

MM Good News

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Horse Normals

Knowing whether your horse is sick or not can often be a guessing game, but the following norms can help determine if it's time to call the vet.

Pulse Rate	30 - 40 BPM
Respiratory Rate	12 - 20 BPM
Temperature	99.5 - 101.5°F
Capillary Refill Time	< 2 seconds

President's Message By John Kelley

As the new President of your Association with the help of a new Board of Directors, I am confident that we can continue the fine work that Tresa Smith has done over the last 2 years. I would also like to thank Susan Neumann, who retired from the Board, for all her contributions, particularly for creating a show kit for members to utilize and for gaining great exposure for the Mangalarga Marchador breed in Mounted Archery with the help of her husband, Holm.

Signa Strom is a new Board member this year and will continue producing the Association's newsletter. Signa lives in Pennsylvania and has introduced the Mangalarga Marchador to endurance competitions.

If you've joined the USMMA in past years, it's probably because you own a Marchador or want to own one. Your association membership is critical to us

in our mission

- To inspire and encourage interest in the Mangalarga Marchador breed.
- To provide a registration body to insure the purity of the breed within the United States
- To publish a breed standard consistent with the Brazilian standard of the ABCCMM.
- To encourage participation and cooperation among breeders, owners, trainers and other equine professionals in support of the Mangalarga Marchador
- To affiliate and coordinate with other organizations and associations in support of the vision and mission of the USMMA.

For lifetime, renewing and new 2010 USMMA members, we will mail an educational DVD which Lynn Kelley produced that provides detailed information on the ABCCMM inspection process, breed information, and helpful explanations on the marcha gait. I hope you will renew your membership at whatever level.

I also hope that we can encourage more members to participate actively on committees or projects that we initiate. I will be using the newsletter to announce new committees and projects coming up, looking for volunteers to offer their time, ideas and skills to move the association ahead.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, I would love to hear from you. I can be contacted at

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Where the Marchadors Are



<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=109735221235775550646.00047cf902f114d08f491&ll=39.027719,-99.316406&spn=43.421866,107.138672&z=4>

Curious to know where the US's 200 Marchadors reside? Take a look at the great map that Lynn Kelley, USMMA Registrar created.

Click on the link below the map to see a larger, interactive version.

Member News

Welcome New Members!

Aline Oliveira Greene (SC)
Amanda Moreira (UT)
Janet Villastrigo (PA)
Mel Hong (CA)



Mel Hong on Bossa Nova de Miami and Lynn Kelley on Artimis do Summerwind during Mel's visit to Summerwind Marchadors in December.

Mel Hong (CA)

Mel has purchased 5 horses to be his foundation breeding stock and has plans to begin breeding this year.

Flying Oaks Ranch (OK)

Rick Shatz is sending Marchwind Reparó (aka Big Slick) to Yankee River Sport Horses in February to begin training for and competing in limited distance endurance.



Destiny do Summerwind is getting big! And no, we didn't photoshop the halter....it's REALLY that pink! Owner is Gayle Hamilton (TX)

Yankee River Sport Horses (PA)

Signa Strom and Azenha de Maripa are gearing up for the 2010 endurance season and have hired a coach to help them get to the AERC National Championships this year. They must complete a total of 300 competition miles (in 50 mile or longer rides) and top 5 their weight class in at least one ride to qualify. Keep an eye on the Member News section for updates on how they're doing.



New MM owner Jan Villastrigo gives Chocolate Amargo do Lucero her first hug. Jan plans to ride endurance on her MM.

4 Seasons Marchadors (MT)

Lori Silcher has been featured in two articles about Marchadors -- what a way to start 2010!

Cascade Horseman (January 2010) "Marchadors in MT features 4 Seasons Marchadors".

2010 Horse Edition of Tri State Livestock News, "Mangalarga

Marchadors: A unique breed of horse".

Lori is also excited to report that Zane Davis has contacted her and specifically requested to use her stallion Baluarte Piry as his clinic horse in the 2010 Horse Expo being held in Montana on March 13 and 14th.

