

How To Collaborate on the Internet for the Morgan Horse Color Research Project (Revised 1/28/08)

Flickr is a web site for sharing sets of photos. You can have your own free Flickr account for up to 3 sets of photos, limited to 100 MB upload per month. We have uploaded the Morgan horse photos we received for this study over the past several years. You can add more of your horse photos in your own account. If you do, please make a separate set for horses you want to be part of our study, as explained below.

After you receive your invitation to participate from Flickr.com, please follow these steps:

1. Click on the link in the Flickr invitation email, and follow Flickr's instructions to establish your username and password for your Flickr account. It is free of charge. On the right side of your Flickr home page, you will see a section called "Photos from your Contacts". Click on the name "minmor_farms" under one of the photos. This will take you to the project's home page on Flickr.
2. On the right side of our home page, you will see a list of photo sets. Click on the photo set with your name. This will bring up just the horse pictures you submitted to us. Click on one of the small thumbnail photos. This brings up a page with details about that photo. On the right side, you will see a section called "Tags". We initially tag each photo with the sender's name (name of photo set). You will be adding more tags, as explained below.
3. In the "Add your comment" box under the photo, type the horse's full, exact, registered name and AMHA registration number, and your description of the body color (chestnut, dark chestnut, black, or whatever). If it's difficult to choose which flaxen tag(s) to assign to the horse's mane and/or tail, use the comment box to further describe each horse's flaxen-ness. For example, mane is dark blonde and brown hairs, with more than 90% blond and 10% white, and tail is roughly the same, but more white hairs (about 15%). Then click "POST COMMENT". Your comment will appear under the photo. Under the comment are links "permalink|delete|edit". If you want to change your comment, you can click on "edit" or to remove it click on "delete".
4. To the right of the photo, under the Tags, is a link "Add a tag". Click it. A box will appear where you can add tags. A tag is a word that will further let us search for horses by characteristics. We have established these tags (the dot is not part of the tag):
 - LF = light flaxen mane and tail
 - MF = medium flaxen mane and tail
 - DF = dark flaxen mane and tail
 - NF = not flaxen mane and not flaxen tail

Since some horses may have a flaxen mane but not a flaxen tail, you can add a letter in front of the tag if the mane (head end) is different from the tail flaxen category.

- H = "head", that is, the mane color
- T = tail color.

For example, a horse with a light flaxen mane and dark flaxen tail would have the tags: HLF TDF

Another example, a horse with a medium flaxen mane and non-flaxen tail:

HMF TNF

A horse with the same color for mane and tail only needs one tag, for example, a horse with light flaxen mane and tail simply has the tag: LF.

Notice that there should be no punctuation in the tags, just a blank space between them.

After you have named and tagged your horses, please send a FlickrMail message to me to let me know.

FlickrMail is a mail system contained within Flickr, not a part of regular email. To send FlickrMail, click on the envelope icon in the upper right of your Flickr home page. Then click "Compose a new message" on your FlickrMail page. On the compose page that appears, click the down-arrow in the "To" line, then click "minmor_farms" to select my address. Click in the subject box and type a subject of the message. Click in the big box and type your message. Then click "SEND THIS".

You can add your own set of horse photos in your own account by following Flickr's instructions on uploading. If you want those horses to be part of the study, make "minmor_farms" one of your "friends" in your Flickr account and tell Flickr to make your horse set of photos viewable by your friends.