



## The Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction



### Newsletter

#### 2010 Horse Auction

Feb. 24th and 25th: Horse Tryouts  
Feb. 26th: Vet Check & Horse Showcase  
Feb. 27th: Auction and Catered Dinner

Jim Brandon Equestrian Center  
West Palm Beach, FL, USA

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#### Event News

• DVD's have been sent and should be received in the US, Canada and Europe this week!!!!

• **Event tickets now available to pre-registered guests** - contact our ticket sales office at (877) 546-7393 – [click here for ticket information and event program](#)

### Lusitanos Fly to Florida

Watching a well-trained Lusitano float through intricate dressage movements reminds one of Pegasus, the horse whose wings protrude from his muscular shoulders. But unlike this mythical winged equine, the Brazilian horses from The 2010 Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction need assistance to travel the 4,000 air miles to Florida. Now in its third year, the Collection relies on Worldwide Livestock Services (WLS) and Lazcar International, both family-owned businesses, to ensure a safe and problem-free trip.

The 21 horses from Interagro Farms and 9 horses from Coudelaria Rocas do Vouga Lusitanos traveled by horse van to the airport where they were transferred to specially made, fully covered aluminum jet stalls, three to a pallet, padded on the sides and airy in front and back.

Interagro Farms Managing Director Cecilia Gonzaga said, "When the horses travel in groups, we don't need to give them tranquilizers as, being herd animals, they are more relaxed and feel safer being next to one another. Accompanied by the veterinarian, trainers and grooms, the horses were given hay and water. Do Vouga manager Raul Silva explained that hay is always available to the horses as chewing helps alleviate boredom for the horses during the nine-hour flight. His staff wears jackets as the horses prefer cold temperatures. Silva quipped, "When the lights are put out and the turbines purr, the horses settle back, emit a gentle snore and enjoy the trip!"

Upon arrival at Miami International Airport, the horses were met by a representative from Lazcar International as well as a representative from Worldwide Livestock Services (WLS), the animal handling company founded by Tony Alessandrini and his brother, Alexander Alessandrini. WLS employees, under the supervision of a US Department of Agriculture veterinarian and assisted by the Lusitano Collection™ staff, transported the horses in their three-pack jet stalls to the Miami Animal Import Center, located at the airport facility. The horses were stabled in this new, state-of-the-art, self-contained import center, built in 2004 and containing 104 stalls, while they underwent the Florida government-mandated seven-day quarantine. "When one considers the time, effort and expense of shipping a horse from Brazil to USA, there is a huge benefit to buying a horse at the Auction. Not only do you skip the hassle of importation fees and quarantine, you get to meet and deal directly with the breeders," noted Cecilia Gonzaga.

After their long journey, the Lusitano Collection team is happy to have all 2010 participating

horses in Florida. During the next few weeks, the horses will be preparing for an exciting week at Jim Brandon Equestrian Center and as of February 27th they will be looking forward to new adventures with their new owners.



Horses being transported out of quarantine and into Martin Downs Equestrian Center

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### In our Paddock - 2010 Collection Horses



Sire: Quixote Interagro  
 Dam: Urzelina Interagro  
 REG: 4570-MN  
 Colour: Grey  
 DOB: 27/sep/2005  
 Height: 1,59m / 15.2 ½h



#### **Belisário Interagro**

Named after Flavius Belisarius, one of the greatest generals of the Byzantine Empire. He was instrumental in reconquering much of the Mediterranean territory of the Western Roman Empire during the 6th Century.

Approved as Stallion by the ABPSL

<b>Belisário Interagro</b>	<a href="#">Quixote Interagro</a>	<a href="#">Danúbio III (MV)</a>	Zímbro II (MV)
	Urzelina Interagro	<a href="#">Dancarina II (RC)</a>	Oferta (MV)
		<a href="#">Visqueiro (CI)</a>	Venturoso III (MV)
	Orquestra (MV)		Xinesa (RC)
			Quieto (CI)
		Nieta (CI)	
		<a href="#">Danúbio III (MV)</a>	
		Saltadora II (MV)	

Belisário Interagro is a shimmering light grey stallion overflowing with talent and a big heart. When in his stall, "Belis" shakes his head and offers deep nickers to draw attention. One can't help but melt into his dark brown, gentle eyes. His sire Quixote Interagro, known for his beauty and gaits, has passed his positive traits on to his son. Belisario is so graceful that riding him is like sitting on clouds. Full of forward energy, this stunning, small horse (15.2-1/2 hands) demonstrates tremendous potential in both dressage and jumping and is a pleasure on the hack. He will become an endearing partner for some lucky rider.

