

# Canadian Morab World

Stallion Issue

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In The Limelight by Perditiion VF

# On the front cover.....

## **In The Limelight** Morab gelding

is now proudly owned by  
Alyssa Brewer of Hamiota, Manitoba.  
He looks forward to participating in a  
few shows and distance rides when  
he is older.  
"Flash" was sired by our  
beautiful Arabian stallion ~  
**Perdition VF.**

**Perdition VF** is siring typey foals with his  
super disposition. He is an AHA Breeders  
Sweepstakes Nominated Sire and is SCIDs  
Clear. He will stand at WCVM, Saskatoon  
for part of 2006 and will be available by on-  
farm AI and shipped semen. Special rates for  
Morgan mares - please ask!  
CMA Fundraising Raffle ~ tickets for two  
breedings to Perdition VF ~ check the  
Hurry, raffle ends late January. Check our  
website or phone me!

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*Perdition VF*

\*\*\***News**\*\*\* Fort William has become for the first Morab to achieve the  
Miller Hall of Fame award with the International Morab Breeders'  
Association.

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## From the Editor:

This is my first attempt as Editor of your magazine. I have enjoyed putting this together and look forward to producing many more issues.

In order to make "World" more interesting I need input from all the members. Please send me photos and articles - let me know what you are doing with your horses be it trail riding, shows or any other events. Advertising is of course always welcome - Morab World is probably the best and cheapest forum for advertising your stock for sale, stallions at stud or just to tell us about your horses. - contact me for information regarding our new lower rates.

**Start now to collect together information for our next issue! We need lots of pictures and articles on your lovely mares!**

Kristene Smuts has written some articles for Horse Junction in South Africa. Horse Junction and Kristene have very kindly allowed me to reprint them. Most of the information applies anywhere in the world. There are a few differences in terminology, and some references which would apply only to South Africa. Distance Riding events are something I enjoy immensely - I hope maybe we will encourage some of our members to participate in the sports of Competitive Trail and Endurance.

[www.Equine-Reproduction.com](http://www.Equine-Reproduction.com) has also given permission for me to reproduce some of their articles. The first of these is in this issue. With this breeding season just around the corner, I thought that this particular article would be very appropriate.

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## Morab World is published quarterly Upcoming Issues and deadlines:

March 31st	Mares
June 30th	Foals
September 30th	Show

# Canadian Morab Registry notes:

We currently have a total of 81 registered Morabs! The breakdown is as follows:

Mares	41
Geldings	25
Stallions	10
Deceased	5

<u>Colour:</u>	
Black	6
Bay	31
Chestnut	32
Grey	6
Buckskin	1
Brown	2
Palomino	2

### Stallions by colour:

Bay	3
Chestnut	3
Palomino	2

Below is a list of our Registered Morabs

EXCALIBUR MYST  
EXCALIBUR JUSTICE  
DAWN'S ENCHANTED BABY  
BEAM'S NIFTY DREAMER  
FORT WILLIAM  
QUEEN OF SHEBA  
EXCALIBUR AVALON  
EXCALIBUR SERENITY  
EXCALIBUR MI-LAYDEE  
EXCALIBUR SUMMER SEA  
EXCALIBUR FIRST KNIGHT  
ALBERTA HOWDY  
PS KANDAHAR'S DREAM  
LIV MARDIGAN  
TEC DREAM WHISPER  
BLACK MAJIK  
ALLELUJAH  
JERICHO'S MR MAJESTY  
ALBERTA MINT  
JADY MYSTERY MAIA  
JADY MYSTERY RAIZIN  
JADY ROYAL JEWEL  
ALBERTA LIBERTY  
ROYAL LIBERTY LEE  
AMS INDIGO  
HALTON T ESQUIRE  
ALBERTA FLYER  
ALBERTA COPPER SUNRISE  
ROYAL MANHATTEN MIDNIGHT  
ALBERTA CISCO

ALBERTA TIMBER  
ALBERTA DREAM CATCHER  
ALBERTA WARRIOR  
ALBERTA WHISPER  
ALBERTA DELIGHT  
ALBERTA SUECK NICKEL  
EXCALIBUR LEGEND  
EXCALIBUR PROPHECY  
JADY JERICHO  
GM SOLE PROVIDER  
SONNY'S DESERT SAGE  
PS KASHMERE KALYPSO  
GM STORMY LADY  
ALL THAT JAZZ  
FANTASIA  
COCO CALYPSO  
SHAUGHNESSY ANNORAH  
TMS LIBERTY'S KARISMA  
EXCALIBUR TIARA CROWN  
SHAUGHNESSY VIRGINIA  
DARE TO DREAM TAMARA  
EXCALIBUR ISLE OF SKYE  
EXCALIBUR FANTASY FAIRE  
EXCALIBUR RENAISSANCE  
ROYAL MANHATTEN SUNRISE  
AAHALIA  
BORDERLINE ANGEL  
XTREME ROYAL BARLEY BEY  
NIGHTS ON BROADWAY  
EXCALIBUR SPLENDOR

