusitano Collection™ auction with her father Tim Bettis. The father and daughter duo not only fell in love with Lusitanos during last year's auction, but they became proud horse owners that night. "We didn't go to the auction to buy horses, we just thought it would be a fun event centered around horses that our family could attend," Kate said.

During the auction, Kate bought a stallion named Boicote Interagro and Tim purchased a mare named Carmelita Interagro. Kate is thrilled with her stallion and claims he is her "baby boy with a personality to die for! His communication is so clear, you always know what he's thinking."

Kate commended Interagro for raising and socializing her stallion properly. "Because of the way he was raised and his personality, he's just a dream to handle," Kate said. "Boicote loves to play in the paddock with all his toys, just like a little kid, but then when you tell him it's time to work, he focuses on you and tries his heart out. He's one of the most trainable horses I've ever met."

Tim, and his wife Margo, are also enjoying Carmelita. They take her on trail rides and Margo has started riding dressage after years of not riding. Kate says the family's love of Lusitanos has only grown since last year's auction. "What other breed can produce a horse that your 60-year-old father can trail ride with, and then you can take that same horse to an international-level competition and come out on top?"



*Tim Bettis shakes things up with a Samba Dancer at the 2010 Event!*

## NEWS BITS

### Baluarte Interagro is the Cat's Meow



*Cathy Cooper cuddles up with Baluarte Interagro*

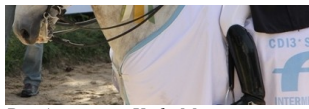
When it comes to building his rider's confidence and making feline friends, Baluarte Interagro truly is the cat's meow. The four-and-a-half-year-old gelding is quite the clown around the barn, and has become a favorite of both people and cats. "The cats love to curl up with him, and he almost always has a cat hair-covered nose!" said Cathy Cooper of Smyrna, Georgia.

Cathy reports that her 2010 Collection horse has been a joy to get to know, and they're settling into their dressage training with Tim McKee and Lisa Evans. "Right now we're making sure we have an excellent foundation, and we'll show when he's ready. Baluarte has the best personality and learns quickly," Cathy said. "We've developed a solid, trusting relationship that helps us both to progress and this is an important accomplishment for me. I feel very lucky to have chosen so well, and he's such a character that I'm sure we'll have many more stories in the future!"

### Vade Mecum Interagro Wins FEI Small Tour Division At The 29th Lusitano International Horse Show In Brazil



Congratulations are in order for Interagro stallion, Vade Mecum Interagro and Interagro dressage trainer, Pia Aragão, who dominated the FEI small tour division at the 29th Lusitano International Horse Show held in São Paulo, Brazil. The pair enjoyed a sweeping victory winning the Intermediaire I, the Intermediaire I Kur (musical freestyle), and the Prix St. Georges. Aragão and Vade Mecum Interagro topped the classes with scores ranging from 64.684% in the Prix St. Georges and 65.737% in the Intermediaire I to an impressive 67.500% in the Intermediaire I Kur. This victory is another testimony to Interagro's success at producing Lusitano horses well suited for performance in FEI-level equestrian sports, especially dressage.



## Lusitanos in the Limelight from France to Florida

*Pia Aragão on Vade Mecum Interagro*

Vade Mecum Interagro's successes are representative of the athletic, intelligent, and even-tempered Lusitano horse, which is excelling at all levels in sport horse competition worldwide. At this past summer's Vidauban CDI3\* Grand Prix de Dressage in France, Lusitano horses captured four of the top five Grand Prix victories. In the United States this past season, Lusitanos and predominantly Interagro Lusitanos, have been taking top honors at a number of dressage competitions on the prestigious Florida Dressage Circuit. At the most recent rated Florida dressage show, the Wellington Classic Dressage in the Tropics Show, Zerbino Interagro continued this trend, winning the Fourth Level Test Three dressage class with rider Cheri Reiber.



*Cheri Reiber on Zerbino Interagro*