



The Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction



Newsletter

2010 Horse Auction

Feb. 24th and 25th: Horse Tryouts
Feb. 26th: Vet Check & Horse Showcase
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Jim Brandon Equestrian Center
West Palm Beach, FL, USA

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• **Please contact our Ticket Sales Office to purchase your event tickets at (877) 546-7393 – [click here for ticket information and event program](#)**

• **REMINDER: Event ticket pricing will increase at the door; Full Program Ticket US\$250.00 p/person; Showcase Ticket \$100.00 p/person.**

Countdown to the Big Night!

We are seven days away from moving the 25 stallions and 5 mares of The 2010 Lusitano Collection™ from their temporary stabling to The Jim Brandon Equestrian Center so our horses will have a chance to become familiar to their surroundings prior to the tryouts, showcase and auction. We, the breeders, trainers and staff at Interagro Farms and Coudelaria Rocas do Vouga, are eager to welcome the hundreds of interested buyers and spectators who share our deep bond and affection for these magnificent animals.

Ranging in age from three to six years of age, the horses from this year's Collection offer equestrian athletes a wide range of colors, sizes and abilities. American riders will be pleased to see more 16-hand-plus horses than ever before! Two large standouts for dressage and breeding are stunning buckskins with flowing black manes and tails: the mare Carmelita Interagro at 16 ½ hands and the stallion Zoom Do Vouga at 16 ¼ hands. Another big-boned Lusitano, grey Abastado Interagro is a proven dressage horse with an attractive pedigree who is appearing in the eight-horse quadrille performance during the Reception Showcase along with Berloque Interagro, who won the third place gold medal as a yearling.

Several Collection horses show tremendous jumping potential, mainly due to their bloodlines from the best known pure-bred Lusitano show jumping stallion, Novilheiro, who formed a formidable partnership with John Whitaker and went to grade A in one season. Among them are the grey stallion Bizet Interagro at 16 ¼ hands, the black stallions Blackstone Interagro and Black Tie Interagro, and the multi-talented Bocage Interagro, a large, four-year-old grey stallion who shows promise in dressage, moves like a hunter and demonstrates scope in jumping.

Guests will have an opportunity to preview all 30 horses under the spotlights and on the giant inflated screen during the Showcase Reception on Friday evening, February 26th. On Saturday night, attendees will dine at candle-lit tables with cuisine catered by Christafaro's, well known in Palm Beach for its fresh, healthy, contemporary menu served with a creative flair. Friday night's menu will include mezze plates with goat cheese stuffed peppers, white bean and chorizo salad and flatbread pizza. The gourmet dinner on Saturday night features a dou plate of roasted beef tenderloin and roasted grouper with a citrus beurre blanc butternut squash risotto and marinated baby root vegetables. Colorful heart-pumping entertainment will be provided by Paulo Gualano's performing company which includes female samba dancers wearing brilliant headdresses and tiny bikinis and "The Rhythm Beaters," men who create a pulsating, contagious beat with their drums. A native Brazilian, Gualano has provided percussions for

Gloria Estefan's recording of "Destiny" and has worked with Quincy Jones.

The exciting auction of the Lusitanos will be led by seasoned equestrian auctioneer Tom Biederman, who comes with ten years of experience from Fasig-Tipton Company, North America's oldest Thoroughbred auction company. Surprises may occur when passion seizes a horse lover's heart! Select your favorite and hold on to your hats - - it's going to be a thrilling ride!

If you aren't already an Interagro Lusitanos fan on Facebook, perhaps you'll join the hundreds of others who are able to see up-to-date photos of the Collection horses in Florida. It can never take the place of seeing these elegant horses in motion, so make your reservation now.

We hope to see you at the Event!

For more information about the Event Program, please [click here](#).

In our Paddock - 2010 Collection Horses



Sire: Nicola (MAC)
Dam: Sirigaita Interagro
REG: 5749-FN
Colour: Buckskin
DOB: 06/oct/2006
Height: 1,64m / 16.0 ½h



Carmelita Interagro

Carmelita Interagro may only be three-years-old, but this large, gorgeous buckskin mare is a shining example of a top performing athlete. A Lusitano with a superb pedigree, the 16 hand mare has a wonderful temperament, balanced gaits and a winning attitude.

Carmelita was sired by Nicola (MAC), who is the son of Hábil MV, a Veiga stallion from the very important Firme/Nilo/Novilheiro lineage. Carmelita's dam is Sirigaita Interagro [Faraó (JHC) x Cigana (MLC)], who also comes from two of the most renowned Lusitanos of all time. Faraó (JHC) was the Great Champion of the Golegã Fair at the age of three. He is the grandson of Yacht (SA) and of the widely known Firme (SA), carrying within his veins all of the most appreciated characteristics of the Andrade lineage.

One of the few mares in the Collection, Carmelita's gorgeous coloring and markings along with her fine athletic abilities and breeding potential make her an outstanding prospect.

