

FILAS FROM FAZENDAS IN THE NORTH EAST OF MINAS GERAIS IN THE IBITURUNA KENNEL

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I remember a visit I made to the town of Governador Valadares in the North Eastern part of the State of Minas Gerais. Governador Valadares is the hometown of various fila breeders. The most famous among them are Paulo Angotti, owner of the Ibituruna Kennel and Antonio Carlos Linhares Borges, owner of the Caramona kennel.

During a visit to Paulo Angotti's house, he showed me his "Fila Brasileiro room" where he keeps all his trophies, his documents and his pictures. These pictures were well kept in various shoe boxes and shopping mall bags. Honestly, this is not my way of keeping pictures. My pictures are in files, the litters together, the imports together, the big kennels have their own file, smaller kennels are in a file of the country where they are established. Besides that I have an enormous pictures archive on my computer. I tried to convince Paulo Angotti to organize his kennel's pictures and documents. His kennel has played such an important part in fila history. He promised me he would do so, however it would require help from his assistant who has better memory than he does in fila matters.

Many of us know the images of the most important Ibituruna Filas. Nowadays, many people have photo albums on their blogs. Many times they don't even know the names of the animals and pictures are in a complete random order that does not make any sense. When watching all the pictures that were left (Paulo Angotti also lost a lot of them by giving them away and also, by not making copies of them) I found some very interesting material that is not known by the big public. I selected pictures of filas that were found on fazendas in the North East of Minas Gerais. Some of them were reproducers at the Ibituruna Kennel and others were not. All these Filas show a very nice phenotype, most of them are not related, and most of their ancestors are unknown. However they show a uniformity in type and they are proof positive of the presence of good Filas in the hands of farmers in this part of Minas Gerais.

Paulo Angotti who finally got wise in the matter of giving away pictures, gave me permission to make copies. Scans could not be made (he is not a computer man) so I went to a specialized shop to make copies from these

pictures. Waiting one day more for these copies was worth it. My comments on the information I received from Paulo Angotti.

DANUBIO

Danubio lived on a fazenda in Frei Inocencio (between Teofilo Otoni and Governador Valadares). Danubio was used as a reproducer and his first bitch was Ura da Paraibuna. Also, he was father of the famous sisters FABULA and FADA do IBITURUNA.



In 1986 Paulo Angotti took him from the fazena to his house, he was already old and in very bad shape. In the Angotti house he recovered but was not able to reproduce any more.

The following pictures show Danubio in good and in bad shape.





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THE GIRLS FROM PEDRA AZUL

Pera Azul is a town in the North East of Minas Gerais, situated in the dry valley of Jequitinonha, close to the border of the State of Bahia.



One day (November 1985) a friend of Paulo Angotti's, named Renato Chiste – Abreu (also CAFIB member in those days) was traveling through the city of Pedra Azul and saw a nice Fila bitch wandering around. She used to stay at the house of a butcher and was always well fed. Renato called Paulo Angotti and told him about the bitch. He made a deal with the owner, payed him and

took the fila bitch to Governador Valadares. She was a very nice bitch, only her ears were a bit high.



THE GIRL FROM Pedra Azul, daughter of the famous Balada

After some time Renato went back to Pedra Azul, visited the butcher again who told him about the mother of the bitch. This mother lived on a fazenda near Pedra Azul, she worked with cattle and was better than her daughter. Renato agreed with that observation when he saw this extraordinary bitch that had a docked tail, a tradition with working filas like the owner said. The story was repeated: Renato called Paulo Angotti, told him about this super bitch, he talked to the owner, payed and took the bitch to Governador Valadares.



The bitch we are talking about now was the famous **BALADA**, she was 7 years old when she came to the Ibituruna Kennel. There she gave her owner two litters, both of them out of the male JUNDIAQUARA DO PARQUE DO CASTELO (Kennel Airton Campbell). One outstanding son of theirs was JUPITER DO IBITURUNA

The head of BALADA has been the icon for the Ibituruna kennel for many years.



The head of Balada has been the icon for the kennel Ibituruna



Balada with Renato; the man who found her in Pedra Azul



Balada with pups, the male at the right who shows already beauty and personality is Jupiter do Ibituruna

ARUA DO MANDACURU

Arua was a very nice brindle bitch. Paulo Angotti found her on a fazenda in Nova Era, close to the town of Governador Valadares



CAMPONESA

Camponesa was a fine fawn bitch. She was found on a fazenda close to Governadares as well.

She produced pups for the Ibituruna Kennel.

The pictures were taken in 1985



KARINA

Karina was a baia bitch and was found on a fazenda in Para de Minas. She did not produce litters.



TIGRESA

In 1884 I saw this bitch in person. She was a fazenda bitch and lived behind a small shop in town. I remember that Paulo Angotti had some litters out of her and that he sold pups to my friends in Fortaleza (among them Watusi do Ibituruna)

