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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

Dr. Hugh Rogers, USMMA member and Mangalarga Marchador owner, died in the crash of his light plane on April 1, 2009.

It is said that when a great man dies there is a hole in the heart of a nation. With the death of Dr. Hugh Rogers, there is indeed a hole in the heart of the USMMA and all of us who were fortunate enough to know Hugh.

Hugh and his wife Rox have been active, dedicated USMMA members. Little did I know when I first met Hugh, when he and Rox purchased Bambino de Itajoana from me, that all of us would become an extended family and how important Hugh and Rox would be to the development of the Marchador breed in the U.S.

Hugh and Rox served on the USMMA first Breed Standards Committee and were instrumental in drafting the committee's extensive recommendations for standards. From this initial work on the breed, Hugh, committed to deepening his knowledge of the Marchadors, volunteered his time and talent and paid all of his expenses to travel to Brazil to train as an ABCCMM technician who could oversee permanent registration of U.S. Marchadors.

In Brazil Hugh joined fellow U.S. veterinarian, Dr. Tia Nelson, in an ABCCMM intensive three-



Hugh Rogers atop a beautiful buckskin Marchador while visiting Brazil.

week course with Brazilian ABCCMM Technician, Dr. Getulio Tadeu Vierea. They drove hundreds of miles, inspected hundreds of Marchadors, and had hundreds of tales to tell.

In May 2008 we were able to witness some of the fruits of their training when Hugh and Tia demonstrated their accumulated knowledge at the USMMA sponsored ABCCMM registration clinics in Montana. Those of us present were impressed with the depth and scope of their knowledge. At Hugh's memorial service, I learned this was usual for him. Learning was key to Hugh. He pursued knowledge of all of his interests with intensity.

Knowledge of the Marchador was not the only thing Hugh returned with to the U.S. He returned with a close friendship with his professor Getulio.

Hugh was good at being a friend. At his memorial service, friends from the different areas of his life, hunting, flying, wild-life, yoga, gave testimony to his friendship. I learned from them that we were actually lucky to have Hugh in our midst at all. He was studying to become an astronaut but it was the reading of James Herriot's book, "All Creatures Great and Small", that caused him to change course and become a veterinarian.

We "Creatures Great and Small" of the USMMA have been so privileged to have Hugh as a friend, advisor, and colleague. The USMMA has been fortunate in our founders. It was truly remarkable that we had such an ethnical, talented, good individual as Hugh to help us in our formative years. We will miss him greatly. Thank you, Rox, for sharing him with us.

**USMMA President Tresa Smith**

## Member News



Beethoven do Summerwind with owner Sandy Smith, playing "soccer" -- which he loves!



Mike Stachelek poses with Monty Roberts at the Ohio Equine Affaire.



The crew at the Ohio Equine Affaire (left to right): John Young, Signa Strom, Mike Stachelek, Sandy Kambic, Bill Kambic, Lynn Kelley, John Kelley



Me Vaquera do Rockn K born April 13, 2009 to Mike and Kris Wilson

**Myth Busters** will be airing their mounted archery segment featuring Marchadors owned by Holm and Susan Neumann (Cascade Marchadors) on Wednesday, May 13th – be sure to check it out!

**Pat Rollingson** (Canada) of Sunset Marchadors has made the front page of the publication "Horses All". You can read the complete article at:

[http://digital.horsesall.com/xta-asp/pageview1.asp?tpl=iframe\\_main&pc=ha](http://digital.horsesall.com/xta-asp/pageview1.asp?tpl=iframe_main&pc=ha)

**John and Lynn Kelley** (CO) returned to Colorado in April after helping out at the Ohio Equine Affaire. Their MM horses are happier out on the grass and with more room to roam. They even look taller! They share the pastures with the resident elk and deer herds. DaVinci do Summerwind and Destiny do Summerwind are learning Parrelli's seven games. Destiny is headed to Gayle Hamilton's ranch in TX in a few months. Brasilia do Summerwind gets her trail experience starting this summer! This summer's plans include breeding a few mares, chipping some wood and a lot more riding! Most of the big projects on the property are done. Come visit!

**Holm and Susan Neumann** (OR) traveled to Ocala, Florida, April 14 - 21 to participate in an inaugural event at the Florida Horse Park. A mounted archery exhibit was presented along with a 3 day event, polo and an Extravaganza on Sunday. Holm rode Carol Long's stallion, Frevo

da Camaq, as well as 9 other archers and their horses. The event planners were very excited by the archery and we have already been invited back for next year.

We have several archery clinics planned this summer at Cascade Marchadors and Mounted Archery Center. Holm will again travel to Korea to compete in the international mounted archery festival held in Socho, S. Korea. We will haul 5 horses to Scottsdale, AZ in October for the final clinic of 2009.

