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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 Tresa Smith

The Brazilians described the Mangalarga Marchador as the "Horse without Frontiers". We have proved this geographically by bringing them from the "Deep South" to the "Far North." In 2003 my two Brazilian Marchador mares, Pupila, Brauna and I attended the Spruce Meadows Breeds of the World Show in Calgary, Canada. This was the farthest North the Marchadors had been on any continent and subsequently merited a TV interview with the local station. (Now years later we even have Marchadors who are Canadian citizens.)

However, "The Horse Without Frontiers", really does not refer to geography. It means their versatility to do just about everything horses can do—dressage, trail riding, endurance, jumping, working cattle, polo, mounted archery, mounted shooting. The list goes on and on. Clearly, the Marchador is not constrained

by boundaries.

We, their owners and admirers, must follow their lead. So it is with this in mind I ask you to think big and innovatively about what the future of this breed and the USMMA should be.

"Focus on the Future" is the theme for our April 2009 board of Directors Meeting. We want to hear from you on what you think our future should be. E-mail me with your ideas lazy-tranch@mac.com I look forward to your input.

USMMA President Tresa Smith



President Tresa Smith's Brazilian Mangalarga Marchadors, Pupila de Itajoana and Brauna Libertas, being interviewed by Canadian television at Spruce Meadows, Calgary, 2003.

Contest! **Photo Tip of the Month and Member Photo Contest!**

Show off your Marchador and improve your picture taking skills!

Did you know that it can take up to 100 pictures to get just 1 good one? Although taking a lot of photos improves your chances of getting something decent, there are a few other things you can do to improve your chances as well:

- Fill the entire view finder with your horse -- get as close as you can without cutting off feet, nose, ears, or tail. Most people stand too far away and leave too much empty space around their subject
- Choose an overcast day to eliminate harsh shadows, and avoid early morning or late afternoon pictures when shadows are long.
- Toss something in the air to get your horse's attention and capture his very best expression

Use these tips to practice taking candid or conformation shots of your horses and send in the results. I'll publish the best photo in the May newsletter. Submit photos as .jpg or .GIFF to signa_strom@comcast.net

Member News



Beethoven do Summerwind with owner Sandy Smith, WA



Bambino de Itajoana with trainer Fidel Owned by Rox Rogers, MT



Lukas Novotny on Jordao do Passo Fino



Marchwind Aitana (born Oct. 2008) Owned by Lois March, GA

Signa Strom (PA) and **Mike Stachelek** (MD) met at the Maryland Horse World Expo and have plans to ride their Marchadors together in the Spring.

Sandy Smith (WA) has Beethoven do Summerwind in training and is ecstatic about how quickly he is learning. Side pass, barking dogs, trail rides.....he's taking it all in stride!

Lynn Kelley (AZ) has a new website for the Future Foal Program -- www.futurefoal.com, and is now offering a breeding sponsorship program as well -- see summerwindmarchadors.com for more information.

Susan and Holm Neumann (OR) have the following news:

World Equestrian Games - Sept/Oct 2010. Cascade Marchadors and Mounted Archery Center has made application to appear at the Games as a demo sport and breed profile. We should hear by late March or early April if we were approved. If so, this will be a huge undertaking and we would welcome any and all help. We would present demonstrations of mounted archery, possible international competition and breed demo of the MMs.

April 17, 18, 19 we travel to Ocala, FL, to assist Carol Long in presenting the MM breed at the Ocala Horse Park as well as a mounted archery demo. I will have pics for the next newsletter. Carol did a similar demo last November and it was very

well received. Her stallions, Frevo do Camaq and Jordao do Pass Fino, as well as gelding, Folego do Lucero and mare, Esthitoque do Premier, perform the mounted archery.

May 22, 23, 24 we appear at the Primitive Archer Festival in Hood River, OR. There we will use our MM's and other breeds in 6 demos of mounted archery lasting 1-2 hours at each appearance.