TWO ISLANDS ASHWOOD  
NANJO'S DUDLEY DO RIGHT  
FINE IRISH ROSE  
MWS NIKITA  
MYST'S MORNING FANCY  
TUPELOS FOUR LEAF CLOVER  
SHAUGHNESSY'S FANCY FREE  
SHAUGHNESSY'S RED COWBOY  
SHAUGHNESSY'S MYSTIC SHEEN  
B IMPLUSIVE SPICE IT UP  
SHAUGHNESSY'S CARAMEL CANDY  
HORUS  
EXCALIBUR KNIGHTS WHISPER  
CASEY OH SHAUGHNESSY  
IN THE LIMELIGHT  
DAMARS DIAMOND CHAMP  
SAX GOLD DUST  
LM BLACK POWDER  
PERFIDIYA  
JADY ROYAL GEM  
JADY ROYAL WILLY

**\*\*Please remember that 2006 memberships are now due. A membership application/renewal form is enclosed along with the form for submitting nominations for three executive positions. Nominations due by January 31st 2005.\*\***

# President's Message

## Board members and Provincial Directors of the Canadian Morab Association

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### *Happy New Year to All!*

I hope everyone enjoyed good health, happy times with family, friends and horses through the holidays. May it continue throughout the New Year.

As the CMA heads into 2006 I hope everyone will keep in touch about what they plan to do with their Morabs this year. I have heard talk about trail riding groups, open shows and competitive trail outings. Please send us news and pictures of you & your Morabs out and about.

Keep watching the website for information regarding the 2006 Morab Show in Alberta, a location and details should be posted by February and we certainly hope that attendance will be high. Have fun & be safe!

*Alison Clarke*  
President CMA

B.C. happenings see page 11

Our President is happy to report that our financial situation is very good with over \$900 in the bank and no outstanding bills! A full report will appear in the spring



# Equitainer etiquette

The politically correct way to handle transported semen breeding.

by Kathy Mann of Mannuscript Farm

With the advent of the New Year, the search begins for that perfect stallion to cross with your mare. We are inundated with magazine articles on how to choose the ideal mate, the "right" questions to ask the stallion owner, the latest in breeding technology, etc., etc. Unfortunately, little mention is made of the relationship which *must* exist between the stallion owner and the mare owner. In order for the breeding to succeed, there needs to be an understanding of the respective responsibilities of everyone involved.

When contracting with a breeding farm, one enters into an agreement in which you and the breeding farm become partners. To make the partnership successful, each party must fulfill their respective responsibilities. The following suggestions will hopefully help you understand the stallion owner's perspective as well as make your next "breeding" relationship as uncomplicated and successful as possible.

## 1. Don't "kick" tires.

If you are not seriously interested or actively looking for a stallion to breed to your mare, don't call and request information. The package sent by most stallion owners costs to create and mail. They are sending it to you in good faith, believing you are truly interested.

## 2. Return the video!

If the stallion owner sends you a video and you choose not to breed your mare to their stallion, **return the video!!** You may figure your video is only one and it only cost the stallion owner a few bucks - they won't care, right?! Wrong! As so few videos are returned, many stallion owners have begun charging a deposit for their videos.

## 3. Plan early.

Many stallion owners limit the number of mares they will book each season and some will fill their book early in the breeding year. Plan early to reserve a place in a particular stallion's book. You may also benefit by your foresight and realize a little savings as many stallion owners have an early booking discount.

## 4. Read your contract!!

I can't emphasize this enough! The well-crafted contract is designed to protect both the mare owner as well as the stallion owner. It details the rights and responsibilities of both parties. Read it! It can save you a *lot* of future headaches.

A good example of the problems which can arise is the following experience a friend of mine had after contracting with a breeding farm in Arizona. The stallion's breeding season was from May 1st to July 1st. As the mare owner had booked in late June, she was concerned they might

not be able to settle her mare in time. The stallion owner assured her he would be flexible and he would work with her - and he did! Unfortunately, the stallion's semen did not ship well - marginal sperm count and only 10%-15% motility. The mare didn't settle the first time, nor the second time. When the mare owner called to complain about the semen quality and a third shipment that was lost due to an incorrect address, the stallion owner stated he did not guarantee the quality of the semen, nor that it would even get there at all. He was right! His contract did not guarantee the quality or arrival of the semen. It did, however, guarantee a live foal and in order to accomplish that, the stallion owner had to assure that viable semen arrived at some point. The mare owner had become verbally abusive, to the stallion owner. At that point, he decided to abide to the letter of the contract and refused to send any more shipments saying the breeding season closed as of July 1. At the mare owners request, I spoke with the stallion owner, he agreed to be more considerate to the mare owners needs or refund her money. The mare owner, on the other hand, agreed that perhaps a little tact and courtesy might help her cause considerably.

Don't feel you have to accept what is in a particular contract, either. If you are not comfortable with or don't understand some of the items in the contract, discuss it with the stallion owner. A contract is meant to address and hopefully resolve problems *before* they arise. If a contract is heavily slanted toward the stallion owner, i.e., no live foal guarantee, no refunds if the stallion becomes unavailable due to a heavy show season or death, unreasonable expenses, etc., **don't book!!!** A bad contract can be a nightmare!

## 5. Comply with the terms of the contract

There are reasons why certain items are in the contract. Most transported semen breeding contracts request 48 hours prior notification of the anticipated need for semen shipment. This allows the stallion owner time to make shipping and collection arrangements. If you call the first day your mare comes in season, they then know to anticipate your need for semen. They can then schedule collections. This is especially important if the stallion is on a show circuit or is having a heavy breeding season. Most stallion owners understand that mares can come in season unexpectedly and/or will occasionally, have a very short cycle. Here at Mannuscript Farm we have indeed shipped on less than four hours notice. It is, however, certainly not the optimum way. You must also realize that by calling with little notice, the stallion may have already been collected that day and a second collection would almost certainly compromise the semen quality.