We will also participate in the Celebration of the Horse in Puyallup, Washington on June 27-28, 2009. There we will do a breed demo for the Marchadors and an archery demo as well. This was a fun venue last year and we expect the same this year.

**Mike and Kris Wilson** (CA) have a new Marchador baby that was born on April 13. She is out of Caramel do Lucero by Ninja de Sao Jaquim. She is a black filly and gorgeous! She is 2 weeks old and already knows how to disengage her hind quarters move away from pressure at her shoulders. Its not perfect but shes doing great! She is also super friendly. Will let you touch her all over... Her name is Me Vaquera do Rockn K.

**Mike Stachelek** (MD), **Signa Strom** and husband **John Young** (PA), **John and Lynn Kelley** (CO), and **Bill and Sandy Kambic** (TN)

joined forces at the Ohio Equine Affaire to man the Mangalarga Marchador breed booth. A good time was had by all!

### Saddles, Saddles, Saddles!

Everyone seems to be looking for the right saddle for their Marchador. So far a few members have shared their top saddle choices and the next newsletter will feature a short article sharing their thoughts and experiences. But until then, the following is a list of saddles that have come highly recommended:

#### Tucker Saddles

(tuckersaddles.com)

#### Imus 4 Beat Saddle

(gaitsofgold.net)

#### Desoto Custom Saddles

(desotosaddle@voyager.net)

#### Crest Ridge Saddles

(crestridgesaddlery.com)

#### Stubben Saddles

(stubbennorthamerica.com)

#### Synergist Saddles

(synergistsaddles.com)

#### Boz Saddles

(bozsaddlery.com)

### 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.*

## Hugh Rogers Fondly Remembered

Dr. Hugh Rogers 'reached the end of his earth's journey' on his birthday, April 1, 2009, due to injuries sustained in an airplane accident on the Hungry Horse Reservoir. Dr. Rogers was born in Concordia, Kan., on April 1, 1959, to Dr. Bob and Marjory Rogers.

He earned his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University in 1985 and practiced veterinary medicine in Jackson, Wyo., and Driggs, Idaho, before moving to the Flathead Valley and purchasing Alpine Animal Hospital in Whitefish in 1997.

Dr. Rogers was a highly respected and extraordinarily compassionate doctor to all creatures great and small. In fact, it was James Herriot's book "All Creatures Great and Small" that inspired Hugh to become a veterinarian. He had an unwavering commitment to help animals and their owners in need, regularly working on call 24/7 for extended periods of time and often without days off. He frequently used his personal time and resources to help strays and shelter animals.

Dr. Rogers was an avid outdoorsman and spent as much time as possible enjoying the wilderness of Montana. He transitioned out of this life doing one of the activities that brought him the most joy, flying his Maule M-4 plane. Rogers also combined his love of flying with his life's mission to serve

those in need by devoting his plane and his piloting skills to Angel Flight, a program providing free flights to children and adults who lack medical access.

Albert Schweitzer once said, "therefore search and see if there is not some place where you may invest your humanity." As his family, friends and clients can attest, Dr. Rogers never had to search. He creatively, graciously, and steadfastly invested his humanity in profound and lasting ways. He actively supported The Red Cross, Montana Food Bank, Kalispell Jaycees, Lighthouse Christian Home, Stumptown Art Studio, Whitefish Community Foundation, Backcountry Horseman, Human Therapy on Horseback, and The Muttshack Veterinarian Relief Organization.

He is survived by his wife, Roxane Rogers, of Whitefish; his parents, Dr. Bob and Marjory Rogers, of Kansas; and his siblings, Emily Fehr and Clark Rogers. He is also survived by a wide circle of friends and the staff of Alpine Animal Hospital; and, of course, leaves behind his beloved pets, Dusty, Chester, Prince, Slick and Bambino.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

In light of Dr. Rogers' dedication to service, his family re-

quests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to any of the following organizations for which he cared deeply:

Kansas State University Pet Tribute, 103 Trotter Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506; The Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903; Angel Flight, 3161 Donald Douglas Loop South, Santa Monica, CA 90405; Flathead County Search & Rescue, [www.flatheadsar.com](http://www.flatheadsar.com); Wildlife Return, 200 Stageline Drive, Whitefish, MT 59937; Montana Food Bank Network Inc., 5625 Expressway, Missoula, MT 59808.

