

Dominique & Debra Barbier

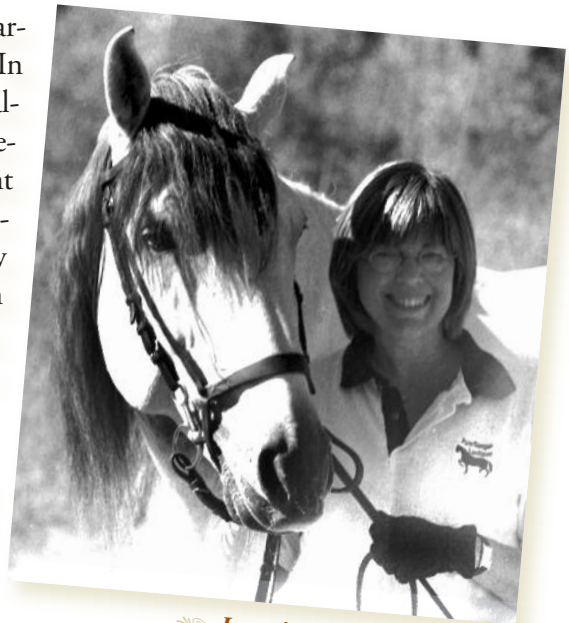
TESTIMONIALS

LAURIE & PRIMO

Primo

*W*e've been to Brazil twice with Debra and Dominique Barbier, our French Classical Dressage trainers and friends. In May 2003 we attended the auction to buy Primo, our Lusitano stallion. We spent several days traveling to the major horse breeders, seeing hundreds of horses and riding those we and the Barbiers thought were good choices for us. At the auction, the bidding stopped at exactly the number we'd given Dominique. We had won, and a few months later Primo was flown into LA to spend several months with the Barbiers, during which we often flew out to train with him. Primo is truly a high quality horse, with a level head, a sweet temperament, a strong work ethic and beautiful gaits.

In 2007, we returned to Brazil with the Barbiers and, in addition to traveling to the horse breeders' Haras, we attended Carnival in Rio de Janeiro and then relaxed at the beautiful Toca do Marlin 10 room resort in Bahia. Rio was crazy and wonderful. We watched the best six Samba Schools from the exclusive Brahma box parade – with free beer, free food and the most energizing music and dancing you'll ever experience. We did some sightseeing in Rio, sun tanned on Ipanema beach and then flew to Bahia. We were all so happy just to relax on the deserted beach, eat the wonderful dinners cooked by Lucia's staff, do some sightseeing, and of course, ride Lusitano stallions every morning!



Laurie