# Carrington Farms

is offering the following horses for sale:



Excalibur Prodigy

**Excalibur Prodigy** - 2005 Morab Colt. Should mature 15hh+. Prodigy has an amazing mind, very quiet, willing and sweet. A very nice mover, should do well in the show ring or as a pleasure horse. No vices. An outstanding stud prospect, should pass on temperament, movement and looks! Asking \$4000 negotiable.

**Whimsical Gal** - 2002 Morab Mare. Should finish out around 14,1 hh. Whimsy is going under saddle solid at w/t/c and has been lightly started over fences. Very sweet, kind, and willing. A very soft and responsive ride. Would be suitable for pleasure or show. Has 'A' circuit hunter potential. No vices, and not a mean bone in her body. Asking \$2500 negotiable.

**Ceol Mara** - 2003 Morab Filly, Mature 15hh+. Mara has been lightly backed, and is ready to be started your way. Willing and talented, this young lady will go far. Great movement and build, very smart. No vices. Asking \$2000 negotiable.

All are UTD on shots, worming, and farrier.  
All trailer well, are easy to handle, and easy keepers.  
These horses are all eligible for CMA registration and we hope to have their paperwork shortly. They are all second generation Morabs by Excalbur Legend.

**Package prices available!**

More horses available.

Located in Edgewater, BC (Radium Hot Springs area)

Contact Ashley: [carrington\\_farms\\_04@hotmail.com](mailto:carrington_farms_04@hotmail.com)

250-347-6841

1-800-316-9355 voice box #3



Whimsical Gal

Ceol Mara



## Equitainer Etiquette continued from page 4.

Most breeding contracts require your mare to be vaccinated, wormed and have a reproductive exam done. Failure to do this can void your contract. The stallion owner has an interest in having your mare settle promptly. Repeatedly shipping semen can get expensive for both parties and if your mare is reproductively unsound, the checkup can save everyone a lot of grief, not to mention your money and everyone's time, as well.

### 6. Clean out the Equitainer!!

I can't tell you how many Equitainers I have gotten back with the bag which originally contained the semen still in it. Figure 5-6 days from the time I shipped the semen to you and it's return to me, the fact that the extender is a milk product, and the coolant cans have long since thawed. I can't tell you what's growing in there and probably wouldn't want to know, anyway. Have your vet (or you) simply throw out the bag after the final insemination and rinse out the cup, before returning it in the Equitainer to the stallion owner. The stallion owner will thank you!

### 7. Return the Equitainer promptly.

Most stallion owners have a limited supply of Equitainers and during the height of breeding season, it can be difficult to guarantee scheduled shipments if the containers are not returned promptly. By not promptly returning the Equitainer, you may jeopardize another mare owner's semen shipment. Don't expect your vet to do it, either. It is your responsibility and many vet clinics simply do not have the time to make sure the container is returned quickly.

### 8. Don't expect perfection.

Don't expect a stallion to correct all of your mare's faults. It is estimated that the mare contributes anywhere from 60% to 80% of the final results. Try to breed the best to the best. Look for a stallion that will compliment your mare's good points and strengthen her weak points. A stallion can't correct all of a mare's faults and there are some crosses which just don't work. Neither the stallion nor the mare can be faulted - it just happens. If your mare has some

horrible genetic or conformational fault that is not injury or growth related, **don't breed her!**

### 9. Don't perpetuate rumors.

If you *know* something about a particular stallion's conformation, offspring, temperament, performance, etc., by all means, discuss it! Or if a breeding farm is difficult to work with, let people know. However, don't perpetuate a rumor unless you know it is based in fact.

### 10. Ask questions!

The stallion owner should be easy to reach and receptive to your needs. If you have a question, feel free to ask. If the stallion owner doesn't have the answer, he/she should be willing to help you find it. If the stallion owner is **not** willing to answer a few questions, is unreceptive to your calling, or is just simply unhelpful, consider another stallion. A stallion owner who is uncooperative even before you have booked can only get worse after you have paid your breeding fee.

### 11. Be considerate!

if you have a problem, don't become accusatory. It tends to make people defensive. Instead, address the problem.

Also, as most breeding farms are home based businesses, consider what time it is when you call. 8:00 a.m. in New York is only 5:00 a.m. in California. I don't know about you, but I'm less than thrilled to discuss **ANYTHING** at that hour.

### 12. If you've had a good *or* bad experience with a breeder, tell your friends.

Also, let the breeder know. If they are doing something wrong and you don't tell them, they have no way of knowing there is a problem which needs to be addressed. It's also nice to hear good things about a breeder, so if you've had a good experience, let your friends (and the breeder) know that, as well.

Utilizing transported semen requires a commitment from the mare owner which can be extremely satisfying and rewarding. Just remember, the stallion owner wants everything to run smoothly, as well. A happy customer is *always* the best source of advertising. If you have had a positive experience and your mare produces a nice quality foal, chances are, you will tell others how easy it was. I know I'm always happy to hear that a mare owner has had a good experience. I know they are going to be much more confident utilizing transported semen again.

