

Rare Breed

Mangalarga Marchador — NATIONAL HORSE OF BRAZIL



The Mangalarga Marchador is a breed which originates in Brazil and descends directly from Iberian stock. This gaited horse is known and bred for its smooth step — the “marcha” — and is the National Horse of Brazil. It has a gentle temperament, stamina and provides an exceptionally comfortable ride.



Marchador mares Pupila and Rota show their smooth gait on a ride at Lazy T Ranch, Boulder, Montana.

Family to flee to the Portuguese colony of Brazil. They took their best horses with them, Andalusians from the Royal Alter stud. In 1812, Prince Pedro I gave a young stallion named “Sublime” to the Baron of Aldenas, owner of the breeding farm Hacienda Campo Alegre. The stallion was bred to native, gaited mares of Spanish Jennet and Barb blood, and produced offspring with a smooth, rhythmic gait.

History

In 1807 Napoleon invaded Spain and Portugal, forcing Portugal’s Royal

The Hacienda Mangalarga purchased stock from Campo Alegre, and the horses became

known as Mangalarga Marchadors, the second word pertaining to their gait.

The horses, whose bloodlines all went back to the prepotent stallion Sublime, were selectively bred for 180 years. In 1949, the first breed association was formed in Brazil to promote the breed, and that governing body is now known as the ABCCMM

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Marchador. It has 7,000 members and 190,000 registered horses.

Horses must be three years old, and are inspected for conformation, gait, and temperament. Approved horses are branded with the horseshoe “M” brand.

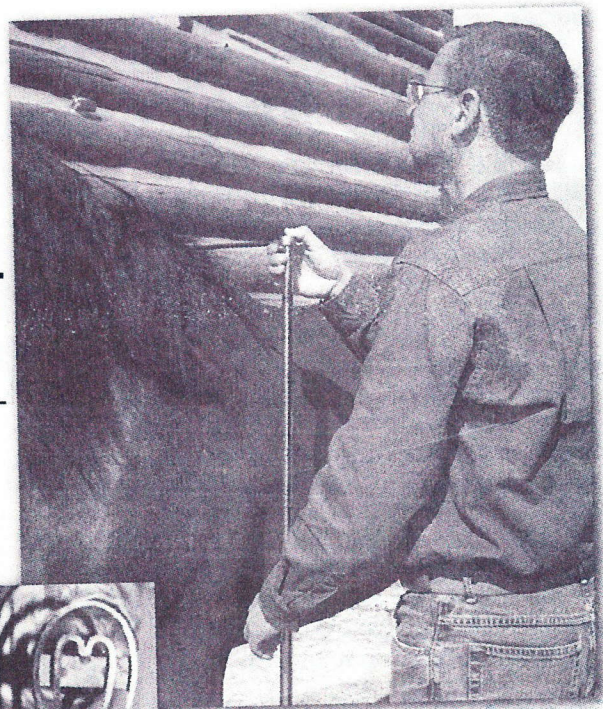
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Inspections

In Brazil and the U.S., all horses must undergo an inspection by ABC-CMM breed judges, similar to that of warmbloods, to be approved for registration. The U.S. Mangalarga Marchador Association (USMMA) is dedicated to maintaining the breed’s purity and high standards, and has invited ABC-CMM inspectors to travel to the U.S. to confirm Marchadors’ registration.

Description

The Mangalarga Marchador stands between 14.2 and 16 hands, averaging 15 hands, and weigh between 850 and 1,110 pounds. Gray is the predominant color, and chestnuts, blacks, bays, buckskins, palominos, and pinto horses may also be found. A versatile sure-footed horse, with plenty of cow sense as well as stamina, this breed holds the Guinness

