

60 SECONDS WITH MIGUEL BRAVO

COUNTRY: PORTUGAL
DATE OF BIRTH: OCTOBER 18 1958
STAR SIGN: LIBRA

PROFESSION: PROFESSIONAL SHOW JUMPER AND CO-MANAGER OF DUBAI'S Z7 SHOW JUMPING TEAM COMPOSED OF MARION HUGHES, MICHAEL HUTCHINSON AND JOAO M. MARQUILHAS.

MIGUEL BRAVO IS EXTREMELY ENJOYABLE COMPANY. HIS POSITIVE ENERGY HAS NO LIMITS, HE'S FANATICALLY HUMOROUS, HAS A HEART BIGGER THAN THE WORLD, AND CAN WIN A SHOW JUMPING CLASS ON ONLY A FEW HOURS OF SLEEP. WE GOT TO KNOW HIM DURING CSI 1* (A) - HORSES & HOPES INTERNATIONAL SHOW JUMPING FESTIVAL HERE IN CAIRO LAST YEAR WHERE HE WAS PLACED SEVERAL TIMES ON BORROWED HORSES, AND WHERE HE BECAME A GENEROUS HERO TO MORE THAN 2,000 SPECTATORS AFTER GIFTING HIS TROPHY TO THE YOUNG RIDERS OF THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM SIMPLY TO PUT A HUGE SMILE ON THEIR FACES.

What is your best achievement?

My respect for horses.

Who is your sporting hero (any sport)?

My wife Marion Hughes.

Do you keep any pets?

Yes! Chickens, ducks and birds.

What is your favourite movie?

Jack Nicholson's 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest'.

Who is your ideal celebrity (female or male)?

HH Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum; he's a genius.

What is your favourite gadget and are you obsessed with it?

I treat my Stables 'Calmaria' like a gadget. I love it. Mad about the place.

What kind of music do you enjoy listening to and do you like to dance?

I enjoy Frank Zappa and I definitely like to dance.

What is your second favourite sport?

Rugby.

What is your favourite book?

'Antonio Maria Bravo e Filho' by Joao Maria Bravo.

Do you like to cook and what is your favourite food?

I do. I like grilled red shrimps and Portuguese food.

What are the most memorable places you visited?

Graigue, Cuffesgrange and Co Kilkenny, all in Ireland.

Are you superstitious?

No.

What is your strength and what is your weakness?

My strength: when I believe. My weakness: when I don't trust.

What makes you happy and what makes you sad?

Happy: a glass of white wine. Sad: a glass of water!

What is the biggest challenge you ever faced?

Moving to Ireland.

What is the biggest reward you ever got?

My five children: Antonio, Maria, Molly, Marta and Matilde.

To your close friends and family, you are known to be?

The "happy one".

If you had the power to change something, what would you change?

To end those stupid wars.....

If there is something about Miguel that you would like to change, what would that be?

To be faster against the clock!

If you were not a professional show jumper and a coach, what would you rather be?

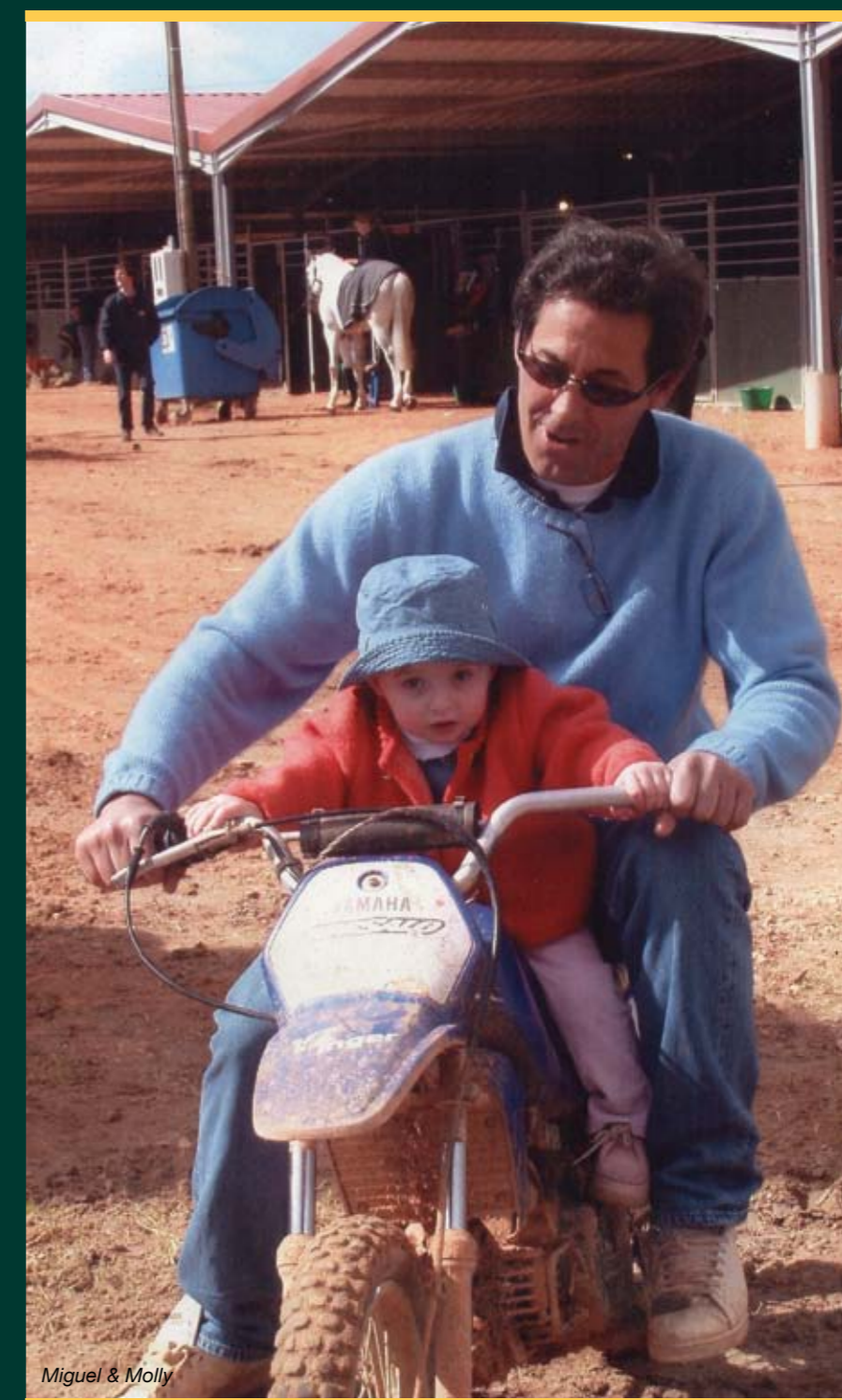
The best groom in the world!

Finally, which question would you ask yourself?

What time will we start tomorrow?! 🕒



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Miguel & Molly