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Laura VanderVliet Eventing Returns to Aiken, South Carolina in Partnership with Nilson Moreira da Silva

Aiken, South Carolina - February 12, 2013 – Laura VanderVliet Eventing has returned to Aiken, South Carolina with Nilson Moreira da Silva to offer training for the horse and rider at all levels of instruction. With more than twenty five years experience in starting, developing, and competing horses through the advanced levels of eventing, Laura is an international event rider who has earned national recognition for her talents. A familiar presence in the local equestrian community, Laura is looking forward to reestablishing Laura VanderVliet Eventing in Aiken and spending time in the surrounding communities.

In Partnership with Nilson Moreira da Silva—International Event Rider for Team Brazil

Laura VanderVliet Eventing is tremendously excited to announce the new partnership with international Brazilian Team event rider Nilson Moreira da Silva. Nilson brings a wealth of horsemanship and show jumping experience to Laura VanderVliet Eventing. A member of the Brazilian Training Team, Nilson's enthusiasm for the sport of eventing is contagious and inspiring.

This partnership will allow Laura VanderVliet Eventing to offer a whole new level of training opportunities for the horse and rider. With a greater depth of combined experience, Laura VanderVliet Eventing will now offer training for all stages of the horse's development—from starting the young horse to schooling the advanced level eventer. Laura VanderVliet Eventing will also offer instruction for the rider in dressage, cross country training, and show jumping.

Nilson and Laura are accepting horses for training and students for instruction—from novice through advanced. They are both available for group lessons and clinics.

About Laura VanderVliet

Laura started riding as a young child and over the years has garnered a wealth of experience in different areas of horsemanship. She has started many yearlings for the racing industry, including horses for two-time Breeder's Cup winner Michael Dickinson. She was the assistant trainer and barn manager for US Olympic rider Philip Dutton at True Prospect Farm and, before that, assistant trainer for dressage rider Scott Hassler at Hilltop Farm in Maryland. Throughout her career, she has trained with some of the best instructors in their disciplines, including Philip Dutton, Jack Le Goff, and Jimmy Wofford in eventing as well as Betsy Steiner and Scott Hassler in dressage. Today, Laura is a top-level event rider, successfully competing at the advanced level with many top placings in international competitions. A member of the US Training Squad at different times throughout her career, Laura has been a long-listed rider for the 2004, 2008 and 2012 Olympics.

About Nilson Moreira da Silva

Nilson's equestrian career began at age 11, when he started grooming and taking care of 12 polo ponies a day. By age 14 he had switched to eventing and groomed for the Brazilian National Team which included travel to the 1995 Pan American Games and the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. After graduating high school, Nilson's career turned to show jumping. At age 20, he began riding and teaching at a private facility in Atibaia, Brazil. His career has included national show jumping wins as well as work and travel with Alvaro Miranda (Doda) and Athina Onasis—two of the world's leading show jumping riders.

Based in the US since 2011, Nilson has returned to the world of eventing and has successfully competed through the two-star level earning top placings with his different horses. As a member of the Brazilian Training Team, Nilson continues to train in the US with the goal of representing Brazil at the World Equestrian Games and the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

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