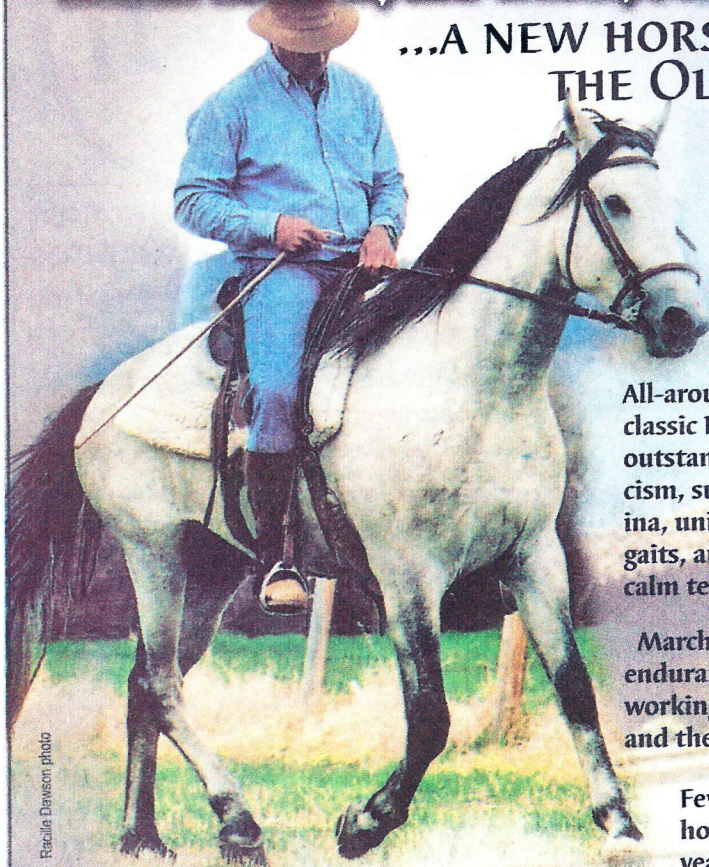


Brazilian Marchador inspector Getulio Tadeu Vieira measures a young stallion at Lazy T Ranch. Inset: Mangalarga Marchador registration brand.

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FROM BRAZIL... MANGALARGA MARCHADOR

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Montana Mangalarga Marchador's Tabatinga Monitor, 1998 Gray Stallion, ridden by Brazilian trainer, Felipe Ribeiro at Lazy T Ranch

All-around horses — classic Iberian beauty, outstanding athleticism, substance, stamina, unique smooth gaits, and wonderful, calm temperament.

Marchadors excel in endurance riding, cattle working, trail riding, and the show ring.

Fewer than 100 horses of this 200-year-old breed are in the U.S.

Montana Mangalarga Marchador & Summerwind Marchadors (the largest Marchador importers/breeders in the West) invite you to see, ride and learn more about this exceptional breed.

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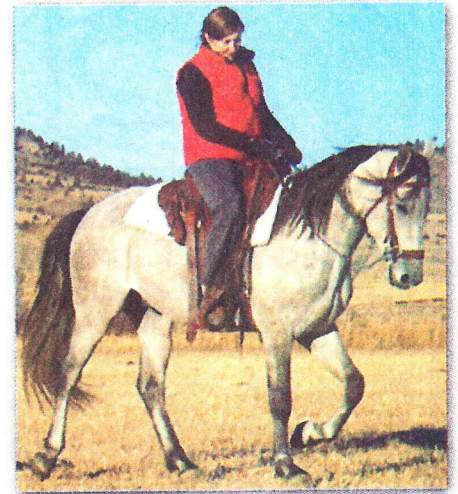
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of 8,694 miles in 1994.

Gaits

The Mangalarga Marchador's two special gaits are called the "marcha picada" and the "marcha batida." Brazilian breeders can't seem to agree on which gait is the better, so they choose one or the other in their breeding



Tresa Smith, of Lazy T Ranch rides mare her Marchador stallion, Tabatinga Monitor.

programs. Both are four beat gaits and provide moments of triple hoof support. The picada is like a pace with the animal's legs moving laterally, while the batida is like a trot, with the legs moving diagonally. The batida is similar to the Peruvian Paso's "paso llano." The Marchador move from a walk into the "marcha" and then into a canter.

In the U.S.

Although the Mangalarga Marchador numbers over 300,000 registered horses in Brazil, the breed was not imported to the western United States until 2001, and today there are fewer than 100 in this country.

This versatile breed may be used for many types of riding and competition, from ranch work such as cutting and working cattle, to fox hunting, endurance, dressage, mounted shooting, and trail riding.

For more information: The U.S. Mangalarga Marchador Association, 480-683-8848; www.usmarchador.com.



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