



Summerwind's Azuleiro de Mangalarga

The Mangalarga Marchador has been described as being the "Porsche" of the horse world, with imported horses boasting not unheard-of prices of \$30,000 to \$40,000 per horse; and in Brazil, MM royalty is auctioned at hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars.

Worth it? Let's see... The Mangalarga Marchador is a breed literally developed and cultivated by royalty. Very intelligent and easy to train and smooth as silk, and the MM excels at nearly every discipline.



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www.abccmm.org.br - Brazilian registry

www.namarchador.org - North American registry - list of all breeders

www.flyingoaksranch.com - Largest breeder in North America, located in Oklahoma

www.summerwindmarchadors.com - Breeder in Arizona / designer of "Future Foal".

www.nickers saddlery.com - Canadian contact, with horses for sale and demonstration in Canada.

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MANGALARGA MARCHADOR



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The Pleasure breed of the Future

The U.S. Mangalarga Marchador Association, USMMA, was founded in 2004 to promote the introduction of the Mangalarga Marchador horse breed here in North America.



What is a Mangalarga Marchador?

The Mangalarga Marchador is a 200 year old breed of ancient Iberian bloodlines. It was developed in Brazil in the 1800s when the King of Portugal, fearing Napoleon’s invasion, fled to Brazil with his Royal Alter stallions. In Brazil, one of these stallions, Sublime, was crossed with Spanish Barbs and the smooth gaited Jennet to produce the Marchador.

The Marchador is an outstanding saddle horse with athleticism, stamina, beauty, pleasing temperament and unique gait.

How are Mangalarga Marchadors used?

It is a horse without borders, very versatile and not limited to any single discipline. In Brazil, it excels at working cattle, hunting, jumping, endurance, playing polo, dressage and, of course, pleasure riding. The Marchador made history as an endurance horse appearing in the Guinness book of World Records for the longest horse trip ever- over 8,500 miles in a one year period.

What makes the Marchador unique?

The Marchador is a true sport horse that also is gaited. Some have the smooth lateral picada gait similar to other Spanish Paso breeds or other gaited breeds, but many display a unique gait, called Batida. In this gait, lateral and diagonal pairs alternate, but with moments of triple support. Often to the human eye; no “gait” is detected. The Batida gait is a tireless, ground covering gait with speeds as high as 15 miles an hour. There is virtually no “termino” or sideways action.

What size and color are the Marchadors?

The Marchador ranges from 14.2 to 16 H, averaging about 15H in height and is of medium build. They come in many colors; bay, black, buckskin, chestnut, grey, roan, palomino and pinto.

Is the Marchador a rare breed?

Yes, in North America, but not in its native country. In Brazil, the Marchador is the National Horse and numbers over 400,000. Exported to 21 countries; Germany has the largest population outside of Brazil. Only recently has the breed come to the U.S.A. where it numbers under 300 individuals.

Who Controls the Registration of the Marchador?

In Brazil, the ABCCMM, the Association of Brazilian Marchador owners sets the registration rules. So demanding are their standards for the Marcha conformation and disposition - that Marchadors, at the age of three, must be tested by ABCCMM technicians if they are to be permanently registered.

Only if a Marchador passes the test does the horse receive permanent registration and allowed to breed. The proven horse is branded with the ABCCMM brand, a horse shoe with an M in the middle. (This brand is officially trademarked by the ABCCMM in Brazil and in the U.S.A.)

In the U.S.A. and Canada, The USMMA, an affiliate of the ABCCMM, registers Marchadors and seeks to maintain the standards of the breed.

Why is the Marchador perfect?

In real estate, it’s location, location, location. In horses, it is temperament, temperament, temperament. The Marchador has great intelligence and a desire to please. Once trained, it is a trustworthy mount, suitable for all ages - toddlers to senior citizens.

The Marchador is a working horse breed. It is built solid and square with lots of energy to go all day. The 200 year legacy of breeding and the inspection process guarantee consistency and quality in the breed, plus, they are beautiful, proud Iberian horses.

How does the Marchador handle cold climate?

There are Marchadors living in many cold areas, including Saskatchewan! Marchadors thrive in all climates and are easy to keep.



How did they get their name?

There are several versions for the name Mangalarga Marchador. The most widely told one is related to Fazenda Mangalarga, located in Pati do Alferes, Rio de Janeiro. The name of the farm was the same as a mountain range that existed in the region. The owner was a wealthy landowner who, impressed with the horses of the Junqueira family, bought some horses and showed them off in the elegant promenades held in Rio de Janeiro. People began to refer to these horses as the ones like the horses from Fazenda Mangalarga. They asked for “Mangalarga” horses. Marchador was added to indicate the horses that had a marcha instead of a trot.

The Mangalarga Marchador is a versatile working horse breed that is also gaited. It has two special gaits – the “marcha ***picada***” and ‘marcha ***batida***”. Both are four beat gaits and provide moments of triple hoof support. Personal preference and riding terrain determine which one is “better”.

Generally, the marcha picada is considered smoother, with more time spent in lateral pairs. The marcha batida is often considered more athletic and less tiring to the horse. It is a unique gait with more time spent in diagonal pairs. The Marchador has a wonderful canter, which does not disturb their natural marcha.

The Marcha is the same footfalls in both marcha picada and marcha batida. When the length of time spent in lateral pairs is higher, then the gait is marcha picada. When the length of time is higher spent in diagonal supports is higher, then the gait is marcha batida. In both, there are moments of triple hoof support, which is what makes the gait smooth and easy to ride. When the length of time spent in diagonal and lateral pairs are equal, it is sometimes described as marcha de centro.

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