



# 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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Welcome to the first edition of **The Lusitano Collection™ Newsletter**. This communique is written for proud Collection owners, future buyers, interested Auction-goers and all of you who continue to support The Lusitano Collection™. The newsletter will feature the **2010 Lusitano Collection, The Event News** to present current information about the upcoming Auction in Florida. **Carrots and Bits** is a section that encourages owners to share successes and anecdotes about their Lusitanos. **The Spotlight** will focus on a specific Collection buyer and feature his/her horse and their relationship. **In the Paddock** will give you a behind the scenes preview of one of the [2010 Collection horses](#).

We hope you will enjoy reading the newsletter, and we look forward to reading your comments about it.

#### The Lusitano Collection Team

Anticipation is building as preparations begin for [The 2010 Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction](#) which will take place at The Jim Brandon Equestrian Center in West Palm Beach, Florida, from February 24th to 27th. Next year's event marks the fifth anniversary of The Lusitano Collection™ and the third year it has taken place in the United States.

Arriving annually from Brazil, the Lusitano Collection™ features specially selected horses which are among the most sought after and well bred Lusitanos in the world. The auction will highlight a collection of horses from two of the most important breeding farms: Interagro Farms and Coudelaria Rocas do Vouga. Last year, buyers from the west coast, northeast, Canada, southwest and midAtlantic states as well as from Central America and Mexico attended the Auction and purchased horses from The Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction for dressage, jumping, eventing, driving and pleasure riding.

The 2010 event will once again be held at the 111-acre Jim Brandon Equestrian Center in West Palm Beach, Florida, a well-known equine hot spot. During the 2009 event, the covered show arena was turned into a charming hacienda complete with tall palms, magnificent wooden doors and a bubbling fountain. Guests were served at lavish, elegant tables and entertained by the amazing Lusitanos; a giant screen showing the horses running free and being ridden under saddle served as a backdrop when each Auction horse was presented to the crowd. No one will forget the large bay stallion who stood at attention in the center of the arena as he watched himself on the screen for a moment before his rider urged him on. This year's event promises to be even more entertaining as many additions are being planned.

The 2010 Lusitano Collection™ is proud to announce that [The Equestrian Aid Foundation](#) is the charitable partner of the event. Equestrian Aid Foundation (EAF) assists 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. Established in 1996 as a non profit organization by six-time Olympic Dressage rider, Robert Dover, together with R. Scot Evans, Gene Mische, Mason Phelps Jr., Robert Ross and Kim Tudor, EAF has helped riders with medical needs, health insurance, food and housing, transportation and physical therapy. While there are costs related to running any organization, EAF strives to minimize operating expenses through in-kind donations of office space, graphic design and other administrative costs whenever possible. For more information about EAF, go to [www.equestrianaidfoundation.org](http://www.equestrianaidfoundation.org).

For more information about The 2010 Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction, go to [www.lusitanocollection.com](http://www.lusitanocollection.com).

#### In our Paddock - 2010 Collection Horses



## Zirak Interagro

Inspired by the great writings of J.R.R. Tolkien, Zirak is named after a great craftsman. In the language of the dwarves, **Zirak means "spike" or "silver"**.

Sire: Noblissimo Interagro  
 Dam: Faisca (MLC)  
 REG: 3974-MN  
 Colour: Bay  
 DOB: 21/dec/2003  
 Height: 1,64m / 16.0 1/2h

<b>Zirak Interagro</b>	<a href="#">Noblissimo Interagro</a>	<a href="#">Xique-Xique (CI)</a>	Quieto (CI)
		<a href="#">Cigana III (MLC)</a>	Nieta (CI)
		Xairel (JIC)	Maravilha (MV)
	Faisca (MLC)	Odalisca (MMV)	Onjito (CN)
		Odalisca (MMV)	Sevilha II (JIC)
			Guizo (MV)
			Negra (MMV)



Zirak Interagro is a regal six-year-old bay stallion with a prominent pedigree. Son of Faisca and Noblissimo and grandson of the fabulous sire, Xique-Xique, he stands 16.05 hands. Named after Famil Zirak, a great craftsman in the writings of J.R.R. Tolkien, Zirak will prove to be a super talented horse for a competitive FEI rider. Zirak's half brother through sire Noblissimo, is **Sargon Interagro**, owned by Louise Turkula and trained by Jennifer Schuck in Delano Minnesota. In 2009, Sargon's performance record included Adequan/USDF All-Breeds 4th level Champion IALHA, Adequan/USDF All-Breeds Champion Prix St. George IALHA, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region 4 Championship Prix St George 65.789% and Midwest USDF 4th level Champion 65.976%.