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In addition to the above obituary, an editorial about Hugh entitled "He Lived His Dreams" can also be read in the same edition of the Daily Inter Lake. To view the editorial online, cut and paste the following link into your browser:

[http://www.dailyinterlake.com/articles/2009/04/04/news/local\\_montana/news\\_8761266998\\_02.txt](http://www.dailyinterlake.com/articles/2009/04/04/news/local_montana/news_8761266998_02.txt)



Dr. Hugh Rogers (left) and Dr. Getulio Tadeu Vieira at our May 2008 Mangalarga Marchador clinic.



Dr. Hugh Rogers (right) with friends at our May 2008 Mangalarga Marchador clinic.



## Bom Saude By Dr. Tia Nelson, DVM

### Starting Horses Too Young



2 Year old Caesar do Summerwind with new owner Marli Wood -- the current focus for young "Cruiser" is ground work.

*In Brazil the Marchadors we inspected were usually a bit older than the required 36 months of age...*



Lynn Kelley works with young Brasilia do Summerwind on ground work long before the saddle is introduced.

"I've got a young horse I'm starting; been riding him about 3 weeks now, but he's not acting quite right. Can you come check him?" A good client who raises some nice riding horses was asking this question. His horses are primarily riding and pleasure horses and we've had long talks over the years about when colts and fillies should be started. I've held the position that starting a young horse too early shortens his productive life. John likes to start the horses at age two and I urge him to wait until very late in the two year old year or even consider starting them at age three.

In Brazil the Marchadors we inspected were usually a bit older than the required 36 months of age and we rode every horse we inspected to evaluate his gait. The Brazilians insisted, and I agreed, that a horse should not be ridden until he was 3 years old. A few individuals were started at 30 months, but most of the young horses we saw were started at 36 months of age. A lot of ground work was done, but actually riding was delayed.

I got out to John's place to see the young horse he was concerned about. This was a 2 year old gelding who had been started under saddle just a bit more than 3 weeks ago. He was quiet and well behaved, responding nicely to the light pressure on his halter to move one way or the other. He seemed fine at first glance, but on closer examination, I could tell he was reluctant to put

weight on any of his legs. He seemed to move in a tender, ginger manner that made me look closely at the tendons and ligaments in his lower legs. I lifted his left front limb and gently flexed and extended the leg. I applied careful pressure to the tendons and ligaments in the cannon area. He flinched every time I palpated his suspensory and inferior check ligaments. The right leg was the same. Both hind legs were tender in the same areas.

I straightened up and said, "Well, John, this is a nice colt, but you need to lay him off a bit. I know we've talked about starting colts too early before, but this colt gives support to my argument of waiting till they're 3 to start them. He may be better in a month or two, but he may be sore for longer than that. We can ultrasound him to see if the damage is really bad, but I think giving him a break will solve this problem."

In the sport of endurance riding, horses are not allowed to compete until they are 5 years old. I've seen endurance horses competing quite effectively into their 20s. Thoroughbred race horses, on the other hand, are started as long yearlings and are racing when they are 2. Catastrophic breakdowns on the track are not uncommon in young horses, less so in the more mature runners.

The Brazilian inspectors and breeders were quite insistent that these horses, with their Lucitanian and Andalusian

backgrounds, not be started under saddle until age 3. These breeds mature a bit more slowly than some breeds and the extra time taken at the beginning of their careers will be very well rewarded in extra years at the end. It is important that we, here in the United States, be very aware of this aspect of our brilliant breed and that we respect the extra time they take to come into their full potential. As breeders of the American Marchador, we have responsibility to breed and produce sound horses. Giving our special breed time to develop correctly and mature fully is paramount to our success in bringing this breed into the horse public's awareness. The Marchador, in the United States, must not suffer the fate of other breeds where commercialization and being in a rush to produce saleable riding horses have resulted in reputations for unsoundness. We must follow the recommendation of the Brazilian Marchador Breeders of waiting until these wonderful horses are 36 months old to start under saddle.

**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: [drtiadvm@aol.com](mailto:drtiadvm@aol.com)**

## Understanding Bloodlines By Lynn Kelley, USMMA Registrar

Reading your horse's pedigree for bloodlines you recognize can be confusing. After all, there are 22,000 breeders/farm names in Brazil. However, many farms were founded on certain lines and similar breeding goals. Some of these newer breeders are sons and daughters of the original breeder. For example, ABAIBA horses are also the basis for these other farms: Providencia, AJ, Sama, Santana, Maripa.

As with all good breeders, even

"pure" breeders, there are occasional outcrosses to other lines to strengthen their horses.

If you want any research done on your Marchador's pedigree, please send me an email. From the ABCCMM's (Brazil's MM association) website, we can go back generations, identify colors and ELITE book ancestors. Send me an email [kellyaz@rnsmtc.com](mailto:kellyaz@rnsmtc.com) with your request. Wherever possible, I will also include photos of the

parents and grandparents of your horse.