Lazy T Ranch (MT)

Tresa Smith was also featured in the article in the 2010 Horse Edition of Tri State Livestock News, "Mangalarga Marchadors: A unique breed of horse".

Jan Villastrigo (PA)

(Pennsylvania can now boast that it has THREE Marchadors!!!)

Jan writes: "Just to let you know Chocolate (Chocolate Amargo do Lucero) is finally home safe and sound!

We had to meet the hauler Mitch (the guy in the photo) in the nearest largest empty parking area we could find as there was no way he could get that large rig down our icy lane or turn around on our road. She is WONDERFUL. What a sweet, smart pony. I love this little girl already! I can't believe how she walked out of one trailer into ours along the highway. When we unloaded her here she confidently walked along, giving me a little pull as soon as she saw the barn to let me know that's where she wanted to go as though she knew this was home.

She's been happily eating hay and drinking plenty of water."

Summerwind Marchadors (AZ/CO)

We enjoyed a visit from Mel Hong and Clarita during December. Besides being delightful company, Mel has a passion for horses. Looking to become a breeder, he stumbled upon Marchadors while looking for Andalusian horses. Later that month, he purchased his foundation breeding stock from Rancho de los Cielos and in January, he'll be up and running in Northern California.

La Paz Jivago has been moved to Southwest Equine Reproductive Center where we are collecting and freezing semen for future breedings. We had one request for frozen semen from Slovenia! That would be a first!

In January, we will begin our breeding process with Elba Cruzaita ("Bella") (owned by Keith Mosing in TX), Chanel de Miami and Brasilia do Summerwind -- her first. We are leaving Bossa Nova de Miami open, hoping to get frozen semen from Brazil. (Hope springs eternal!)

Gayle Hamilton (TX)

Destiny is now a yearling and is growing by leaps and bounds and looking more like a horse than a baby. She is enjoying the cold weather and continues to amaze me everyday. I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year from the Hamilton family and Destiny!

Please share your stories and news!

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Mangalarga Marchador: Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better

By Signa Strom

In each of our newsletters during 2010 we'll be taking a closer look at the types of work that the Mangalarga Marchador excels at. Although other smooth gaited breeds claim to be "versatile" the sad fact is they really can not compete with trotting horses in athleticism, agility and versatility – but the Marchador, well.... what can I say that won't sound cliché? This mild mannered Brazilian sport horse is quickly showing US riders that it can do everything a trotting horse can do....and do it better.

Part 1: Reining

The Marchador has a long, vibrant history as a ranch horse; for generations it has been the breed of choice for the working cattle farms in Brazil. The breed in general is quick, agile, willing and always ready to learn. Because of these innate traits, the Marchador has the ability to pick up Reining moves quickly and in very little time can perform them with flawless precision. Rein backs, spins, roll backs, and flying lead changes seem to come naturally to these horses.

Advanced riders will find that the Marchador's desire to work and it's quite enthusiasm make competing in reining a real pleasure. Novice riders will enjoy the fact that the breed's smooth gait and canter make sitting still and riding in good form effortless. Best of all, the

diagonal Batida gait of the Marchador means they can compete alongside trotting breeds and are not limited to gaited horse events.

Some USMMA members who've had Mangalarga Marchadors with Reining trainers are:

Arizona

John and Lynn Kelley of Summerwind Marchadors have had their Stallion La Paz Jivago with NRHA Professional Reining trainer Matt Mills. Jivago quickly picked up the relaxed, smooth way of going that reining horses are known for.

Montana

Lori Silcher of 4 Seasons Marchadors has had her Stallion Baluarte Piry with trainer and high money winning competitor Zane Davis. Zane was so impressed with the breed that he's specifically requested to use Baluarte as his clinic horse at the 2010 Horse Expo being held in Montana on March 13 and 14, 2010.

