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Meet Dr. Fernando Marqués

In 2022 Dr. Fernando J. Marqués joined the Palm Beach Equine Clinic (PBEC) team providing services in the fields of equine internal medicine, sports medicine, and rehabilitation. Dr. Marqués works in Wellington, FL, during the winter season, and in Georgia and North Carolina the rest of the year.



Dr. Marqués joined the PBEC team in 2022.
 Photo courtesy of PBEC

What is your background with horses?

I began riding when I was about eight years old. I took riding lessons and competed in show jumping. Horses were fascinating to me. I always loved animals and once I started riding, I began to really love horses.

When and why did you decide you wanted to become a veterinarian?

I decided I wanted to become a doctor at a young age, maybe 10 or 12 years old. My love for horses really drove me to become a veterinarian, and I do not regret it. It's my entire life and my passion. I don't feel like I'm working when I work because I love it.

Where are you originally from, and where did you complete your undergraduate degree?

I am originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina. I completed my DVM degree in Argentina at the University of Buenos Aires. Then I worked for a few years in private practice in Argentina doing sports medicine for top performance horses, mainly dressage and show jumpers. After that, I decided to pursue further education, so I came to the United States to complete my board certifications. I became board certified in internal medicine, and sports medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Wisconsin.



Dr. Marqués is board certified in internal medicine as well as sports medicine and rehabilitation.
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What does a typical day look like for you at Palm Beach Equine Clinic?

Every day is a little different, but I usually stay busy taking on different types of cases, some more challenging than others. I can also be found at the clinic helping with internal medicine cases when needed. I mainly work on sports medicine and lameness cases and combine that with internal medicine. I spend a lot of time also going to different barns and meeting clients. I enjoy talking to people and engaging with my clients. I believe it is very important to establish a good relationship and trust with the client with a team approach, in addition to performing an excellent job from the medical standpoint. That is one of the pillars of my business.

What aspects of equine medicine interest you most, and what types of cases do you find most rewarding?

I love cases that combine sports medicine and internal medicine. Those are the types of cases that interest me the most. Many people think that everything is about joints and ligaments but sometimes there is more to it. That is why I pursued training in both sports medicine and internal medicine. I like to see horses as a whole and examine them without forgetting their internal organs. Horses have a lot of other things that could affect performance besides joints and tendons. I enjoy cases that require a lot of analysis and thinking.

What is one of the most interesting cases you have worked on?

I remember one horse that was suspected to have Equine Infectious Anemia because he was anemic, but he actually turned out to have a wire stuck in his abdomen. It was a chronic infection that caused the horse to become anemic, but it was not actually Equine Infectious Anemia. Those types of cases are rewarding because they require thinking about why things are not working and then analyzing the situation until you can get an answer. Cases that require a team approach are also fascinating to me because you put together a group of people with different specialties, interests, and experiences, and then you come up with a diagnosis as a team. That's what we get at PBEC because we have a variety of people with different experiences and backgrounds.

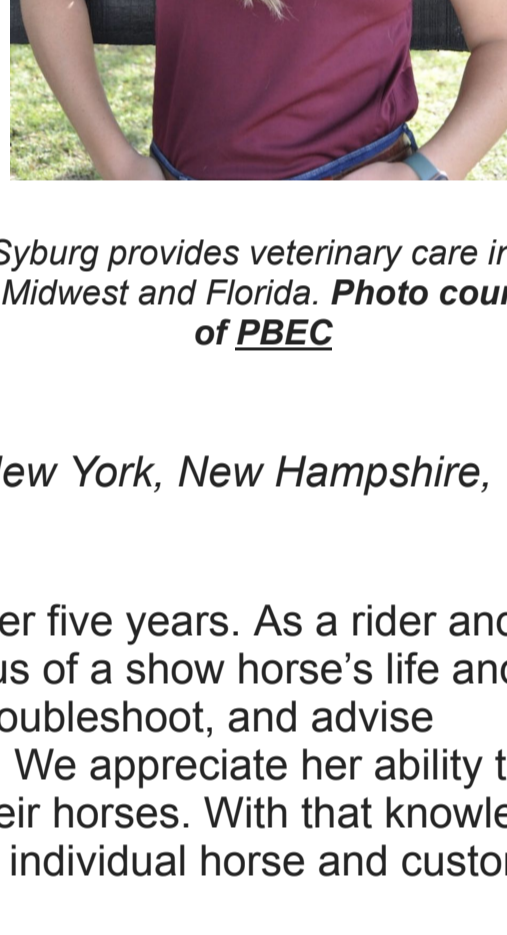
When not at Palm Beach Equine Clinic, what do you enjoy doing or where can we find you?