Following the suggestions detailed above won't necessarily guarantee success, but hopefully it will help avert or solve a few problems before they arise. Good luck!

Equitainers may be purchased from Hamilton Research, Inc.

Much useful information on transported semen is also available on their web site [www.hamiltonthorne.com](http://www.hamiltonthorne.com)

Short breeding courses offered throughout the US. More info on the website. [www.equine-reproduction.com](http://www.equine-reproduction.com)

### Photo tips for taking pictures of horses!



- Select the background ahead of time.
  - Avoid clutter - people and other horses in the background spoil the picture and are sometimes difficult to edit out.
  - Prepare your horse as though you were getting ready for a show. Dirt and knotted tails do little to enhance a picture.
  - Groom him until he shines.
  - Be prepared to take dozens of pictures to get one good one.
  - If you are using a digital camera fill the memory card with pictures at a high resolution - you can't add quality later!
  - Use a sequential shooting mode to get several pictures of a pose - one might just show your horse with his ears forward!
  - Don't stand too close - further away using an optical zoom is best to avoid distortion.
- Frue

# *Hifad Farm*



## **Damars Diamond Champ**

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is the core of our breeding program. To us he is just one in a million. From the first time Joel saw him, he knew he had to have him.

With Champ being our "first" stallion, we certainly couldn't have asked for a better one. This is by far one of the smartest horses we have ever met.

Champ is the top producing Morab stallion within the Morab Horse Association, and won National Champion Get of Sire Winner for the last five years.

His foals have won at the regional and national level with the Morab Horse Association, as well as the Class A Arabian Circuit. His foals are excelling in all disciplines and are very easy to train. One of the best things that Champ passes to his foals is his wonderful dispositions. Champ has a very high

percentage of producing palomino or buckskin foals, but no matter what the color, the quality is always there. Champ is now 20 yrs. old and has a very limited book. Champ is a first generation 50% Arab

50% Morgan, palomino Morab stallion.

**STUD FEE: \$650 US LFG**

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# MORABS ONLY!



## photo contest...

Enter your best photos and have a chance of winning a prize. Contest starts **NOW!** and ends on August 31st 2006. This gives everyone plenty of time to get out and take pictures of their horses at their very best during the summer!

### Two categories:

1. Morab shots showing the Morab at his/her very best - the judges will be looking for a good quality photo showing a really nice Morab!

2. The second category is for youth members - we'd like to see a good photo you have taken yourself and please include a brief description of your picture and why you love your Morab! (Entries for this category accepted from members under 16 years).

Anyone can enter....even board members and directors! You don't need to be a member or even own a horse to enter, but the predominant horse in the photo must be a **Canadian Registered Morab!** Entries will be judged anonymously by independent judges and the results posted in Morab World.

### HURRY UP - GET OUTSIDE WITH YOUR CAMERA AND TAKE SOME GREAT PICS!

Photos will NOT be returned to contestants and they may be used for promotional purposes by CMA.

**\*\*PRIZES\*\*** We hope to be sponsored with a number of prizes. If you know anyone who might be prepared to donate a prize - or if you have something yourself PLEASE let me know! Winners & Runners up will receive Certificates.

### Winning photos will be posted on our website and in Canadian Morab World!

More information on the prizes will be published in the next issue of the magazine and on our website.

**What to do** - Please send glossy finish photos of 4x6 or 5x7 (max) - on the back write your name/ address/email/phone etc. and age for youth. Write the **registered name of the horse** in the picture. Put the number of the category you wish to enter: 1 or 2 and mail to:

**Prue Critchley - Morab Photo Contest - Box 487, Hamiota, Manitoba, R0M 0T0.**

There is no limit to the number of photos you can send!

There are a few tips for taking pictures of horses on page 6

## REGISTRATION FEES - December 2005

Animals Foaled in Canada - DNA Included	Members	Non Members
Birth up to 12 months	95.00	160.00
After 12 months	120.00	180.00
<b>TRANSERS:</b>		
Up to 120 days after date of sale	25.00	50.00
Thereafter:	40.00	80.00
At time of registration:	N/C	N/C
<b>OTHER:</b>		
Duplicate Certificates:	50.00	100.00
New Certificates	25.00	80.00
Registration or transfer of prefix:	35.00	60.00
Cancelled Transaction administration fee:	25.00	50.00
Cancelled Transaction - DNA Received:	80.00	120.00
N.S.F. Service Charge	25.00	50.00
<b>MEMBERSHIP FEES:</b>		
Life:	\$300.00	
Annual:	25.00	
Youth:	15.00	
Associate (non residents):	25.00	

# NORRIS STABLES presents:

## NIGHTS ON BROADWAY



**Nights On Broadway** is a beautiful and exciting chestnut Morab stallion bred for performance. He is sired by the fabulous D-R Bravissimo (Arabian), winner of multiple championships including Scottsdale. His dam, JMF Carousel Showgal was a successful Morgan halter horse with an impressive Competitive Trail and Endurance career prior to being retired for breeding.

"Rufus" is triple registered - Canadian Morab Association, International Morab Breeders Association and Canadian Partbred Arabian Registry.

"Rufus" had a successful first breeding during the summer of 2005. He will be available by live cover to a few mares in 2006. Stud fee: \$500 plus \$8 per day mare care. Arrangements can be made for shipped semen.

