The Lusitanos are the "base" of the Lippizans, Quarter Horses, Morgan horses, Tennessee Walkers....

There are three "pure blood" horses in the world: Arabians, Lusitanos, Thoroughbreds. (Though the thoroughbred horse is a mix from two "north african" horses and an arabian. The North African horse was an Iberian horse mixed with an Arab....so, a LUSITANO!)

They are the truest essence of Equus. The Portuguese have guarded and refined the functionality and temperament above all other attributes. Hence, the amazing being we have today.