Montana

Rox Roxers has had her gelding Bambino de Itajoana with a reining trainer for a while now and is considering exhibiting and/or competing on him in 2010. We'll keep you updated!

YouTube videos of Marchadors performing reining moves

Abraco do Lucero learning sliding stops

<http://tiny.cc/1I5u4>

Baluarte Piry with Zane Davis

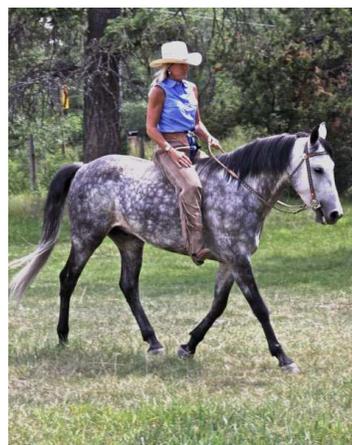
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La Paz Jivago with Matt Mills

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Dancarina do Lucero says hello to her buddy Cowboy Casanova. Owned by Mike Stachelek (MD).



Rox Rogers enjoying a ride on her MM Bambino de Itajoana



Dave and Connie DeCamp take their annual Christmas ride. Connie is on 21 yo MM named Epopeia do Vale da Prata

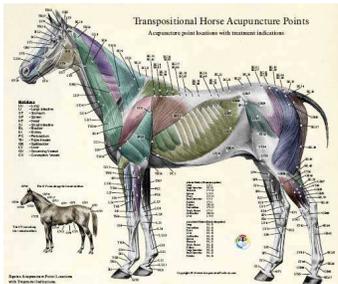
Bom Saude By Dr. Tia Nelson, DVM

Alternative Veterinary Medicine: Equine Acupuncture



Dr. Steve Manning, associate professor of large animal clinical sciences, performs acupuncture therapy on an equine patient. Photo supplied by WCVM

"Horses with colic can die." I said seriously. "Most of them don't, but I can't promise you this will have a happy ending. I will do my best, but..."



Equine Acupuncture Chart

"I've got a mare with a bad colic," said Jean. "She's been lying down for a while and I've been watching her but she just started rolling and I can't keep her on her feet. Can you come?" The edge of deep concern in Jean's voice convinced me this mare needed to be seen as soon as possible. Colics are one of the big fears for a horse owner as so many colicking horses die. Most colics, in my experience, resolve with minimal care, but the ones that don't respond to medical treatment require surgery or humane euthanasia if surgery is not an option. Even with surgery, there is no guarantee that the horse will survive.

On this day I had a seven year old girl job shadowing me. Mikayla wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up and I love having the opportunity to share my profession with a young person.

I glanced at Mikayla, "There's a mare down, colicking. I think you should stay here at the clinic and help walk the dogs."

"I'd rather go with you," she said calmly, "I want to be a horse doctor when I grow up and I want to see all the things that can happen with them." Kayla is a very old seven year old.

"Well, you may come, you just have to pay attention and if you have any questions, I'll do my best to answer them." I met her

eyes, "Horses with colic can die." I said seriously. "Most of them don't, but I can't promise you this will have a happy ending. I will do my best, but..." I let my sentence trail off.

"I understand," she said, holding my gaze. "Sometimes things don't work out the way you want them to." I nodded and we left. I wondered at her wisdom and where it had come from. I hoped that by the time we got to Jean's the mare's colic would be resolved.

Summer was starting to fade on this late August afternoon; the grain in fields was nearly ripe but not quite ready for harvest. Bluebirds flitted along the barbed wire fence and little finches perched in the sunflowers along the road. We arrived at Jean's place; the small knot of people standing around the down mare showed us where we needed to be.

