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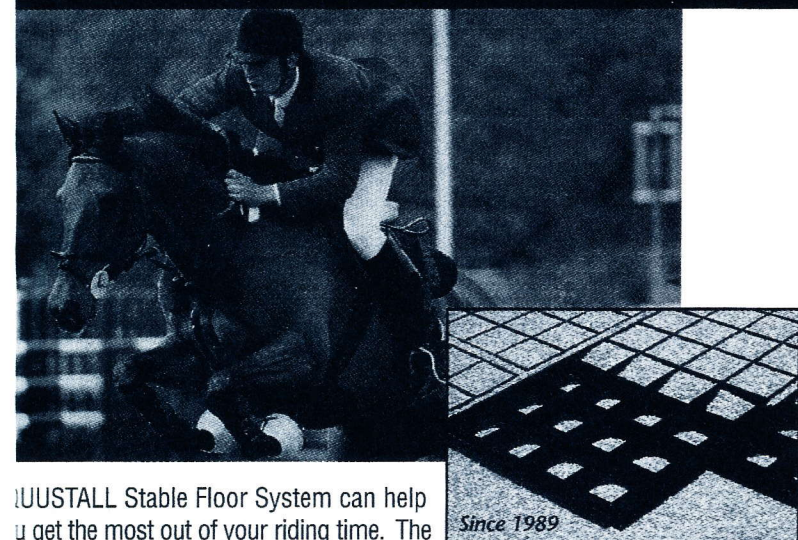
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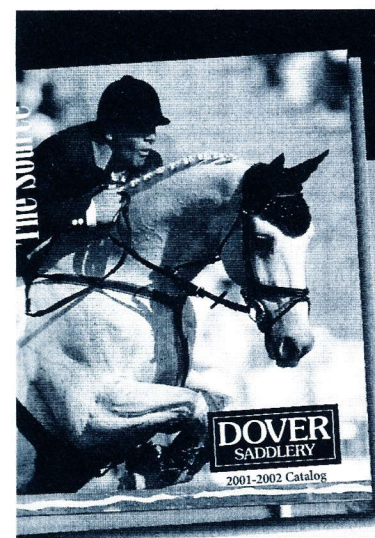
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## Brazilian Breed comes to America


The national horse of Brazil, Mangalarga Marchador, numbers several hundred thousand in its native country, but has never been imported until now. Originating in Portugal in the mid-1700s, the breed was created from crossing Andalus horses with Barbs and Germanic horses.

Typically between 15 and 17 hands, and weighing 850 to 1,100 pounds, this Brazilian breed is known for its calm temperament, smooth gait, stamina and agility. The Mangalarga Marchador's genetic gait, the Marcha, is the breed's most distinguishable trait. With its ability to cover great distances comfortably by moving its front legs in a forwardly diagonal direction, while overstepping with its hind legs, the Mangalarga softens the ride with its three-hooved support, where three legs are firmly on the ground, eliminating the vertical lift and drop characteristic of trotting horses.

The Mangalarga Marchador is a truly versatile breed, performing in cutting, endurance, trail, jumping, polo or pleasure riding—demonstrating incredible resistance to fatigue. The breed currently holds the world record for the longest endurance ride—8,694 miles over 18 months.

The breed has newly arrived in the United States and was shown at Equine Affaire in Columbus, Ohio, last April, and will be featured at Equitana USA this June in Louisville, Kentucky.

For more information, contact the Mangalarga Marchador Horse Association of America, 4903 Dorr Street, Toledo, OH 43615; (866) MARCHADOR; [www.mmhhaa.org](http://www.mmhhaa.org).

[www.aaobpph.org](http://www.aaobpph.org); the Peruvian Paso Horse Registry of North America, 3077 Wiljan Court, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95407; (707) 579-4394; [www.pphrna.org](http://www.pphrna.org); and [www.JustaCriollo.com](http://www.JustaCriollo.com). 

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