

# PRESTIGIOUS *Lusitano Collection* RETURNS FEB. 19-20

**A**fter a successful debut on American soil in 2008, the Lusitano Collection horse auction returns from Brazil to Palm Beach County at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center on Feb. 19 and 20.

The Lusitano Collection is a trademark created by five of the premier world breeders of the renowned and ancient Lusitano breed. Interagro Lusitanos is the main contributor of horses to the Lusitano Collection, and Interagro manager Cecilia Gonzaga said the collection's offerings cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

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The Lusitano Collection was presented at Interagro's farm in Bra-

zil for its first three years. With the advent of the Lusitano Collection in the United States, buyers in America can purchase a horse that has not only passed rigorous veterinary scrutiny, but has completed the time-consuming and costly process of importation.

The Lusitano horse was first imported to Brazil in the 1970s, and there the history of the breed took a new turn. Interagro was one of the pioneers of Lusitano breeding outside Portugal. The Interagro breeding program, now the world's larg-

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Astyages  
Interagro and  
Apache Interagro  
demonstrate the  
graceful beauty  
of the unique  
Lusitano breed.*

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