### John & Carroll Norris

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# What is Endurance Riding?

## Part 1

By Kristine Smuts

Well, let's start with what endurance riding is NOT. It is not schlepping to some remote spot, having your groom saddle your horse, riding as fast as you can from one point to the other, jumping off and then throwing your reins to the groom to see to your horse while you sit back to enjoy a long cool drink. It is not about such fierce competition between riders that they don't greet each other. It is not about egos; or snobbishness; or what label you have on your saddle or clothing.

It is about a partnership with your horse like no other partnership. It is about knowing your horse so well that you can tell if he has a problem long before the vet can pick it up. It is also about long, long hours in the saddle, not only at a ride, but those conditioning miles at home. Make no mistake, it can be a very lonely sport, where you would be the odd one out at the stables, being the one that rides in the rain or the heat of the day, with people shaking their heads in sympathy at your madness. You will be the one with the "funny saddle" or hard hat and who rides with a halter. You will own more and bigger water buckets and sponges than is deemed "normal" by others.

But most of all, it is about finishing that distance you set out on with a healthy, sound horse. Feeling like a winner when you receive your completion certificate with your placing shown as 43<sup>rd</sup> of 50 riders - it's like no other feeling on earth. The motto of endurance riding the world over is, "To Finish is to Win", and each rider has that "winning" feeling when they know they have finished and yet is "fit to continue".

When you get "hooked" on endurance, you'll learn to take your horse's pulse; check his breathing; listen to his gut sounds; take his temperature; tell if he is lame in either his front or back at a glance. You will learn more about nutrition and energy requirements than anybody else; you will be able to tell the difference between a tied up horse and a horse that is merely cold and shivering. You will be able to chat to your farrier about hoof angles, length of the bar on shoes and whether pads should be worn or not. You will also become a seasoned camper, learning to travel light yet pack everything you'll need in the back of a bakkie for you and your horse for a week. You will also get to know what fatigue and pain is and how to deal with it.

At your first ride, you will know that you're welcomed by total strangers and that you can approach anybody for help or information and they'll go out of their way to assist you. I've even seen total strangers sharing their feed and tack! You'll get to know the veterans and realise that no matter how good they are or how long they've been in the sport, that they'll go out of their way to share their experience and knowledge with you.

If you're still reading this, you may have become hooked already, so sit back, enjoy the feeling - we are now starting with the "Getting Started" section.

### THE BASICS

#### Equipment to get you started

You won't need to run out and replace all your tack, far from it. Remember, if it works and it fits, keep it, if not, find something that does. But there are some basic pieces of equipment and information you'd need to get you going.

Purchase a stethoscope - no need to get a very fancy one - as long as it'll do the job. They're priced at around R50 and you can either ask your vet, doctor (although they might look at you funny), or any medical supply store. If you can't find one, please feel free to contact me - details appear at the end of this article. Get to know where to take your horse's pulse and what his pulse is under normal conditions as well as after any exercise. Purchase a thermometer - a human thermometer will do - and get to know your horse's normal temperature.

Sponges. You'll never have enough. Try and find good sized sponges, not those little round ones you find at grocery stores, but the nice big ones that hold the water. You'll need these when cooling your horse down.

A good quality scraper is essential for cooling down as well. Buy two or three and keep them in the box you'll eventually purchase to hold all the bits and pieces in.

A box to keep all the little bits and pieces in. Not an essential piece of equipment, but it will make your life easier by keeping everything together in one place. There are nice colourful, easy to handle plastic boxes on the market - I've seen some nice

ones at Macro and Game at very good prices. The metal boxes are very heavy and if you're a woman, difficult to handle.

If you don't already have a sweat sheet / cooler, get one as well, but ordinary towels will also do the trick.

One or two extra numnahs / saddle blankets - although you may want to wait a little until you do the longer distances - no need when still doing the short, one-leg distances.

Buckets, buckets, buckets. You'll need a good sized bucket or two for holding your horse's drinking water when at a ride. Also, get one or two big ones - those with the rope handles or similar. These will hold the grooming water when you have to cool your horse down, two will be easier when you have somebody helping you. Also, remember to have an extra feeding bucket if you cannot take the one from the stable. Different sized buckets will come in handy for storing things in as they have lids that can close tightly and they're easy to carry around - you'll find many uses for buckets.

One or two extra hay nets. Although not essential, they'll make your life easier.

A waterproof watch with either a second hand or a digital watch that shows the seconds - a stopwatch can also be used. If you feel extravagant, you can purchase a heart rate monitor, but this is not essential, just nice to have.

Some basic camping equipment like a gas bottle, kettle,

# Greetings from B.C.

We have had another busy year with our Morabs. Black Majik and Borderline Angel are both 9 this year.

The endurance season started in April this year. Majik and I attended the Kilpoola Kaper multi day endurance ride. We competed 2 out of 3 50 mile days. Day 1 we placed 14th out of 48. Day 2 we placed 8th out of 44.

Brooke and Angel were busy getting ready for the 4H and show season. Angel had been training for some distances but she wasn't ready for 50 miles yet.

In July we both attended the Over the Rainbow endurance ride. Majik placed 13th in the 50 and Angel placed 15th in the 30 mile. Next we were off to The 4-H Stock Show. This is a week long encampment for 4-H kids and their projects. They have lessons daily and on the final day there is a show. Brooke and Angel placed 2nd in showmanship, 3rd in english pleasure and 1st in equitation.

