



ELBA CRUZALTA

1997-2024

AKA Bella

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Dear Bella,

We know that you were in pain that day you laid down and couldn't get back up on your own, but we weren't ready to let you go. When this happened again and you struggled to stay standing, we finally made the tough decision to help you with your pain.

We thank you for your sweet disposition and all the trail rides you took us on. We thank you for teaching us how to work with you, earn your trust, and eventually become your teammate. You touched our lives and brought us joy more than you know. You left a hoof print on our hearts.

Now you can rest easy and enjoy the beautiful green pastures in the sky.

Jeff and Michelle Bosley



Thank you Bella for leaving us Tigre, an absolute love
💙 gentle, kind and amazing like you were ❤️

Carolina Peterson



To Bella,

I loved you with all my heart. Wait for me at the rainbow bridge.

Lynn Kelley



ABOUT BELLA

By Lynn Kelley, Summerwind Marchadors

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Bella's first owners in the US were Keith and Alice Mosing in Texas. Imported from Brazil, the story we heard from her breeder in Brazil was that she may have been a gift from a top executive of Petrobras. Keith was also in the oil and gas business, then as Frank's International, now known as the Mosing Group.

Bella was shipped with a breeding partner whose name remains unknown because upon arrival, he did not test clean and was not allowed to stay in the U.S. We do not know the date of importation. The Brazilians were anxious to see her produce offspring here in the U.S. and that is how we came into the picture. We spoke about breeding her to our imported Marchador stallion La Paz Jivago.

There was one snag in the plans for breeding. It seems that Bella had white line disease - very bad and no one had been able to cure it for a long time, 2 years or more. That was when they asked us to take Bella to cure her, hopefully, and then to breed her for them. We had 2 excellent resources in Pagosa to try in the summer of 2007 or 2008. Our vet, Dr. Dwight Hooton, was the sheik's vet in Dubai and the US endurance team vet during his career and our farrier was here for the Parelli team and is still the best farrier I have ever known, Jim Crew. We said yes.

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Bella arrived from Texas lame at a walk. She was not comfortable at all. Our farrier created a synthetic hoof for her 2 front feet using fiberglass and glue - like a patch for a boat. After this protection was put on, she felt immediate relief. And comfortable eating hay. When we turned her out in our pastures SHE RAN, down the aisle and right into the pond. We were all smiling.

It was a long recovery as the feet grew and each trim was better and then she was barefoot with her own real feet. I started working with her on the ground and then under saddle to get her trust and to help her get back into shape. When we got back to Scottsdale we started breeding.

WHAT SHE LEFT US

Breeding still eluded us. Infections in her uterus proved stubborn and hard to kill. Our vets tried multiple therapies for a long time. Finally, it happened, but about halfway, she aborted the foal. One more try and SUCCESS! So sweet after many years.

March 2011 Tigre do Summerwind - La Paz Jivago x Elba Cruzalta



Her first born was a dun buckskin beauty, nicknamed Tigre because of the striping on his legs. That name stuck and he did not get the “letter name”. We were on letter F in 2011. After Tigre was born, the Mosings decided to offer Bella for sale. Jeff and Michelle Bosley were the lucky ones to get her and the bonus of Tigre!



March 2013 Hallelujah do Summerwind - La Paz Jivago x Elba Cruzalta (sadly also deceased).



Halle was a beautiful bay that we all got to love as lucky for us, Jeff and Michelle moved back from NC to AZ.



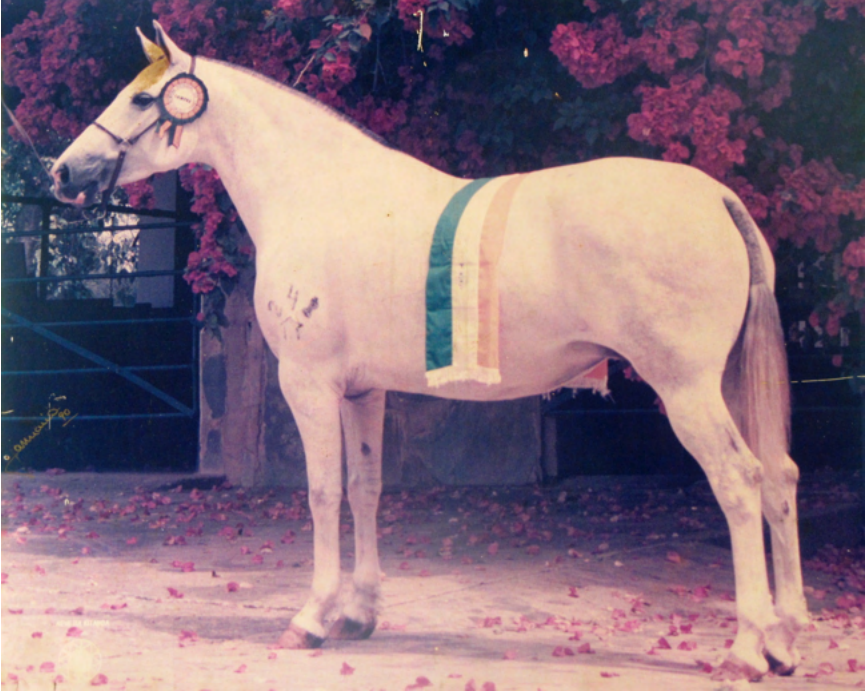
February 2016 Kadencia do Summerwind - Hawke do Summerwind x Elba Cruzalta

Reserved as a future foal, Kadencia had perfect proportions and conformation. Born bay, but now grey. Summerwind investors recently bought her back to ensure Bella's genetics would pass on. Kadencia is expecting her first foal in 2024.



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WHO SHE WAS



The daughter of Jaburu da Santa Terezinha and Neve de Kitanda, Bella had many ELITE book horses (champions) in her background. She is a mixture of old bloodlines including: Bela Cruz, Abaiba, Angai, Tabatinga, Favacho, Granito.

<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/elba+cruzalta>

The photo is that of her dam who Bella took after. Bella was a pure marcha picada mare. Old style grace, temperament and solidly built.

ABOUT BELLA

*From all of us who enjoyed the ride with you,
thank you.*



*Thank you for leaving us the legacy and the
memories.*

*Thank you for introducing so many to the
Marchador breed.*

We will not forget you. Run free sweet girl.