June 27 & 28 will see us in Puyallup, WA, at the Celebrate the Horse festival. This is a nonprofit expo designed to benefit various horse rescue organizations. We will do breed and mounted archery demos as well as joining the Seattle Knights for a War Horse Challenge.

Carol Long of Marchador Manor (FL) is expecting 2 more MM babies this spring. One out of Ibiza da Boa Fe is due momentarily and one out of Erva de Tesouro in April. All of the foals are by Frevo da Camaq. Bella Duquesa is now 4 months old with a spectacular marcha. At this time she is a buckskin but could go to grey. She is for sale.

Aja Bajoni do Premier is going to a Brazilian trainer, Volnee Rodriguez, March 1 for natural horsemanship training as a 2 year old colt. He is for sale, buckskin by Batuque de Miami and a beautiful mover who will be picada under saddle. Esthitique will follow him for saddle training with Volnee in April. She is a sabino chestnut, picada, full sister to Aja and is also for sale.

April 16, 17, 18, 19 we will be at the **Florida Horse Park** for a breed demo and a mounted archery demo. The MMs will be joined by other breeds and we will have a minimum of 6 archers for 3 times a day for 3 days. Anyone wanting to see this special demonstration should plan to attend. Mounted Archers of America should know by then if they are going to be included in the 2010 Equestrian Games in Lexington, KY. You may check their web site at mountedarcherypezco.com

Rox Rogers (MT) is focusing on dressage and reigning with her Marchador Bambino de Itajoana and is enjoying every moment!

Share your news!

Have you met another MM owner? Are you using MMs as lesson horses? Have you entered your MM in a recent or upcoming competition? Do you think your MM is simply the perfect horse for his job? Have you attended a clinic that you thought was valuable? Please, tell us about it!

Submit your news, thoughts, pictures, and updates at any time, day or night, and I'll make sure they get included in an upcoming newsletter.

A Note from Theresa of Rancho de los Cielos

Dear Signa, congratulations on your new horse and your new job [as editor of the newsletter]. I knew Azhena when she was still at Lynn Kelley's; a wonderful mare.

Jacob and I are Rancho de los Cielos, in Riverside, CA. The last newsletter contained information from Mike Stachelek who now owns one of the Marchador babies we raised and trained. This month we'd like to acknowledge and congratulate Mike and Kris Wilson of Nuevo, California, who purchased Carmel do Lucero after we trained her for the trail. She is a beautiful picada chestnut who should deliver a foal by Ninja de Sao Joaquim, our stallion, this spring.

We would like everyone to know how happy we have been in preparing young

Marchadors for their job as the ultimate in equine all-terrain vehicles (compared to some of the "hotter" and spookier gaited horses we used to breed.)

Without cutting any corners or rushing progress, we are finding really rapid progress in getting our young horses under saddle and out on the trail. Jacob does the training, with the help of our trainer protégé, Jaime. Jacob, especially, was congratulated for his skills in eliciting and reinforcing gait in young horses by Getullio, when he came out from Brazil to inspect our horses last summer.

In the last 3 months, we have discharged a finished 4 year old picada mare (Carmel do Lucero) and a well-started 3 year old picada mare (Dancerino do Lucero) to their new owners

(Congratulations Mike and Kris Wilson, of California, and Michael Strachelek of Maryland, respectively!) We've also taken a 5 year old batida broodmare (Chocolate Amargo do Lucero) and a coming 3 year old colt (Zorro de los Cielos) from long reins to carrying a rider. The mare is now out on the trail. The colt will not have more than light drills for 10-20 minutes a day under saddle in the arena until he turns 3 years, but he's already thrilled us by showing us a beautiful picada under saddle in addition to his natural choice of a centered batida at liberty.

We invite anyone interested to arrange to spend some time with us. And we now have a finished guest house to make visiting even easier!