The next project was the Skimikin Lake Competitive Trail ride being held July 26. We were helping to host this event. Majik and Angel both competed in the 30 mile division placing 1st and 2nd.

August long weekend saw us at the Gallagher Grit multiday ride. Day 1 Majik placed 4th in the gruelling 55 mile ride. Angel unfortunately lost a shoe and did not complete the 30 mile ride. Day 2 Majik and I made it to the 38 mile mark and I decided to pull him as he was very weary from the previous day. Day 3 I had Angels shoe reset and competed in the 30 mile ride. I had strict instructions from Brooke not to over ride her but I spent most of the time holding her back. We placed 8th and she flew through the vet exam.

Brooke attended another 4-H encampment in August with lessons again everyday. She rode Angel western and was very happy with her results: Showmanship unit 4a 1st, Western pleasure 1st, Trail 4th, Western Reinsmanship 2nd, Command class 3rd, Western equitation 1st.

On Sept long weekend we headed to Armstrong for the Interior Provincial Exhibition. This is a very large show with competitors from all over B.C. The show started with the halter classes. Angel placed 2nd in the AOB division and received a reserve champion. Majik and I focussed on driving at this show. We entered the cart games and had a ball. Majik was incredible and seemed to be having a good time. We placed in all the games. Next was the ride and drive. This is a class where you drive the first part and ride the second part. Very fun. Majik and I placed 3rd. The highlight of the show came in the AOB pleasure driving class. We were up against a Canadian and a Friesian. I had competed against the Friesian before and lost, but not this class. Majik drove beautifully placing 1st with several compliments from the judge. Brooke and Angel were doing well. Western pleasure 3rd, Two way combination 3rd, Western pleasure stake 4th.

Sept saw things quiet down. We have been doing lots of recreational riding. Brooke and Angel completed their 4-H year on Sept 17th at our local club's achievement day placing first in equitation and showmanship. Black Majik and I received high point part bred morgan and rookie of the year in the Endurance Riders Association of British Columbia.

When I first started thinking about raising my own horses I knew I wanted a horse that could do a little bit of everything. Well I found it. I have always admired both Morgans and Arabs and we are so pleased with our Morabs who demonstrate all the traits of their parent breeds. We have found the perfect horse in the Morab. They consistently amaze us with their willingness to try and master new things. As you can see we are out there with our Morabs. Give it a try. You won't be disappointed.

Lori and Brooke Bewza



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pan and braai utensils. Not always necessary as most rides sell refreshments, but if you're wanting bacon and eggs for breakfast, you'll need to get these items. Besides, you might not be able to walk

even a few meters after you've just done a goodly distance on horseback! A cooler box will come in handy to keep things cold or to keep the meat in. Shop around for the braai things - I bought the whole kit from Macro for about R350 and it all fits into a small carry bag - including the two gas bottles.

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Decide on where you'd like to sleep. You'll have to overnight at least one night before a ride, so you can either sleep on the floor of your horse box or pitch a small tent. Assemble all the necessary camping gear like a sleeping bag with extra blanket, a mattress, pillow, and remember your toiletries.

For the girls, a good sports bra, or two, is essential - not sexy, but I'll choose comfort over sexy when doing 80kms on horseback! Shop around for the best fit and prices. For the boys, well, I don't have any experience with that, but I'd imagine something that keeps the dangly bits from dangling too much.

Sunscreen is an absolute must. Put a tube in every available nook and cranny, because you're bound to forget to pack it - cubby hole, tack box, handbag - and don't forget the stuff for your lips. I've found the best ones to use is Labello Sport or Sun - the dark blue or yellow tubes.

Waist bag big enough to hold a water bottle and cell phone and maybe a carrot for your horse and snack bar for you. Practice riding with it, as it can become a bit uncomfy if you're not used to it. Don't forget the tube of sunscreen!

A basic first aid kit which should contain horse as well as human emergency goodies. Headache tablets, a bandage or two, some iodine, cotton wool, plasters. Don't forget to put some safety pins in - they always come in handy.

Train your horse to be happy in a roped off area as not all rides have paddocks / stables. And besides, you may be too late to book one if they are available.

You may even opt to purchase electric tape - I'm about to investigate the options and will report my finding soon.

But remember, if you do go for the tape, this must be trained for at home, as it would be too late when you're at a ride!

#### **Unwritten Rules of Etiquette**

1. When approaching another rider from behind, ask to pass and wait for the gap.
2. When asked to move over by a faster rider, do so if safe and preferably move to the left.
3. Help any rider in need, even if it means losing valuable time.
4. If your horse is upsetting the other horses, move away

5. When at a water point, don't leave if another horse is still drinking, wait for them to finish.
6. Don't dip your sweaty sponge in the drinking water.
7. Don't crowd at the starting line.
8. Courtesy to all riders and officials at all times.
9. If riding a stallion, stay away from the other horses and especially mares and other stallions.

To be Continued in the next issue..



