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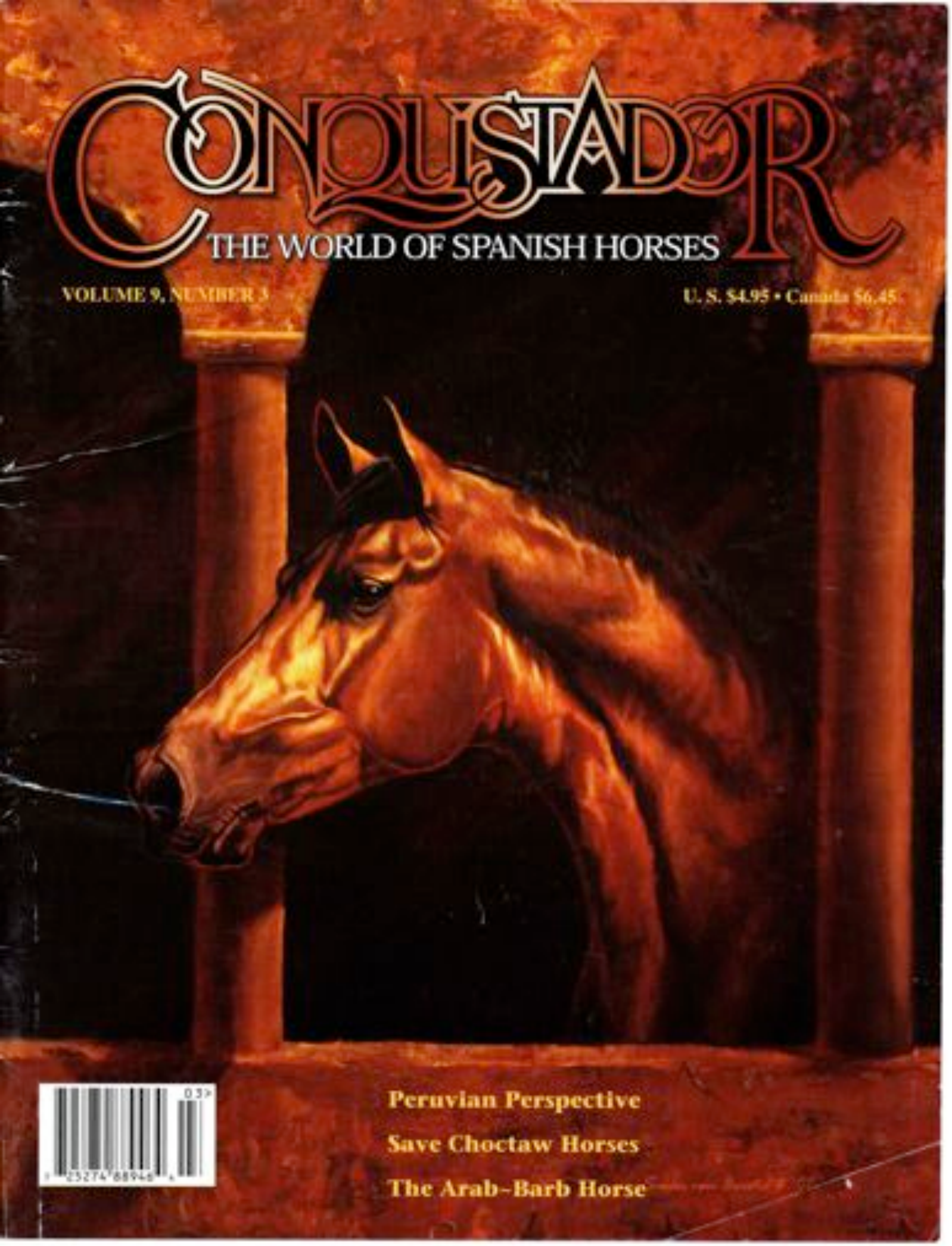

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Marching On: Mangalarg

Conselho de Boa Fé, stallion owned by A. Magon, Sao Paulo

Imported Mangalarg

Have you ever discovered something so exciting and fun (like riding gaited horses), that you want to share it with everyone? Now imagine speeding along in the latest luxury sports car convertible with the top down, and enjoying a ride so comfortable that you barely realize how fast you are going! Next think about all the things you like to do on horseback – pleasure, trail, endurance, dressage, jumping, polo, cattle round-ups and cutting. Is there one horse breed that's so versatile and can do all of this? As a matter of fact, there is! The Mangalarga Marchador Horse from Brazil, a solid and sturdy breed, classic of its Iberian Heritage.