Thanks, Theresa



La Paz Jivago - first frozen semen foal born in 2008, first frozen embryo using frozen semen in 2008. Both times the mare was Bossa Nova de Miami

Frozen Semen: Summerwind Marchadors
At Stud: Sunset Marchadors



Marchwind Damon
At Stud: Marchwind Marchadors

Improving Your Herd: Access to Frozen Semen from Brazilian Studs is Looking Bright!



Misterio do Pumutuju - Possible frozen semen donor from Brazil



Jupiter Quitumba - Possible frozen semen donor from Brazil

Color Genetics: Breeding for Roan By Dr. Tia Nelson, DVM



Strawberry Roan

Breeding roans to roans does not guarantee a roan foal.



Blue Roan

“Doc, last year my mare was confirmed pregnant at 30 days and now I don’t think she looks pregnant. Could she have aborted without us knowing about it?” Jim raises good American Quarter Horses and has some outstanding bloodlines. Losing a pregnancy in this Hancock bred, blue roan mare was a big concern. My medical records showed that she was ultrasounded to check for pregnancy at 30 days post breeding supporting Jim’s statement. Now, nearly 9 months later, she should be in an advanced state of pregnancy. Later that day I arrived at Jim’s place to check the mare. She looked like she was ready to start training, and definitely not pregnant.

“Sometimes these young mares can hide a pregnancy,” I offered hopefully. I carefully palpated the mare. She was definitely not pregnant and, in fact, had a 35 millimeter follicle growing on her left ovary. She would likely be in a standing heat in the next 2 days.

“She was bred to that new stud I brought home last year,” said Jim. “He’s Hancock bred and a pretty dark bay roan. There are six foals of his in the upper paddock so I know he can get mares bred. Dang, I was hoping this mare would have a roan foal like him.” I groaned inwardly.

Breeding roans to roans does not guarantee a roan foal. The genetics that produce the roan color is a heterozygous condition, requiring the combined effects a dominant and recessive pair of alleles. When a roan (regardless of whether it is a red, blue, strawberry, bay or black roan) is bred to another roan, there are three possible genetic outcomes: 25% of the foals from this type of mating will be solid colored horses; 50% will be roan, and 25% will suffer early embryonic death. If a roan is bred to a solid colored horse, the offspring ratio will be 50% roan and 50% solid resulting in a better foal numbers.

I explained this to Jim. He decided not to breed the mare back to the roan stallion, opting instead for a blood bay for her mate this year. She has a 50-50 chance of producing a roan foal for Jim, but a much greater statistical likelihood of producing a live foal than if she’s bred back to the roan. With the roan stallion, Jim will be able to produce more roans than without him, but he will never produce a roan that “breeds true”, meaning that the horse will always produce a roan foal.

Dr. Tia Nelson, DVM is a Marchador owner and apprentice ABCMM 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: drtiadvm@aol.com

Mangalarga Marchador represented at Equine Affaire in Ohio



A breed booth has been secured at the **Equine Affaire in Columbus, Ohio** this year. Our **breed demonstration is scheduled for Friday, April 3rd at 5:15PM** and will include horses owned by Signa Strom and Bill and Sandy Kambic.

Signa will also be competing in the **Extreme Cowboy Race** on Azenha de Maripa. This is their

first contest of this nature – so wish them luck!

Lynn and John Kelley will also be making an appearance to assist with the booth and events on Friday and Saturday.

If you would like to volunteer to help man the booth or if you have pictures of your MM in action that could be used to

promote the breed, please contact Signa Strom at signa_strom@comcast.net.

If you’re in the area stop by and say hello, or watch our MMs in action during the Breed Demo and Extreme Cowboy Race.

View video of Craig Cameron’s Extreme Cowboy Race on www.horsecity.com

Three Phase Event **A One of A Kind Combined Versatility Event For Gaited Horses**

Lynn Kelley was recently contacted by Kristy Wehmeyer from Three Phase Event. This two day event provides a competitive venue for all gaited breeds that is similar in concept to Three Day Eventing.