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# Excalibur Splendour

## Morab Stallion

CMA #1060

Foaled: April 30 2003.  
Bay, no markings, 15HH ++  
Stud Fee: \$750.00 Morab  
\$ 500.00 Others  
Booking & mare care included.  
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## Approval & Rating

CMA Approved Breeding Stallion  
Platinum Rated Halter Horse

## Show Record

2004

Reserve Junior National Champion  
2<sup>nd</sup> Morab Sport Horse In-Hand  
2<sup>nd</sup> Morab Colt 2 & under  
1<sup>st</sup> In-Hand Trail

2005

Junior National Champion  
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Performance career begins 2006.

With his first foal due in May and two more mares booked for breeding this spring we are very excited to see what he contributes to his offspring. Updates and photos will be posted on his webpage as soon as they are available.

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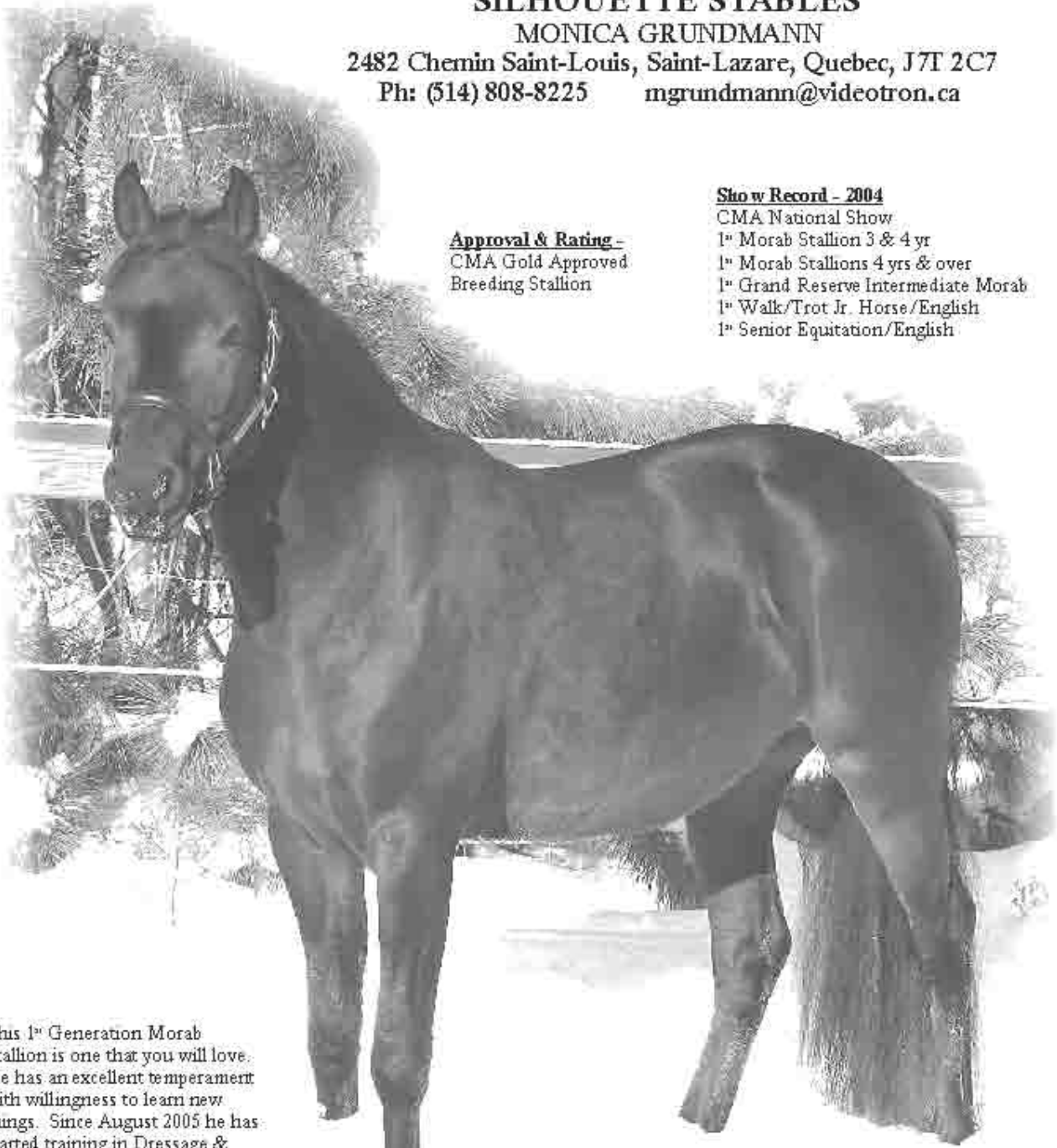
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**Show Record - 2004**

CMA National Show

1<sup>st</sup> Morab Stallion 3 & 4 yr

1<sup>st</sup> Morab Stallions 4 yrs & over

1<sup>st</sup> Grand Reserve Intermediate Morab

1<sup>st</sup> Walk/Trot Jr. Horse/English

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Please feel free in contacting me for any further information.

Photo - winter 2005

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Foaled: April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Bay, 14.3HH.

Sire: Wachuset Cadence - 100% Lippitt Morgan. Pre St. George Dressage.

