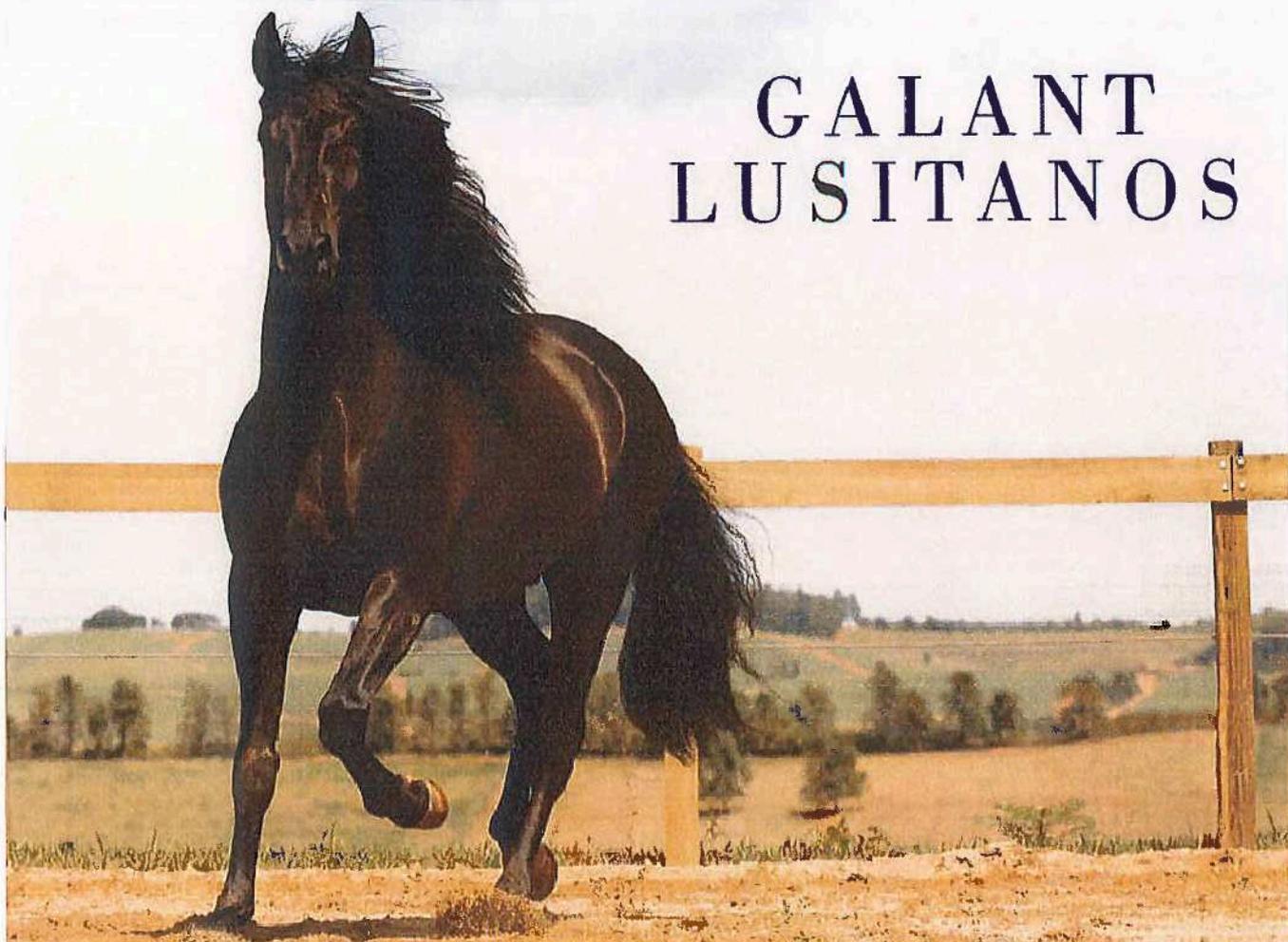


# GALANT LUSITANOS



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Cecilia Gonzaga

PAULO POMPEIA GAVIAO GONZAGA and his daughter, Cecilia Gonzaga recently toured the site of the 2009 Lusitano Collection Auction. The event will take place at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center in West Palm Beach February 19 and 20. Buyers will be able to bypass the normal bureaucracy involved in importing a horse. Each of the 30 Lusitanos being shown on February 12,

have their certified health certificates. Interested buyers may arrange appointments for riding tryout. The reputable Palm Beach Equine Clinic will be evaluating all horse X-rays and tests as well as conducting on site vet checks for all the 2009 Lusitano Collection horses. Cecilia Gonzaga is excited about the auction. "Trained in dressage by professional riders, these noble horses have been specially selected; they are larger, have an eager-to-please

temperament, and best of all, they are not pre-owned. Buyers benefit from buying directly from the breeder," said Gonzaga.

The Lusitano, part of the Iberian horse family, gets its name from Lusitania, the name the Romans gave to a province where now sits the Iberian nation of Portugal. It is trustworthy, brave and versatile, perfect for pleasure trail riding as well as dressage competition. In 2008, Luiza Almeida, rode a Lusitano during the Olympic Games competition and will be riding one during this year's auction. Festivities for the occasion include a cocktail party followed by the Showcase Parade of Horses into a hacienda-like environment complete with hanging chandeliers, water fountain and lush tropical trees. Guests will be treated to a gala dinner and live entertainment. This event is poised to attract the attention of breeders and riders from California, Texas, Mexico, Colombia, Belgium, Denmark and Guatemala. A portion of the sales will benefit the American Cancer Society. SA

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