I enjoy hiking with my wife in my free time. We like being outdoors and relax that way.

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On the Road With Dr. Gretchen Syburg

As part of the Palm Beach Equine Clinic team, Dr. Gretchen Syburg provides veterinary care in multiple locations. In the winter, Dr. Syburg works with clients in the Ocala area of Florida including Marion and Levy counties. During the rest of the year, Dr. Syburg is in the Midwest including Wisconsin and Illinois. Dr. Syburg primarily focuses on sports medicine, however, emergency medicine and basic internal medicine cases make up a large portion of her patients. Dr. Syburg is also keenly interested in ophthalmology cases.



Dr. Syburg provides veterinary care in both the Midwest and Florida. Photo courtesy of PBEC

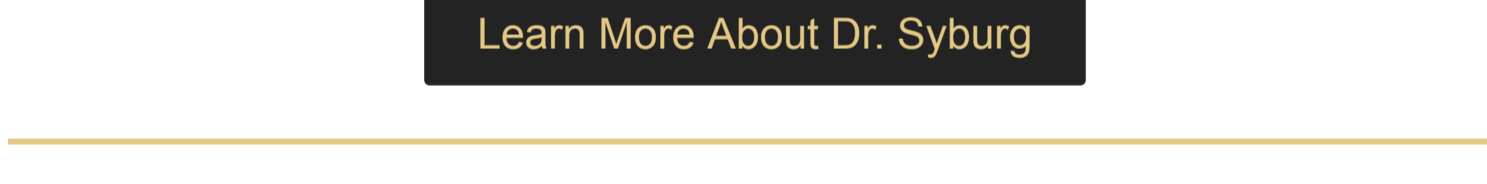
Keep reading to find out why Dr. Syburg is so important to her clients in both the Midwest and Florida.

Cate Wagner of Seery Hill, located in New York, New Hampshire, and Florida

"We have been working with Dr. Syburg for over five years. As a rider and competitor herself, Dr. Syburg is very conscious of a show horse's life and all that it entails. She is able to diagnose, treat, troubleshoot, and advise throughout the career of a performance horse. We appreciate her ability to get to know the clients and how they feel about their horses. With that knowledge, she is able to create a treatment plan for each individual horse and customer."

Mark McKone of MM Equestrian, located in Dousman, WI

"I started working with Dr. Syburg during the summer of 2020. Dr. Syburg has been a huge asset to our training program with her knowledge of sports medicine. She is a great communicator, a hard worker, and genuinely cares for all of our equine partners."



In addition to specializing in sports medicine, Dr. Syburg is also very interested in ophthalmology cases. Photo courtesy of PBEC

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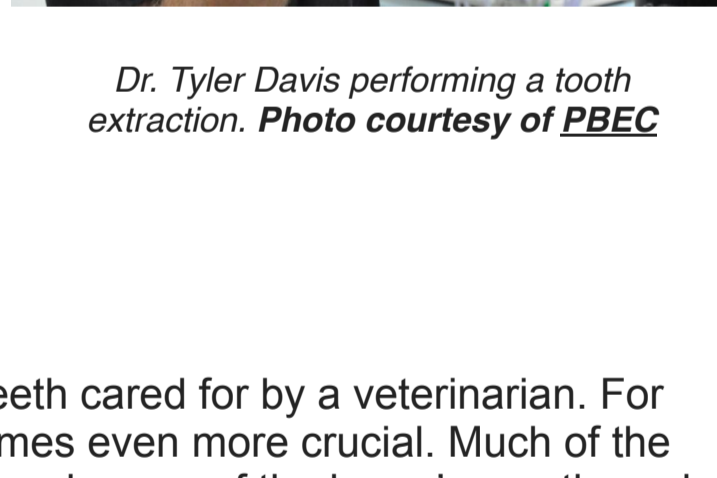
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Healthcare Reminder: Equine Dentistry

