



SummerWind News

March / April 2011

Promoting the Mangalarga Marchador horse breed in North America
We strive to continue learning about our horses, breeding and
natural methods of horse keeping and relationship horse training.
This is a life-long journey; there is no short cut.



Brooke Little riding Flying Oaks WindSmoke (picada) from Flying Oaks Ranch, OK.



Our instructor, Kate riding Andante (Apple Pie de Miami) showing the class how to get the horse to stretch and elongate.

The Marchador Clinic Hosted by Legacy Marchadors, TX. Instructor was Kate Barcelos, Brazil.

The Mangalarga Marchador is named for its comfortable and showy way of moving, the MARCHA. In all the marchas, there are moments of triple hoof support, which is why it feels so smooth to the rider.

During the Brazilian inspection at age 3, gait is one of the most important dimensions of the test. Horse will be disqualified from permanent breeding registration if they are too lateral (show a pace) or too diagonal (show a trot). Gait counts for 100 points of the 200-point test.

In simple terms, when the greater proportion of time spent with the diagonal legs providing support, the marcha is BATIDA (ba chee da). When the greater proportion of time spent with the lateral legs providing support, the marcha is PICADA (pi ca dah). A few animals have equivalent time spent between diagonal and lateral supports. They are considered to be in the center, sometimes called marcha de CENTRO.

To visualize the spectrum, here is a diagram:

Pace-----picada----centro----batida -----Trot
(true lateral) (true diagonal)

Within the gaits, there is a grading system for how comfortable the gait is. L1 to L4 for picada; D1 to D4 for batida. On the diagram, it would look like this:

Pace —L4-L3-L2-L1—C—D1-D2-D3-D4---Trot
(true lateral) (true diagonal)

The clinic's objective was to teach us all how to set the gait correctly (for an untrained horse) and also how to improve the gait. With training, the horse can move 2 steps like from D4 to D2 or L3 to L1.

Many Marchadors can gait as fast as other horses canter. The front legs have a natural lift, forming a C during the step. The Marchador, being naturally balanced, is very sure-footed, using all 4 legs for propulsion.

When the horses are bred close to the center, they may have the ability to perform both gaits – picada and batida. The naturalness of the gait is such that newborn foals will gait rather than walk or run.

Kate Bar is a vet & also the 1st ABCCMM woman technician to be approved to register breeding animals. She was the #2 dressage champion in all of South America. She trains Marchadors and people who work with them all over Brasil.

How does it feel?

My observations:

The marcha picada is a flat gait. The rider's shoulders stay even. The hips rock forward and back as you might do in an extended walk. It is very, very easy to sit to. The horse can accelerate to a very fast gait, but the rider doesn't get the feeling that you are really moving. It has been compared to driving a Bentley.

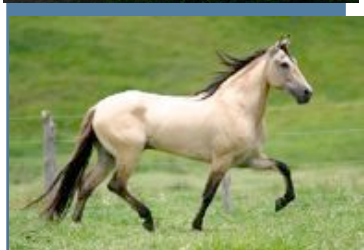
The marcha batida gait has more movement, but significantly less than a trotting gait. The rider is never lifted off the saddle because there is always 1 foot on the ground. At a slow speed, it's like riding an exceptionally smooth sitting trot and often the faster you go, the smoother it becomes. However, the rider needs to be able to relax to enjoy the gait. The batida would be a 4 wheel drive vehicle or a Porsche – able to take corners and hills with ease.



Andre Guzman, a gaited trainer riding Aja Bajoni do Premier. Flying Oaks Windstroke and Stardust. Horses were provided by Legacy Marchadors, Flying Oaks Ranch, Haras Lucero and Karin Roberts.

Lynn's Learnings from the Clinic

- Perfect the 4 beat extended walk. (How many times are we told to practice a good walk in other disciplines?) It is ESSENTIAL for a good marcha as it is the take-off point and retreat point always.
- Practice in straight lines before teaching in circles, lateral work or ANY other discipline. Teach the horse to elongate his back, his stride, relax and stretch without speeding up.
- Always start on the good side for the stretches, but do both sides. Stretching from the good side will help the bad side to stretch easier.
- To move into gait: From the walk, apply more leg pressure and ask the horse to speed up without losing the smooth rhythm that was there in his walk. Collect the reins (have contact) with the horse's mouth to ask him to collect his body in a good frame.
- Do NOT let your horse continue to gait if it is gaing badly. Go back to the walk and start again. Ask for MORE SPEED from his legs while maintaining the collection. You are trying to build MUSCLE MEMORY. (This works really well! I tried it on my horses after the clinic)
- A marcha picada horse that paces is often still very smooth (I was surprised by this). You can tell because your hips will go side to side instead of forward and back. Try to put your leg on for more leg speed, but if that doesn't work, return to the walk and start over.
- In marcha picada, you can help the horse learn the right rhythm by adding weight to the front feet (could be shoes) or the opposite in marcha batida.
- As you can see from the diagram on page 1, some horses will need help because of poorer conformation or breeding, but some horses need correction because someone interfered with their natural gait during training. The Marchador is a willing partner. If you ask it to change its natural footfall, it will learn to do what you want.
- You can use dressage to supple the horse and build muscle, but not too soon (remember straight lines). Once you can do the circles, you can move to a higher level figure. The Marchador can do lateral work and the higher moves IN GAIT! (Another surprise for me!)