Candy, the little bay mare, was sweating and trembling with pain. As we watched, she rolled up onto her back and kicked violently with her hind limbs. I motioned Mikayla to stay back and cautiously approached the mare. As I neared, she rolled onto her chest, panting with the effort and pain. I gently rubbed her neck while I pulled her lips back to check her mucous membranes. They were tacky and dark pink. She groaned and rolled violently again, this time standing and trembling when she finished. Her heart rate was over 80 beats per minute, I could hear no sounds coming

from her abdomen. I sighed inwardly. This mare was in serious trouble. I gave her an IV injection of a drug commonly used to alleviate the pain of colic, knowing that in this case it might buy me some time, but I doubted I'd help Candy much. I examined her rectally, feeling large loops of taut, gas-filled intestine, no feces, and very dry, tacky intestinal linings. Passing a tube through her nostril and into her stomach, I pumped several gallons of warm water and mineral oil, hoping that the fluids would help break up any potential impaction and the oil would help it move through.

The mare threw herself to the ground again thrashing violently, rolling, groaning and grinding her teeth with the pain. Mikayla watched with wide eyes.

"This is likely a surgical colic," I said to Jean.

She nodded, "The last one I sent to surgery lived, but it cost \$6500.00, this mare is 23 years old. I can't afford that kind of money for a horse her age. She's been a great school horse and the kids love her. Please don't let her suffer." She said the meaning heavy in her voice.

I sighed, watching Candy. She would roll and kick then lay on her side panting with the effort. I decided to try one last thing before putting her out of her misery. Returning from the

Bom Suade, ctd

truck with acupuncture needles I explained to Jean that I wanted to try this but I would not let Candy suffer if it didn't work.

Candy was lying down and I approached her from behind murmuring gently so she knew I was there. I slid my hand down her back feeling for the appropriate points. Finding the first one I slipped a needle into it. Feeling further for the next point, I slipped a needle deeply into it as well. Repeating the points on the opposite side, I started to stimulate the needles while listening to her abdomen with the stethoscope. Thankfully Candy lay still while I worked on her. Soon, she sighed and started to breathe more easily. I could hear tiny gurgling sounds starting in her belly. I stood up to watch her. She lay quietly, breathing more easily than she had since we arrived.

It seemed a stretch that those four little needles could have solved her agony and I briefly wondered if maybe she had ruptured her stomach. A ruptured stomach causes the colicking horse to immediately feel better because the pressure is gone, but it also means the end of the horse's life due to toxins and bacteria released into the abdomen.

I checked her mucous membranes again: a healthy pale pink, her pulse was down to 35 and she no longer had that terrible distracted look on her face. The needles were still in place and I knelt near her to listen to her abdomen again. Normal sounding gurgles rewarded my ears. She sighed again and shook her head and neck. I prodded her to get up and she complied. She shook herself off, the dust and weeds falling from her sides, and

started looking for some fresh green grass to nibble on. I plucked the needles from her back and gazed in wonder at the shiny bay mare. She looked perfectly fine. I looked around and met Mikayla's eyes. She'd been watching with quiet concern, now she grinned. "She's gonna be fine, isn't she?" I nodded. "We saved her!" she finished triumphantly. Jean and I grinned at each other and Mikayla shared a high five with us. Candy raised her head, her clear deep brown eyes taking us in, she snorted and dropped her lips back to the savory green grass she'd found.

Dr. Tia Nelson, DVM is a Marchador owner and apprentice ABCCMM Marchador Technician (inspector). She runs a full time veterinary practice in the beautiful state of Montana.

If you have questions for Dr. Tia, she can be reached by email at: drtiadv@aol.com



Erva-Doce de Tesouro with owner Aline Oliveira Greene



Caesar do Summerwind with his trainer in CA. Owned by Marli Wood.

Getting ready for the 2010 ABCCMM inspection

By Lynn Kelley, USMMA Registrar

We are going to request and plan an ABCCMM inspection visit once again this year. For your planning purposes, I am hoping that it will be during the summer months, probably around the August timeframe. I will be writing a planning email shortly to USMMA members who are also ABCCMM members with the list of potential horses to be inspected.

There is a separate charge for this of about \$600 per horse that covers the airfare and the

inspector charges for the visit. In addition, there are document charges following the results of the inspection payable to the ABCCMM.