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## Lusitano Spotlight



### Xenocrates Interagro & Millie McCoy

Millie McCoy and Xenocrates Interagro, whom she bought at The 2009 Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction, have shared several adventures. The first time she took the seven-year-old into the hills of her 450 acre property, they were met by deer crashing through the trees across the trail, and moments later, a black bear crossed their path before lumbering deeper into the woods. Her beautiful gray horse trembled and was clearly shaken by the spectacle, but was able to follow the trail home in a calm manner. Another time, the pair was met by a huge and noisy caravan of construction trucks on a country road; Xon, as Millie calls him, just watched without a reaction.

Millie and Xenocrates training in the arena



Millie leading Xon with her grandson enjoying the ride.

This past summer, Millie made a "spur of the moment" decision to visit Interagro Farm where Xon was born and raised, see his dam, Queen Interagro, and sire, Perdigueiro, and meet one of his offspring. After a visa mix-up and gallant rescue by Dr. Gonzaga's kind efforts and influence, Millie and her husband were guests at Interagro Farm, which is nestled in the rolling hills of Itapira outside Sao Paulo. The 1,200 acre farm houses 800 horses and consists of paddocks, indoor and outdoor arenas along with a breeding facility where they breed 300 horses each year. Because of the expansive countryside, they took four-wheelers to see Xon's colt and other young horses in the pastures where they are separated into peer groups until age three. Millie recalls, "Arriving at each pasture, the young Lusitanos ran to greet us, eager to interact and have their noses scratched. It was awe-inspiring to see so many beautiful young horses all so friendly and people-oriented."

Now that she has made the trip to Brazil, Millie has even greater "respect for the care and concern of Xon's breeders and a deeper understanding of the type of home where my horse was raised."

## Carrots & Bits



Many Lusitano Collection™ horses were seen in dressage shows this past season.

- At the Horse Show in the Park LLC Spring Dressage Classic in Jacksonville, Florida, several Lusitanos upstaged Warmbloods in the show arena. In Open Training 1, **Xisto Interagro** (2008 Collection) ridden by **Stephany Fish** and owned by **Katherine Cook** scored 58.261% and earned third place while owner **Kathryn Elliott** rode **Zalene Interagro** (2008 Collection) in Open Training 4 with a score of 60.800%. Stephany Fish rode Xisto in Qualifying Open Training 4 to score 64.4%.
- In Twice as Nice Dressage II in Newberry, Florida, owner **Michele Russel** rode **Urussul Interagro** in Open 1st test 1 to earn 59.667%.
- **Alcacer Interagro** (2009 Collection), owned and ridden by **Abbey Farmer**, had a successful show season this summer. Earning first place with 71.071% in Open Training 2 at Southern Comfort in Aiken, S.C., Alcacer went on to score 72.4% in Open Training 4 and place second at Dressage at Lexington in Lexington, Va. by the season's end.
- **Arsaces Interagro** (2009 Collection), ridden by **Cristin Merrill** and owned by **Abbey Farmer**, placed second with a score of 60.0% in Open Training 2 at Labor's Road in Aiken, S.C.; In the same show, Abbey and Alcacer won first place with a score of 67.2% in Qualifying Open Training 4.
- **Leah Winston** rode **Amintas Interagro** (2009 Collection) owned by

**Sherie Zobec** in Open 1st test 3 at the Wellington Classic Dressage Challenge III in West Palm Beach, Florida, to earn 64%. Leah also rode Amintas in a clinic with a German who was visiting the US to perform a Hanovarian inspection. After disparaging the Lusitano breed as dressage horses, Leah decided to prove him wrong. Eventually, this German trainer/Judge "threw his hand up in the air and offered everybody including myself an open apology for anything derogative he had said in the beginning about the Lusitano breed!"

*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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