Dam: Abby Road - Champion Arabian Mare

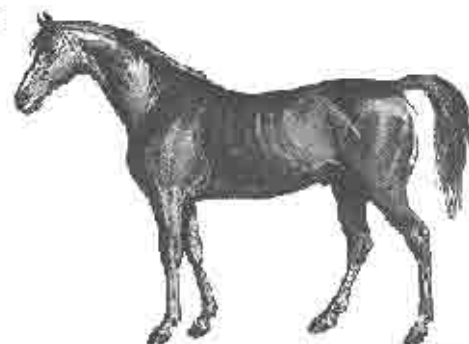
Stud Fee: \$750.00 Morab \$500.00 Others

Mare Care: \$15.00 Booking Fee: \$200.00

Breeding Season: April 1<sup>st</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup>

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## A HORSE OF A DIFFERENT BREED



As a farrier in a prestigious area of Florida, most of the horses I shoe are show hunters and jumpers. Recently, however, I had my first experience shoeing Arabian horses. Rumor has it in my circle that Arabian owners are a bit eccentric and their horses are spoiled, so I was a bit apprehensive.

My initial appointment proved to be unique. The farm owner (whom I might have found attractive under other circumstances) gave me a 2000-year history of this "ancient and noble" breed, along with a review of each and every horse's pedigree, some of which rivaled the Prince of Wales'. I bore all of this gracefully, reminding myself that I had just quoted her \$20 more per horse than I generally charge. Words such as "intelligent" and "playful" were frequently used in her biographies which I continued to endure while she watched me shoe the first five yearlings, all of whom were teething.

The last horse of the day was obviously her favorite. A many-time National Champion, he was now retired, and was, of course, the most remarkable horse of all. After a few more war stories about his illustrious show career, she led the large chestnut gelding out into the aisle. Placing him directly in front of his stall door, she dropped his lead on the floor and said, "Whoa!" I started to protest, being somewhat worn out from the jerking and nibbling previously experienced that day, but she just rolled her eyes and left me standing there, so I went to work. Much to my surprise and delight, the gelding never moved a muscle and even seemed to be half asleep.

I finished in record time and returned to my truck for my bill pad to write up a statement. When I returned to the barn, I found the gelding still standing quietly. I began packing up my tools, but couldn't find my apron which I had rolled up and left on the floor alongside the gelding. Returning once again to the truck, I tried retracing my steps exactly, but still no apron. Then, re-entering the barn, I combed every inch of the aisle and even looked into the open stall next to the gelding. Just when I thought I was going crazy, in walked the owner with her checkbook. She must have noticed me looking around intensely as she returned the big gelding to his stall, because she asked me if there was anything wrong. I told her I had somehow misplaced my apron. Her response was a strange one. "All you farriers seem to lose things. You're almost as bad as vets." Not knowing exactly what she meant, I finished closing up, thinking that with the tidy profit I made today I could buy a new apron. About four miles down the road, however, that apron really bothered me. So I turned around and went back to the farm to take another look - up and down the aisle, in the tack room, back out to the truck - and still no apron.

I was about to give up when the word "playful" came to mind. So I went back to the stall of the big chestnut gelding, the last place I saw my missing apron. I opened the stall door to see him peacefully eating his hay in one corner. I saw nothing in his stall except an empty feed pail and a narrow slot of boards designed to hold a square of hay. The hay opening, which measured no more than four inches wide and approximately two feet long, was obviously obsolete space, as the gelding's hay had been carefully shaken into a loose pile. I kicked around in his straw bedding and even looked in his water pail. None of this disturbed the gelding, who continued to munch nonchalantly.

About to leave, I was instead drawn back to the narrow hay slot. When I started to approach the opening, my four-legged friend who, during all this, had never missed a bite, flattened his ears, wheeled, and came toward me with an annoyed look. For a moment I was taken aback, so mimicking his owner I yelled, "Whoa!"

To my relief, he froze in his tracks. With that kind of a reaction on his part, I was determined to look inside that slim opening. At first I didn't see anything, as the space was narrow and dark. Cautiously, I reached my hand down inside the opening and touched something stuffed in the bottom that felt vaguely familiar. I pulled hard and out came my very wrinkled apron. With it came another even more wrinkled apron, which I assumed belonged to a predecessor. There was more, though: a good pair of G.E. nippers, two rasps, a stethoscope, a dental float, several hoof picks, a twitch, and a leather halter. Clutching my bounty in amazement, I turned around to meet the soft and, yes, "playful" eyes of the chestnut gelding, who suddenly looked a lot more "intelligent" than the first time I saw him. I had a sudden urge to rub his neck and when I did, he responded by nuzzling his soft nose against my chest. I was hooked. I probably stood there for 15 minutes just rubbing him, no longer in a hurry. After all, I had \$120 above and beyond my usual fees, an extra apron, a new pair of G.E. nippers, assorted horse equipment, and I could now cross over as an equine dentist.

On the way home that night I passed Dr. West on the road, and when I honked he pulled over. I handed him the stethoscope and twitch. "Thanks, I've been looking for these months. Where did you find them?"

"It's a long story," I replied, "and I've got to get home." Somehow I just couldn't 'snitch' on my new buddy.

For the remainder of the ride home, I thoughtfully reviewed the stories I'd been told about the chestnut gelding and his extraordinary show career. I realized how boring retirement must be for him.

Lately, I've been more tolerant when those Arabian owners brag about their horses. From time to time, I've been seen feeding "Old Red" a carrot. Most peculiar of all, however, I have recently begun to refer to Arabian horses in terms like "intelligent" and "playful."

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