Mickenson Delsink, Our 100. Member in EAMM



EAMM proudly presents our 100. Member in EAMM: Mickenson Delsink. He is a 9 year old boy and lives in

the Netherlands with his mom and dad together with their animals (dogs, cats and of course horses). Although Mickenson is born with one short leg, this is not a problem to him at all. He likes to play soccer with his team, he trains agility and dog dance with his own Sheltie Tico and the two are members of the dog sportcenter demo team.

Mickenson's wide spread of hobbies

He enjoys school and has a lot of friends to play with after school time. He likes to care for all the animals and hopes to be able to ride the young MM mare "Ideia" because horse riding (on a trotting horse) is the only thing that is difficult to him due to his handicap. Mickenson's favorite activities are to play soccer with his team, caring for the animals, especially playing with the

cat and walking and training with his Sheltie Tico. Today Mickenson is at primary school. In the future Mickenson would like become a professional soccer player This is his dream. However, he is aware that this will not be possible because of his handicap. So, he is ready to find other ways to get a good job and become rich enough to do all the things he wants.



Mickenson's mother Marina Delsink

Marina cannot remember whether she ever had a live without horses. She has been always in love with these wonderful creatures. And this never stopped. Every day she enjoys the interacting with the three horses that the family owns. Marina even admits that her horses have been giving lessons to her and she is very,



very grateful for what she could learn from them. In her opinion every horse different has а personality and so every single one is special to her. The 22-year-old warm blood gelding, Haroen, because of his absolute trust. They cherish all the

little beautiful moments with him. The16-year-old warm blood gelding, Nuendo, is a very playful and sensitive horse. It has never been easy to connect with him and even today, she is still learning from him. And last but not least: Ideia, the young Mangalarga Marchador mare

(born in May 2007). Because of Marina's rheumatism riding the big warm blood trotting horses became uneasy to her. So, she was looking for another horse to be able to enjoy riding again. A horse less spooky, more relaxed

by nature, not too big and with a more comfortable gait, this was when Marina started analyzing the gaited horse world and - little surprise - fell in



love with the MM breed. Marina loves their interest in humans, their character in general, their size, appearance and of course their wonderful Marcha. 'When seeing Ideia it was love at first sight!', she says, 'There was an immediate connection with her in the air.' She is a very special horse, who brings very much joy to my life.

Marina's dedication to interact with animals

Marina is basically interested in many things, like drawing, painting, reading all kinds of literature. And what really takes a lot of her time is the renovation of the family's old farmer's house. But, what really thrills her is the training with her dogs, especially dog dance. She likes to compete in this challenging sport. And she made it to the top when becoming a member of the



2010 Dutch WC Team and competing at the World Championship in Denmark with her Groenendaeler Cheb. The harmonious relationship with her dogs and horses is by far the most important thing Marina is striving for.

Mickenson's father René Delsink

René is a pension advisor. He advises people how to save money and how to take care of their old-age pension. In his private world he also received the bacillus of admiring animals, especially the Mangalarga Marchador Ideia. René is fascinated by their beauty, their honesty and their readiness to work with. It's a pleasure to see the horses interact with each other and in the early morning when walking into their paddock-paradise they

give him a great feeling of happiness just to see them the way they are. During the family's search for a gaited horse it was clear that the Mangalarga Marchador was also the breed for René. A horse not specifically bred for sport, show or dressage, but more close to the origin, just



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to enjoy long trail rides. It's difficult to explain: meeting a MM says more than a thousand words. René loves long walks with his family and their dogs in the forest or during their holiday in the mountains. René likes to be in nature. In the past he also trained with the horses to do dressage and jumping. Nowadays, he prefers just being with the horses, playing with them and above all, respecting natural horsemanship. This is his second nature.