Senor do Porto - Brazilian Mangalarga Marchador photo by Ricardo Mendes

Lynn's Corner - Invitation to Brasil!

The VERY best way to meet a Marchador is to go to BRASIL! Immerse yourself in the food, the culture, the people and of course, their horses! We invite you to join us. **SIGN UP BY JUNE 1.**

The agenda and dates: July 17 - July 27

The Mangalarga Marchador National Exposition in Belo Horizonte, MG: You will participate in the biggest event of the MM Breed, with over 1500 horses who are already champions in their region or event. The winners are called "champions of champions"! There are exciting auctions in the evenings, a chance to meet many breeders and you will get to ride some of the horses there - thrilling. We will be there for 2-3 days.

Trips to selected MM Farms: You will visit outstanding Mangalarga Marchador farms, set in the countryside. There will be a presentation of their horses and breeding. Then, there is the chance to ride in the countryside on some of their best horses. We will be at farms for 4-5 days.

Options for additional travel: Stay 1-2 days for additional pleasure. Based on your choice, visit RIO!, the historic MM farms, the historic towns of Ouro Preto or Tiradentes, longer horseback riding trips, or the Bahia beaches!

Costs: Airfare - about \$1,000 - \$1300
Hotel rooms in Belo Horizonte \$75 per night
Translator/Car (divided up)
Stay at farms - often courtesy of the farm or minimal

News from Family and Friends

March mid-end Equitana, Germany The Marchadors were on the “world” stage at Equitana. 5 Marchador stallions from Brasil performed for the stadium crowds. The ABCCMM (Brasil) and the EAMM joined forces to man the booths and meet the crowds!

The 5 Brazilian stallions were Apolo do Salto, Norte do Conforto, Ouro Fino El Far, Urano de Maripa and Patek de Maripa.



March 26 Festival of the Spanish Horse in AZ. Kristy Everson showed off the Mangalarga Marchadors to an appreciative crowd. Kristy is also giving some local schools a chance to meet and greet the Marchador breed.



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April 6 - DaVinci arrives in Florida! Transported by Ned Leigh Equine Focus of AZ, DaVinci got the royal treatment and had the van to himself. Reports are that the trip was a joy ride for him - he ate well and drank well and settled right in when he got off at Connie's house in Ocala.

Connie with Leo (DaVinci)



Cheveyo do MManor



March & April - A new breeder! Michael Holloway acquired imported Marchador mare, Ibiza da Boa Fe and her son Cheveyo do MManor, now a 2 year old stud colt. Majestic Marchadors can be found on Facebook and on the Internet. They are located in Ocala, FL. Congratulations to Brooke and Michael!

More News

Big changes for Signa Strom, who leaves the horse boarding business behind and moves into a new facility where she lives with her horses in Manheim, PA. Good luck to her and her family in making the transitions and in selling your house!

Barbara Cross has ridden her new Marchador on the beach! One of the goals for "RIO", Rubaia da Palmeira, now in his new home in CA.

Lynn Boone's neighborhood was one of the many affected by the recent sweep of tornadoes across the south. She and her daughter Becca worked to help those who were hurt. For Lynn, only trees came down; she was one of the lucky ones. Lynn has Aviadora do Campo Real and soon Fidalgo do Summerwind.

Pat Rollingson reports that Diego completed his saddle training. She got to ride him at the trainer's last weekend. Now he gets to come home and she sounded thrilled about that. Diego went to school with Beethoven do Summerwind.

Adrienne Scheck is enjoying her time with Bella and Tigre back in Scottsdale. She is teaching Tigre the basics for the month of May, his preparation for a lifetime of learning: pick up your feet, circle, back etc. Great job!

Gayle Hamilton is progressing with Destiny do Summerwind's training toward being under saddle this year, but wishes we could all send her rainy thoughts.

