

Dr. Maren Abt

Dr. Maren Abt was born and raised in Berlin, Germany. She soon longed for the open range - quite a shortage in wall enclosed (free!) West-Berlin. Nevertheless did she own an Icelandic Horse at the age of 15, taking on all kinds of jobs to finance and support the animal.

After graduating from school, she started studying Veterinary Medicine at the University of Leipzig in 1992, one of the first semesters with students from both parts of Germany. She switched to Free University of Berlin in 1993 and graduated in 1997. Her doctoral thesis (Dr.vet.med.) included the development of an English website as an educational tool for American farmers and veterinarians. Her former goal of becoming a "cattle doc" was soon disillusioned by the lack of animal welfare and proper economic medical care experienced while jobbing in cattle practice during thesis.

Upon graduation Maren worked as a locum for several private practices in Berlin and had a part time job in Potsdam since 2005. She attended the CVC in Kansas in 2009 and decided to join the IVAPM (International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management) right after listening to their members' inspiring lectures. In 2011 she went to the CVC West in San Diego, combining education, sun and travel once again.

As of June 2011 she will be working in her own private practice in the vicinity of Potsdam, Germany.

Her professional interests include internal medicine, geriatrics, pain management and small mammals.

Maren's hobbies are horseback riding, baking, hiking with her dog, learning to play the guitar (can't teach old fingers new tricks...), reading American whodunits and spy stories, skiing, traveling, following the soccer season.

She is married, has three children and lives with lots of animals on a small farm on the open range of reunited Germany...