“The Three Phase Event for gaited horses is an equine versatility event for seasoned trail and show horses that do not jump, but demonstrate their versatility in dressage, a set stadium obstacle course and a 3 to 5 mile cross country course

which demands stamina and willingness to meet field challenges for the beginner novice, novice and training level division riders. “

If you’ve been wondering what you can do with your Marchador, this is just one more example of the opportunities that exist.

This year the event will be held April 18 - 19 in Winchester, KY.

For more information, videos, and registration forms, visit their website at: www.threephaseevent.org



Photo from Brazil trail ride with John Kelley, Lynn Kelley, Tresa Smith Getulio Vieira, riding national champion mares at Haras Elfar. December 2008

World Equestrian Games 2010

As you may have seen in *Members News*, Cascade Marchadors and Mounted Archery Center have applied to be considered for demo sport and breed profile during the 2010 games to be held in Kentucky. Although it may feel like 2010 is a long way off, there are only 570 days (as of this writing) until the event, and if the application is accepted planning will need to begin right away.

This is a HUGE undertaking and phenomenal opportunity to promote the Mangalarga Marchador. Many horses, riders, and helpers will be needed to make this run smoothly, so please consider contacting Susan to volunteer your help, your horses, or both.

This is the first time that the World Equestrian Games have come to the US and will be

event not to be missed....so don't – start planning to attend now!

FEI World Equestrian Games www.alltechfeigames.com

To volunteer, contact Susan at: holmsusan@aol.com



Amadeus do Summerwind owned by Kristy and Dave Everson, AZ

This Months Google Search: *Dancing with Horses*

Here are some interesting links that came up for this particular search term in Google:

The Equus Project

An exquisite and artistic website focused on matching dancers with horses and riders for one of a kind theatrical performances.

www.dancingwithhorses.org

Books, Articles and videos by Klaus Hempfling

Klaus looks at the relationship between rider and horse and how to build trust and confidence in each. Check out his website, YouTube videos, and this introductory article.

www.hempfling.com/hippson_article_series.pdf

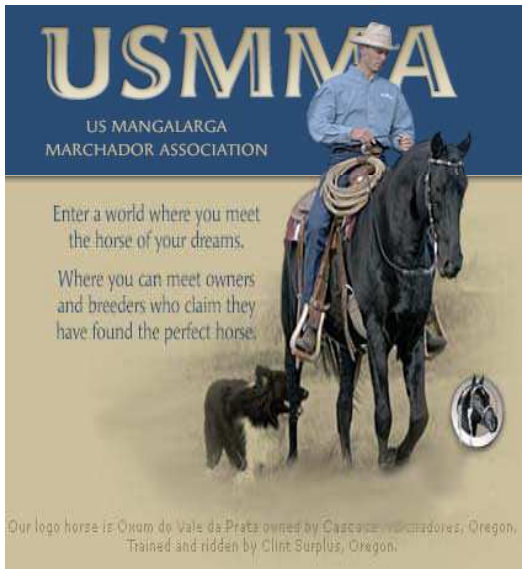
The Carolyn Resnick Method

Carolyn focuses on building positive relationships between horse and rider using specific trust building activities. Carolyn offers workshops, DVDs, and more.

www.dancewithhorses.com



Elba Cruzalta, owned by Keith Mosing, TX, doing "dances with horses" with Lynn Kelley, Summerwind



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Deadlines: April 25, 2009 for May newsletter

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.

Upcoming Events that include the Marchador

MARCH 2009

March 21
 Fiesta of the Spanish Horse
 Buckeye, AZ

APRIL 2009

April 2-5
 Equine Affaire
 Columbus, OH
www.equineaffaire.com/ohio/index.html

April 16 - 19
 Festival of the Horse
 Ocala, FL
www.flhorsepark.com

April 18 - 19
 Three Phase Event
 Winchester, KY
www.threephaseevent.org