The USMMA Clinic DVD sent to all 2010 members explains the ABCCMM inspection process as well as providing insight into Marchador breed standards. More important than getting your horse prepared is getting the ABCCMM paperwork correct before the inspection. In the past, the paperwork issues

has been the biggest problem in getting the horses fully registered with the ABCCMM. We still have some paperwork issues from the 2008 inspection, but are working to get all of them resolved before the April 1 USMMA board meeting.

Your USMMA registration document has both USMMA and ABCCMM registration numbers listed. If you cannot tell if your horse is double-registered, one way of checking is to check the registration document.



Dr. Tia Nelson evaluates a Marchador during the last ABCCMM inspection visit.

USMMA Membership Drive



Brazilian Inspector (Getulio has inspected/ ridden 40,000 Marchadors) and our US-MMA Vets

Renew now and get your DVD of the Inspection clinic

Dear Fellow Members,
For most of us, our USMMA dues are now due.

This year we are sending a **complimentary DVD** of the most recent **USMMA Clinic** on the Brazilian registration procedures **to all our new and re-newing members**. Our dues are our only fund raiser this year.

Our fees for services for registration are set to cover costs not raise money! We really need your continuing support. Please send your dues to Eliza but copy me (the secretary) with address, phone or email changes!

Thank you for your cooperation,
Susann Gabriel, Secretary

Please mail this form with your check to:

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2010 Membership Application

Please mail this form with your check to:

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Select the Membership Level You Want:

- Full Member** – Those persons who have reached their eighteenth birthday who have paid the requisite dues for an individual or family. Full Members may serve as Officers and Directors who lead the Association as well as voting rights to elect officers and modify the by-laws of the association.

ANNUAL DUES INDIVIDUAL \$100.00
ANNUAL DUES FAMILY \$150.00
LIFETIME DUES \$1000.00

- Associate Member** – Open to all, Associate Members have no vote but do receive all mailings concerning association business. They have access to the Association to express their opinions.

ANNUAL DUES INDIVIDUAL \$35.00
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Dues and contributions to the USMMA are not tax-deductible.

USMMA on Facebook and Twitter -- come join us!

If you're an internet user you'll be happy to know that we've come into the New Year with bells and whistles on -- we're now using the internet to promote the Marchador breed and stay in touch with our members.

Benefits to you:

- Get the most up to date information on what's going on with the USMMA
- Stay in touch with other USMMA members -- chat, comment, and share your pics

Facebook

To join us on Facebook you must have a facebook account yourself. Go to www.facebook.com and sign up for your free account.

Once you're a facebook member, you can find the USMMA fan page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/United-States-Mangalarga-Marchador-Association/171153175291?ref=mf>

Click on "Become a Fan" button at the top of the page.

Twitter

To join us on Twitter you must have a Twitter account yourself. Go to www.twitter.com and sign up for your free account.

Once you're a twitter member, you can begin following our feeds by going to:

<http://twitter.com/USMarchador>

Click on the "Follow" button at the top of the page.



Violeiro de Itajoana. Owned by Marion Niedringhaus (WY)

Marketing 101 by Signa Strom

When you're a star, everybody wants you!

With an estimated 200,000 unwanted horses in the US alone, it's hard to believe that anyone can sell a horse at all. But regardless of how saturated the market is, if you can make your horse stand out, he'll sell.

Focus on his star qualities

Focus on what your horse DOES well -- not what you think he'll do. Where does he shine? On the trail, in the show ring, chasing cows, giving riding lessons, or producing babies? If your horse has multiple talents -- write an ad for each one and place them in publications that

focus on that particular market.

You're competing not only with other horses, but with other advertising. If you don't make your horse shine in one particular arena he'll just blend in with the crowd. Don't let him be a general all around good horse, make him a STAR in one area.

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Marchador Pictures Needed

A call has been put out by Dr. Deb for profile shots of our Marchadors to be used in an article in Equus Magazine on conformation.