Picture to the right is Irapuru da Joatinga, a Brazilian stallion. Joatinga is primarily a Tabatinga bloodline. Irapuru is the son of Angico Tabatinga x Zinia Tabatinga. Irapuru has one daughter here in the US, a mare owned by Jay and Susan Bryan, Great Lakes Marchadors in MI. Tabatinga Monitor owned by Tresa Smith in MT is a half-brother to Irapuru da Joatinga.



Irapuru da Joatinga -- Stallion in Brazil that is of predominantly Tabatinga bloodlines.

## Marketing 101 By Signa Strom

### If you snooze, you lose.

I recently visited the website for top Arabian breeder Shelia Varian ([www.varianarabians.com](http://www.varianarabians.com)) and was pleased to find her article "Business Sense (belongs in the barn too)" because it addresses some key points about marketing horses that we should all remember, but the one I want to focus on is the need to understand that "if

you snooze, you lose". Ours is a society of instant gratification and prospective buyers expect information about our horses -- IMMEDIATELY. If you do not have a promotional video or up-to-date listing about available horses that can be sent by email the SAME DAY, it is important to create one. Shelia Varian states: "If someone is going to purchase a horse, I guarantee that you've got a small win-

dow of time to work with. They call on Monday and you get the video or information to them that day. If you wait to call them back on Friday, you've probably lost your person to purchase the horse." If selling horses is your business, treat it as such; be prepared, be timely, be up to date...be professional.



Trainer Volnie Rodrigues on Jordao do Passo Fino owned by Carol Long of Marchador

## This Months Google Search: *Equine Assisted Psychotherapy*

### EAGALA

The Equine Assisted Growth And Learning Association provides training, certification, and clinics in equine assisted therapy and learning for everyone -- team building, communication, wellness, and addiction recovery are just a few areas of focus.

[www.eagala.org](http://www.eagala.org)

### LEAP

Low-country Equine Assisted Psychotherapy is dedicated to helping people find success in their daily lives. Helping individuals, families, women, and member of the military, LEAP is working to help heal behavioral, emotional and psychological difficulties.

[www.leapinsc.com](http://www.leapinsc.com)

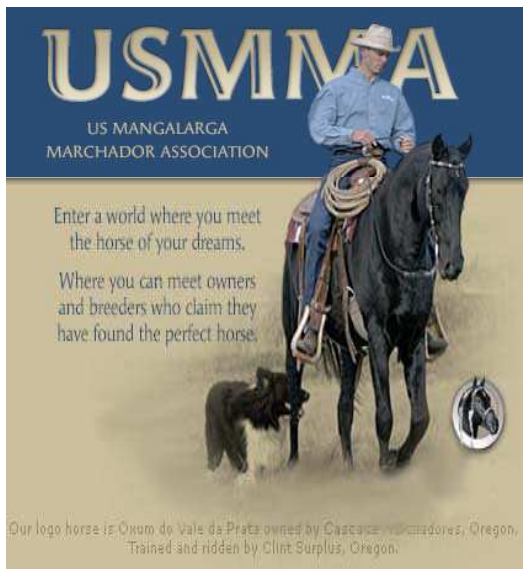
### Combat Veterans Cowboy Up

The Cowboy Up program is helping combat veterans rediscover a sense of wellbeing, normalcy, and peace after returning home from difficult and often traumatic war time activities.

[www.combatveteranscowboyup.com](http://www.combatveteranscowboyup.com)



Mounted Archery clinic in Ocala, FL -- shown is 75 year old David Gray riding 17 year old Frevo da Camaç



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**Deadlines:** June 26, 2009 for July 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](mailto:info@usmarchador.com).

## Photo Contest



Since only two members have submitted photos for the photo contest, I've decided to keep the deadline for photos open until next newsletter -- so get out their and take pictures of your Marchadors folks!

What you should be doing:

- Take a LOT of photos -- it can take up to 100 photos to get one good shot.
- Fill your view finder with your subject -- in other words, get up close and personal.
- Toss some grass in the air so your horse will perk it's ears and give us that curious, soft look.
- Have a goal -- if you want candid, don't let the horses know you're there, but if you want a conformation pose keep setting your horse

up and asking him to stand for you. Don't get frustrated....it can take a while to get a good shot.

- Don't shoot in bright, mid-day sun as the shadows will be harsh.
- Take advantage of soft morning or evening light, or overcast days.

We need good pictures of our horses if we're going to successfully promote the breed -- but even if you're not a "breeder" you should be practicing your photography skills so that we have a surplus of well taken photos for the various publications that want them -- like our newsletter!!! I'm always in need of "filler" photos, so please feel free to send pics when you have them.