

1. My main priorities as President of the USMMA include enhancing opportunities for Marchador horse breeders and owners in North America to showcase their horses in multiple disciplines, to bring maturity to our Association, and provide a strong foundation for the future of our organization. Expansion of our markets in North America, Europe, and other areas is a critical component to increasing awareness of our incredible breed! Enriching our website, Facebook page, and developing other innovative social media opportunities is imperative!
2. The Marchador breed has been developed by the Brazilian Mangalarga Marchador Breeders Association (ABCCMM) by careful selection and breeding for the traits we love. As a NUCLEO of the ABCCMM, the USMMA has the opportunity to access the wealth of information about and history of our breed in Brazil. The USMMA is in the unique position to act as a bridge, a conduit, for this knowledge to be shared about the Marchador across North America. Our Association has a responsibility to educate every equestrian across our continent about this amazing horse! We, working together, can spotlight the Mangalarga Marchador in ALL the events in which it excels.
3. As a USMMA member since its inception, I bring a deep knowledge of our history of the Marchador in North America to the table. I am a professional farrier of more than 40 years and an equine veterinarian of more than 20 years which gives me strong foundation of horses in general. I visited Brazil twice and spent three weeks there studying an intensive Marchador course with Getulio Tadeu Vieira, Veterinarian and Inspector, to learn about this breed. This has given me a solid understanding of the importance of Gait, Conformation, and Personality for this incredible horse. My many connections with Marchador Breeders in Brazil enhance our precious breed's presence in the United States and Canada. We need more genetic diversity in our area to strengthen our horses' heritage. I will work with American Breeders and Owners to augment our breed and its genetics here by importing new horses and developing more access to frozen semen and embryos from Brazil and Europe.
4. We compete in Endurance, Gymkhana and O-Mok-See Arena events, and use our horses as Working Ranch Horses in our area. Hosting the weeklong USMMA Cavalgada Event every August has given us the opportunity to expose many people, both local and far-flung, to the Mangalarga Marchador horse. The Inspections, Provisional and Definitive, provide an educational opportunity by an ABCCMM Inspector for all attendees. The Competition during this Event displays the brilliance and flare of the Marchador in many arena disciplines, and the Cavalgada (Big Ride) itself highlights the surefooted endurance of these great horses through some of the most beautiful country in the world! We cap off this experience with a huge feast. We invite everyone who has an interest in this breed to attend and we have enjoyed the company of people from across the planet who are curious about Marchadors. Events like the Cavalgada, Endurance Races, Arena Shows, and Competitions will continue to grow the awareness of the Marchador.
5. I do value our NUCLEO status with the ABCCMM! I am already working on translating the Rules and Regulations of the ABCCMM into English and getting them published on our website, so they are easily accessible to Breeders and Owners in the USMMA. I've started working on the

process of getting the ABCCMM website subtitled in English to enhance the ease and experience of Breeders and Owners of the Mangalarga Marchador as we report breedings and births, and transfer ownerships moving forward.

6. The beauty of our USMMA is that we have a wide variety of viewpoints, interests, and levels of experience in our organization. Diversity builds strength as we work together to spread the good news of our Marchador horses across our continent. Experienced Breeders, and Owners have a huge opportunity and responsibility to help new owners truly appreciate the amazing horses with whom they have started relationships. As President, I will work diligently with the USMMA, and all its members continue to improve these educational and competitive opportunities. I truly appreciate your support and vote.