If you have good quality, clear pictures that you can contribute it would be a great opportunity for the breed to be featured in a

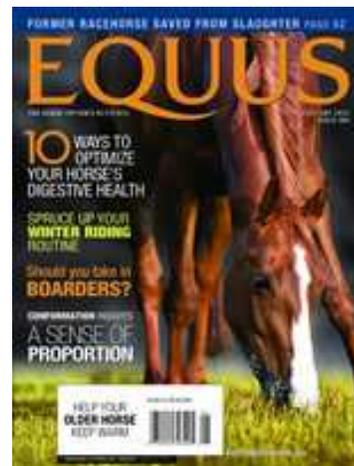
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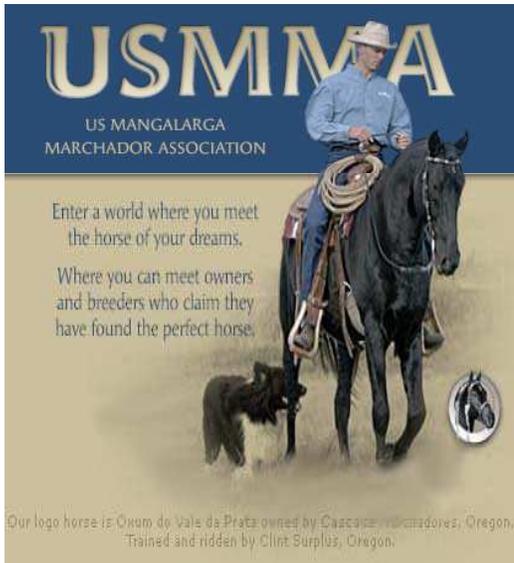
Photo Guidelines

- Clear and in focus
- Side shot that shows all four legs and the full body
- Horse only -- no people in the picture

Send your photos to drdebphotos@equinestudies.org

She's looking for photos of at least four different Marchadors, so please feel free to send photos of more than one horse. The more photos she has the more likely she'll be to get just the right ones.





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Submit to: newsletter@usmarchador.com

Image Format: Please attach images to your email (do not embed them in the body) as .jpg or .GIF

Horse Name: Please include the complete registered name of all horses in photos or in your info

Newsletter Editor, Signa Strom

About Our Organization

The USMMA is dedicated to the Marchador breed in America by providing information and assistance in all areas to current and future owners of these wonderful horses.

The United States Mangalarga Marchador in America (USMMA) provides an official information site for all American Mangalarga Marchador horses, owners and breeders. The USMMA is affiliated with the Associacao Brasileira dos Criadores do Cavalo Mangalarga Marchador (ABCCMM), the Brazilian organization founded to preserve, regulate and register the unique bloodlines of this magnificent breed. Mangalarga Marchadors must pass rigid standards for conformation, gait, performance and endurance. In many cases, the horses maintain registry in Brazil. In many cases, the horses in the U.S. maintain **dual** registry with the ABCCMM in Brazil.

If you would like to join the association, there is a membership application form on the USMMA website, or you can contact us at info@usmarchador.com.

Caminhos Gerais

Marrying horses with economic improvement

The Caminhos Gerais is an exciting event that showcases the Mangalarga Marchador in the environment it was intended for; long distance riding across the country side. But it's not just an endurance ride, it's an event designed to improve the economic conditions of small villages throughout Brazil.

Organizers of the Caminhos Gerais intentionally plan the routes for the ride through villages which can use a boost, not only from the exposure they'll receive as having been overnight stops for riders, but also from the income generated by the competitors themselves who pay for overnight accommodations and meals as they stop in each village.

In addition, riders may assist with small community projects like building a water tower or bridge, and if they have special skills/training (doctor, dentist, etc) provide free care and services to the towns people during their layover.

The USMMA has been invited to send a team of riders to participate in the 2010 Caminhos Gerais. Although it is unknown at this time whether we'll be able to organize such a group we're giving it serious consideration and discussing the details.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.peloscaminhosgerais.com.br/>