News from Summerwind's SW Future Foal

March and April were amazingly high and low points. In March, we suffered the loss of our wonderful Chanel. She left behind her orphan foal, Enya. In April, came the wonderful day that Maripa's exportation of frozen semen arrived in Scottsdale! So, here are the months in review:

March 5th - AZ Mangalarga Marchador ride! Everyone and every horse took it all in stride. We had 6 horses and riders and then 2 more USMMA members joined us for a picnic lunch. We need to do this more often!



Dave & Connie DeCamp, Lynn Kelley, Kristy Everson and Dave Everson.



Chanel de Miami, a love.

March 12th - Chanel de Miami is found dead. The morning phone call at 5:15 a.m. was supposed to be a happy one - we thought it was the barn saying that Bella was foaling! But, it was this shock instead. It is a great loss for us and for the Mangalarga Marchador breed here. Chanel was a pure Herdade foundation mare. She was a beautiful mare with an outstanding marcha picada gait. Chanel's foals are Artemis, Caesar, Destiny and Enya do Summerwind. We will miss her until we die.

March 30-April 1st - Elba Cruzalta gives birth to her first foal, who is quickly nicknamed Tigre for his great leg striping. However, the midnight madness is replaced by concern the next day. His testicle openings are too big and the intestines keep dropping through, so an operation is scheduled and he comes through with flying colors! What a cutie! We hope he keeps those stripes!



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April 3 - We say goodbye to DaVinci do Summerwind. We will miss him terribly! Connie is so excited and promises to send pictures!

April 8-10 - The MM Clinic covered above!

April 12 Noon - The HISTORIC moment. Maripa stallion exported semen arrives in Scottsdale. We met the FEDEX truck at Scottsdale Equine Reproductive Center! Three gorgeous Maripa stallions were collected and shipped! It can be done! Three stallions are stored in the tank and we will begin breeding this summer, hoping to make even more history!



Ximoyo de Maripa, a young stallion of pure Abaiba blood. Oma de Maripa, a semen donor.

The 3 stallions are OMA de Maripa, TIZIU de Maripa and XIMOYO. If you read the Equitana news, 2 Maripa stallions were also showcased on that world stage. They were both sons of OMA de Maripa. Thank you, Mr. Marcelo, for making this all happen! Haras Maripa has been producing exceptional sport horses for over 30 years. Visit their website at www.harasmaripa.br

Success on our second try. With the first shipment, the shipping tank had not been properly sealed. Sadly, the semen was destroyed.

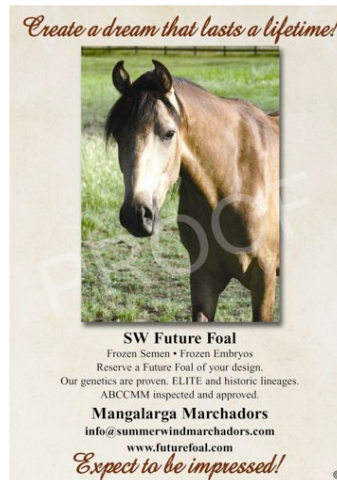
April 21 - 26th - We moved us and our horses back in Pagosa Springs CO for the summer. We came back early because of the young foals. We wanted them to get out on grass, have more room to run and be able to be in a more natural herd environment.



Find more Mangalarga Marchadors!

In Print:

- Cowgirl Magazine - The May/June issue features a new series on Exotic Horse Breeds and their first is the Marchador. 2 of their covers have already pictured Marchadors from the Lazy T ranch in MT. The most recent is Tabatinga Jobim.



- Horse Illustrated - July issue will feature Horse Breeds of South America and the Marchador is included. We put our ad in!
- Gaited Canada - July or August issue will feature the Mangalarga Marchadors of Canada.
- Great Horse Breeds of the World - a new coffee table-style book should be out in June or July features the Marchador, the US Mangalarga Marchador Association and several farms including Summerwind!

New Websites:

- www.majesticmarchadors.com The newest breeder, Brooke Little and Michael Holloway in Ocala, FL.
- www.eamm.de The European Marchador association

On YouTube:

We have 3 new videos out there and more on the way!

- Boneca da Lusonatica - being ridden. She is for sale to approved home.
- Fidalgo do Summerwind - his baby book
- Fidalgo and Enya in Pagosaa - day 1

Kentucky Horse Park:

- Their horse breed museum director agreed to add photos and more copy to the Mangalarga Marchador breed listing! SW brochures are also in their display case.

Expect to be impressed!

SW Future Foals offers reservations for Future Foals, frozen semen and frozen embryos from US and Brazilian top producers. Want the horse of a lifetime? Call us to meet a Mangalarga Marchador!

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