The general goals of equine dentistry may appear straight-forward but include a complex system of evaluations that in turn affect the entire body and well-being of a horse. At its core, equine dentistry encompasses the objectives of maintaining even tooth wear, treating infection or disease, allowing for proper digestion, and promoting longevity. Dr. Tyler Davis of Palm Beach Equine Clinic says that routine and thorough dental exams can help prevent many issues from ever becoming problems.

Why do horses require dental care?

Horses grind their food into a finely masticated bolus before swallowing. The combination of a horse's upper jaw being larger than the lower jaw, and the fact that a horse chews by moving their jaws from side to side results in uneven wear of the teeth. This uneven wear may cause sharp edges to form, which hinder efficient chewing and may ulcerate or tear the cheeks and tongue. Uneven wear can also cause the horse to swallow food that isn't properly chewed and can lead to more daunting problems such as colic.



Dr. Tyler Davis performing a tooth extraction. Photo courtesy of PBEC

No horse is exempt from needing their teeth cared for by a veterinarian. For sport horses, however, dental care becomes even more crucial. Much of the connection between horse and rider comes by way of the horse's mouth, and depending on the discipline, the horse may always have pressure in their mouth during work. If there are problems or discomfort within the mouth, it can become evident in the horse's performance and disposition under saddle.

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Congratulations to ESP Winners



Luiz Francisco de Azevedo and Collin in their winning presentation for the \$25,000 Palm Beach Equine Clinic Grand Prix with Dr. Laura Hutton. Photo by Anne Gittins Photography

Luiz Francisco de Azevedo and Collin, owned by Santa Cecilia Stables, were victorious in the \$25,000 Palm Beach Equine Clinic Grand Prix on Sunday, September 4, 2022, during the ESP Labor Day show in Wellington, FL. The duo stopped the clock at 43.289 seconds to claim the win.

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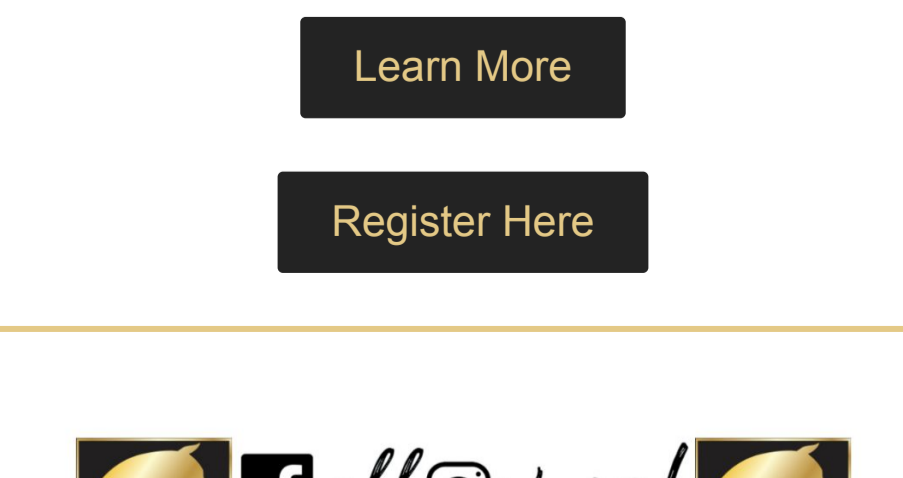


Ana Holguin and Dayro Z, pictured with Dr. Tyler Davis, topped the \$2,500 Medium Junior/Amateur Classic presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic. Photo by Anne Gittins Photography

Ana Holguin and her own Dayro Z earned the top prize in the \$2,500 Medium Amateur/Junior Jumper Classic, sponsored by Palm Beach Equine Clinic, on Sunday, August 28, 2022, during the ESP Summer III show in Wellington, FL. Holguin and Dayro Z stopped the timers at 34.228 seconds to take home the victory.

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