	Hábil (MV)	Dardo II (MV)
	Canela (MV)	Canela (MV)
	Distinto (MAC)	Distinto (MAC)
	Castiça (MAC)	Castiça (MAC)
	Dragão II (SA)	Dragão II (SA)
	Vistosa (JHC)	Vistosa (JHC)
	Maraviha (MV)	Maraviha (MV)
	Odalisca (MMV)	Odalisca (MMV)
Nicola (MAC)	Heroína (MAC)	
Carmelita Interagro	Faraó (JHC)	Cigana III (MLC)
Sirigaita Interagro		

[Click here](#) for additional photos and information about Carmelita.

[Click here to see all 2010 Collection Horses, including updated videos!](#)

Lusitano Spotlight



Leah Winston working Amintas Interagro in the arena.



Leah and Amintas Interagros spending some quality time together.

Photos by Marilyn Fallon

Sherie & Al Zobec, Leah Winston and Amintas Interagro

At last year's Auction, British-born trainer Leah Winston fell in love with a grey Interagro Lusitano stallion before he even set "hoof upon soil" at The Jim Brandon Equestrian Center. "I picked Amintas Interagro from the Collection DVD," Leah recalls. "I had no idea how I could ever get him, but when he came to our barn with the rest of the stallions, I was so impressed." Leah, who works as a trainer at The Martin Downs Equestrian Center where the Interagro horses train prior to the event, had the chance to watch Amintas being schooled in the arena on a daily basis. "I was amazed by his sheer power, his elegance and bold confidence," Leah said. The young trainer visited Amintas' stall every day, took photos of him and even displayed them on her refrigerator.

Sherie and Al Zobec invited Leah to attend The 2009 Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction with them. As Sherie's dressage instructor, Leah had introduced Sherie to her first Lusitano, Umbar Interagro (nicknamed Harley), a nine-year-old FEI™ champion stallion. Sherie had loved riding Harley so much during a lesson with Leah that she bought him and began to sponsor Leah to ride and compete the horse.

All week, Leah told Sherie how talented Amintas was. Sherie recalls, "I went to the 2009 Auction without any intention of buying another horse, but my husband went to get a bidding paddle, 'just in case.' When the bidding on Amintas began, Leah stared at his photo in the

catalogue. Sherie whispered to her husband, "This is the horse Leah was talking about -- he's supposed to be the best." Moments later, the auctioneer called out, "sold," and Leah looked up to see that the Zobecs had bought the amazing horse she adored. "I am the luckiest person in the world," Leah says of her sponsors.

"He's really Leah's horse," Sherie explains. "They have an incredible connection, and Leah does all of the work with him." Sherie, who continues her dressage lessons on Harley, expresses a desire to breed both Interagro Lusitano stallions.

Leah gushes, "Amintas is nothing less than a dream-come-true. He has a great temperament and work ethic. Just one month after I started with him, we went back to Wellington to compete in the four-year-old test and competed at first level. We won a couple of classes with scores in the mid 60's." The pair recently won the FEI™ five-year-old at the Wellington Holiday Classic and scored a win at the Wellington Classic Sunshine Challenge.

When Sherie heard that five mares were part of The 2010 Lusitano Collection™, she pondered, "I've always wanted to breed horses," and added, "God help me if my husband gets a paddle!"

Carrots & Bits



Melissa Berrengé, owner of **Verdugo Interagro**, reported from her Dewittes End Farm in Soquel, California, that Verdugo, ridden by Allida Allen, was the National Champion for Lusitanos at 3rd Level Dressage in the open division.

Uraga Interagro, owned by **Jim and Fran Carollo** in Colorado, recently appeared in An Evening of Dancing Horses, which is packed with formal dressage, freestyle reining and drill elements, and choreographed to music of the Denver Brass at the National Western Stock Show Events Center. Originally bought from Interagro US Representative Peter Van Borst, Uraga spent six months training in high school dressage -- Spanish walk and trot and piaffe -- at Peter's Aiken, S.C. facility in preparation for the event. Cherrie Reiber, a grand prix rider who represented USA in the World Cup Games, trained with Uraga at Peter's facility and rode her in the event.



Barbara Liebeck, owner of 6 Collection horses, recently sent an update from Coyote Spring Ranch in California: **Xequé Interagro** (2009) and **Zap do Vouga** (2008) have become best of friends as evidenced by a photo of them touching noses over a fence. Xequé is especially fond of Jafar the camel who loves to play with the Lusitanos. Barbara reports that Jafar is just one of "the ranch animals that make great and safe playmates for all eight of the stallions!" She also said that **Xairel do Mito** (2008) is one of her most talented horses, and he gets to work with Master Manolo Menendez from Spain.



If you haven't seen "**Brazil's Heavenly Horse Farm**," Geoff Young's 14-page article with gorgeous photographs on Interagro Farms in the January/February 2010 issue of **Horse Connection Magazine**, come to the Lusitano Collection media booth during the Auction for a complimentary copy.

If you have any news about your Lusitano, whether it be an award, a showing, a funny anecdote or inspiring story, we would love to hear from you! Please send your entries for our Carrots and Bits to lusitanocollection@hotmail.com

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