

(Above) Lusitano horse Zero Interagro. Participants can test-ride horses before the auction. the event. For potential owners, it is a much easier undertaking than traveling to Brazil. Those interested in attending can register online at www.lusitanocollection.com. Interested buyers may view, examine and test-ride over two dozen horses during the week prior to the auction. In order to ensure each guest is given proper attention, the 2009 Lusitano Collection has a limited event capacity of 400 attendees.

At the end of the testing period, guests will enjoy auction festivities including a cocktail party followed by the Showcase Parade of Horses featuring 17-year-old Brazilian Luiza Tavares de Almeida, the youngestever Olympian equestrian, who rode a Lusitano in the 2008 Olympics. Her father, Manuel Tavares de Almeida, is the founder of Coudelaria Rocas do Vouga — one of the partners of the Lusitano Collection. Guests will also be treated to musical entertainment and a seated dinner. A portion of the proceeds from the auction will benefit the American Cancer Society and the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center.

For more about the Lusitano Collection, visit www.lusitanocollection. com.