

Rare Breed • the *Mangalarga Marchador*



The Mangalarga Marchador is a breed, which originates in Brazil, but 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, intelligence, stamina and a comfortable ride,

History

In 1807 Napoleon invaded Portugal, forcing Portugal's Royal Family to flee to the Portuguese colony of Brazil. They took their best horses with them, Andalusians from the Royal Alcazar. In 1813 Prince Pedro I gave a young stallion named "Sablino" to the Baron of Aldenas, owner of the breeding farm, Campo Alegre. The stallion was bred to local gaited mares of Spanish Jennet and Barb blood and produced offspring with a smooth rhythmic gait.

The horses, all descendants of Iberian imported stock, were selectively bred in Brazil for over 180 years. In 1949, the first breed association was formed in Brazil to promote the breed, the ABCCMM.

Inspections

In Brazil, all Marchador horses must undergo an inspection by the ABCCMM breed judges to be approved for permanent registration and breeding, a process similar to PRE and warmbloods.

The U.S. Mangalarga Marchador Association, is dedicated to maintaining the breed's purity and high standards. They invited the ABCCMM's inspectors to travel the U.S. to inspect the U.S. Marchadors. Horses must be three years old and are inspected for conformation, gait and temperament. Approved horses are branded with the horseshoe M brand of the ABCCMM.

Breed Description

The Mangalarga Marchador stands between 14.2 and 16 hands,

averaging 15 hands and weigh between 850 and 1100 pounds. Gray is prominent, but 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 book of World Records Endurance Ride of 8,694 miles in 1994.

Gaits

The Mangalarga Marchador's two special gaits are "marcha picada" and "marcha batida". Both are four beat gaits and provide moments of triple hoof support. The picada is a lateral gait and the batida is diagonal. Personal preference and riding terrain determine which one is better. The Marchadors all possess a wonderful canter, which does not disturb their natural marcha.

In the US

Although the Marchador breed numbers over 200,000 in Brazil, this breed was not

introduced into the western U.S. until 2000 and are fewer than 150 horses in the U.S.

This versatile breed may be used for a wide range of riding and competition from ranch cutting and working cattle to fox hunting, dressage, mounted shooting and trail riding. Because of its easygoing nature, it is a perfect horse for beginning riders or aging riders who want to enjoy their mount.

For more information, contact the U.S. Mangalarga Marchador Association at marchador.com or call 360 663 8858.



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