Who are these Mangalarga Marchadores, known as the national horse of Brazil? Once you get the rhythm, it's easy to pronounce, "Manga-larga-Marcha-dor", or Marchadors as the American's like to say. Sharing a history with other Iberian breeds, this 200-year-old breed was developed by crossing the Andalusian, Lusitano and the Barb. This produced a horse known for its rhythmic smooth gaits, sensible intelligence, docile temperament, and amazing stamina that is hardy and adaptable to all climates, feed and terrains.

To appreciate the unique attributes that makes the Marchador Horse breed special, some understanding of the characteristic gaits is needed. In addition to the walk, canter, and gallop, there are two long reaching four beat gaits. This is the only horse breed in the world that can perform on a lateral and diagonal. The ability to perform both movements makes this breed a joy to work and a pleasure to ride.

So what's different about these gaits? While there are similarities with

Gelinho de B
stallion by owners

Marsha with Gelinho de Boa Fé de Miguel

Cameron McCord with Quino

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Six year old stallion Batuzza do Regal owned by Linda Holst

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other gaited breeds, it's the four beat extended reach in front, propelled from behind, that is stabilized by triple hoof support.

While there are currently only twenty-eight Marchador horses in the United States, with more to come beginning this spring, you may have seen them on TV, marching in the New Year's Pasadena Rose Parade, Western Horse Expo, Southern Horse Expo, Equine Affaires (Ohio, Massachusetts, California) or Equitana. "It's our mission to establish this wonderful breed in the United States along with the many other Spanish breeds that we enjoy", Marsha Sielbeck, president of the Mangalarga Marchador Horse Association of America states. "The high standards set by the Brazilian Association (ABCCMM) will be maintained and the foundation breeding stock will be carefully

MARCHA PICADA – four beat gait characterized by lateral leg movements, with the sequence of the hoofs being: right rear, right front, left rear, left front, the hind foot touching the ground a fraction of a second before the front foot. The continuous triple hoof support and the over reach of the hind hoof, makes the gait very smooth. This differs from "the Pace" which is an exclusively lateral movement to the limbs, where the two legs on the same side (foreleg and hind leg) go up at the same time as the other side goes down, which results in only half of the horses body mass being set on the ground at each time of movement. At extended speed the head and body lifts up like a speed boat in front to create a "plane-like" sensation that makes you feel like you aren't moving.

MARCHA BATIDA – legs moving in a diagonal four beat sequence, also with moments of triple hoof support. Although some ways similar, this gait differs from the trot (suspended moment of all the legs in the air) as the horse is always in contact with the ground. The longer and more frequent the moments of triple hooves support, the more comfortable is the gait. Although different entirely, this movement allows the horse to be taught to trot easily, therefore enabling the horse to perform events such as dressage (Olympic Level), where trotting is a must.

Ashtin McCord & Gaina do Regal
a 3 year old filly

Beautiful Paint Mangalarga Marchador from Brazil

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Oil with gold leaf by nationally acclaimed equine artist Susan von Borstel. The five colorful stallions portrayed are of the first imported to the United States. From left to right: Doum do Regal, Jordao do Regal, Batuque do Regal, Jallaio de Boa Fe do Regal and Opio do Regal.

Jallaio da Boa Fe do Regal

3-year-old, 18.1 h, gorgeous 18K gold metallic dun stallion with all black points, who appears on the cover of this month's issue of Conquistador. Holds an amazing 10 championships in Brazil before the age of two. He is shown being ridden by Bruno Carneiro, his trainer from Brazil.

Batuque do Regal

6-year-old, 15 h, highly intelligent and beautiful golden dappled buckskin stallion, with a sensitive, sweet and willing disposition. Batuque is ridden in natural lateral four-beat gait by owner Linda Holst.

Opio Vale Vermelho do Regal

4-year-old 15 h, golden bay, and son of the legendary Barjo Solarsinho from the original Favacho line. He has an extremely smooth and collected marcha picada (lateral) gait and a wonderful disposition.

Jordao de Passo Fino do Regal

4-year-old, 15.2 h, striking red bay roan, debuted in the U.S. at Equitana. Holding an amazing 32 Championships to his credit. Here with Marsha Seibeck and son.

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