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

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

### Lusitano Spotlight



Zulu and Athene taking a much needed coffee break during a work session.

#### **Zulu Interagro and Athene von Hirschberg**

When British-born Athene von Hirschberg purchased Zulu Interagro with the highest recorded bid at The 2008 Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction, she was ecstatic! Two years later, those in attendance still ask about the majestic ebony stallion with the striking white blaze. The pair returned to Athene's home in Connecticut, worked with trainer Tim Malin and began to enter dressage shows. Zulu, a handsome black Lusitano with a serious work ethic and calm demeanor, continues to attract as much attention as he did during the Auction. Recently, the six-year-old entered his first Working Equitation competition and won WE Obedience and WE Obstacles. Athene reports that dressage judges respond well to Zulu who wins almost every class he enters.



When not working, Athene finds Zulu to be an entertaining and attentive companion. They spend hours on the trails. Athene laughs at Zulu's many antics, like pawing at puddles. Not long ago, the pair spent an hour in the woods while Athene marked trails on horseback. "He is unbelievably long-suffering and good natured!" she said while describing



Zulu has originated this very unique dressage step that Athene has titled 'puddle pawing'!

how she had to constantly stop and ask Zulu to cozy up to trees while she sprayed them with paint.

Athene is also proud of Zulu's "rock star" appeal in public. Zulu participated in the Lendon Gray clinic and Breed Demonstration in 2008 and Versatile Horse & Rider competitions in 2008 and 2009 at Equine Affaire in MA. After he performed during the Lusitano demonstration, Athene shared that "fans lined up at his stall just to touch him." A gentle stallion, Zulu Interagro was a perfect gentleman even when Athene allowed a child to enter his stall for a closer look.

Seeing Zulu Interagro through Athene's eyes, he is more talented than Walter Farley's Black Stallion, more trustworthy than Anna Sewell's Black Beauty and more intelligent than the 1950 television show's Fury. No one can argue that he is definitely one more representative of a successfully bred and well trained horse from The Lusitano Collection™ who has found the perfect home.

## Carrots & Bits



**Amintas Interagro** (2009 Auction), ridden by **Leah Winston** and owned by **Sherie and Al Zobec** of Palm City, FL, scored 70.25% to win the FEI™ five-year-old at the Wellington Holiday Classic on December 12-13, 2009, and scored 64% in the second level test 4 to earn third place.

**Abbey Farmer** reports that **Arsaces Interagro** (2009 Auction) is a cover boy once more! He first appeared on the December 2008 issue of The Florida Horseman Magazine. Following a successful J.J. Tate clinic, The Aiken Horse photographer snapped Alsaces and rider Cristin Miller walking back to the trailer, and the pair appeared on the section III cover in the September 2009 issue. Abbey also reports that **Alcacer Interagro** (2009 Auction) has been polite and a gentleman on the ground and under saddle, but when sound asleep, he is evidently a "big talker" and "sounds like he's in the breeding shed!"

**Lisa Karsai** told us that **Aclamado Interagro** (2009 Collection) is doing well. Although they haven't made it to a show yet, the stallion is a star on Lisa's farm! When she calls him in from the field, he often gallops over, "then shows his big stallion trot" before stopping two feet away from her with "a cute 'Yes, ma'am?' expression." The pair recently participated in a Catherine Haddad clinic where Ms. Haddad noted Alclamado's wonderful character and super canter. Lisa said that "every day is a blast with him!"

Trainer **Stephany Fish** reported that **Kathy Elliott's** horse **Zalene Interagro** (2008 Collection) competed in the 2009 Region 7 IALHA to place third in both Junior Horse Performance and Saddle Horse classes. Kathy and Zalene competed in a schooling show in December to earn second place in two classes at training level.

Congratulations to **Kate Tremain** and **Zenith Interagro** that she purchased in 2008 from the farm in Brazil. At the start the show season, the pair placed first for First Level test 1 at the Wellington Classic Dressage Challenge 1. They also placed second and fourth in the First Level 3 & 4 classes, respectively. Kate was very pleased with how how he handled the cold, wet, and windy weather and how he minded his manners when she hand-grazed the stallion at the show grounds.

*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](mailto:lusitanocollection@hotmail.com)*

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