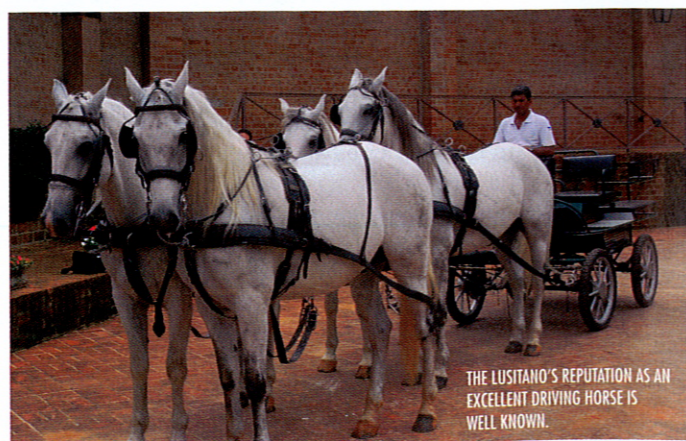


KNOWN MORE FOR THEIR DRESSAGE AND DRIVING ABILITY, THE LUSITANO IS A VERSATILE HORSE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF CLEARING THE JUMPS.

A very interesting characteristic of the Lusitano horse is that they are characterized by their mild temperament and it is strongly believed that their essential quality of being able to connect with human beings play a major role in qualifying the Lusitano horse as one of the best riding horses ever.

We finished our tour of the farm out of the saddle and into a carriage behind a "four in hand." This was a wonderful experience as well and we were in good hands, literally. The driver was Antonio Mariano de Souza, a longtime employee of Interagro and considered the best "driver" in Brazil with many competition wins under his belt. The Lusitanos make incredible driving horses due to their physical characteristics.

They are compact, with powerful hindquarters, some with high-stepping action, and a thick mane and tail. They also have a sloping croup and low-set tail, as well as short backs. They have a low set neck, a broad chest, and well-sprung ribs. They are extremely powerful and strong, due to their muscular hindquarters and strong, long legs – making them ideal driving horses.



THE LUSITANO'S REPUTATION AS AN EXCELLENT DRIVING HORSE IS WELL KNOWN.

MARES AND FOALS LIVE IN SPLENDOR IN LUSH GREEN FIELDS.



Our last day at Interagro was an experience that I can best describe as a visit to "Equine Disneyland." Cecelia and Antonio took us to the sister farm, a few miles away through sugar cane fields to see the herds of two and three-old-stallions. These affectionate horses surrounded us and sniffed and nuzzled their way into our hearts. There really is something very magical about being in the midst of around 80 horses running free in a vast sea of grass.



RIDERS EXERCISE THE STALLIONS IN ONE OF THE ULTRA-GREEN FIELDS.