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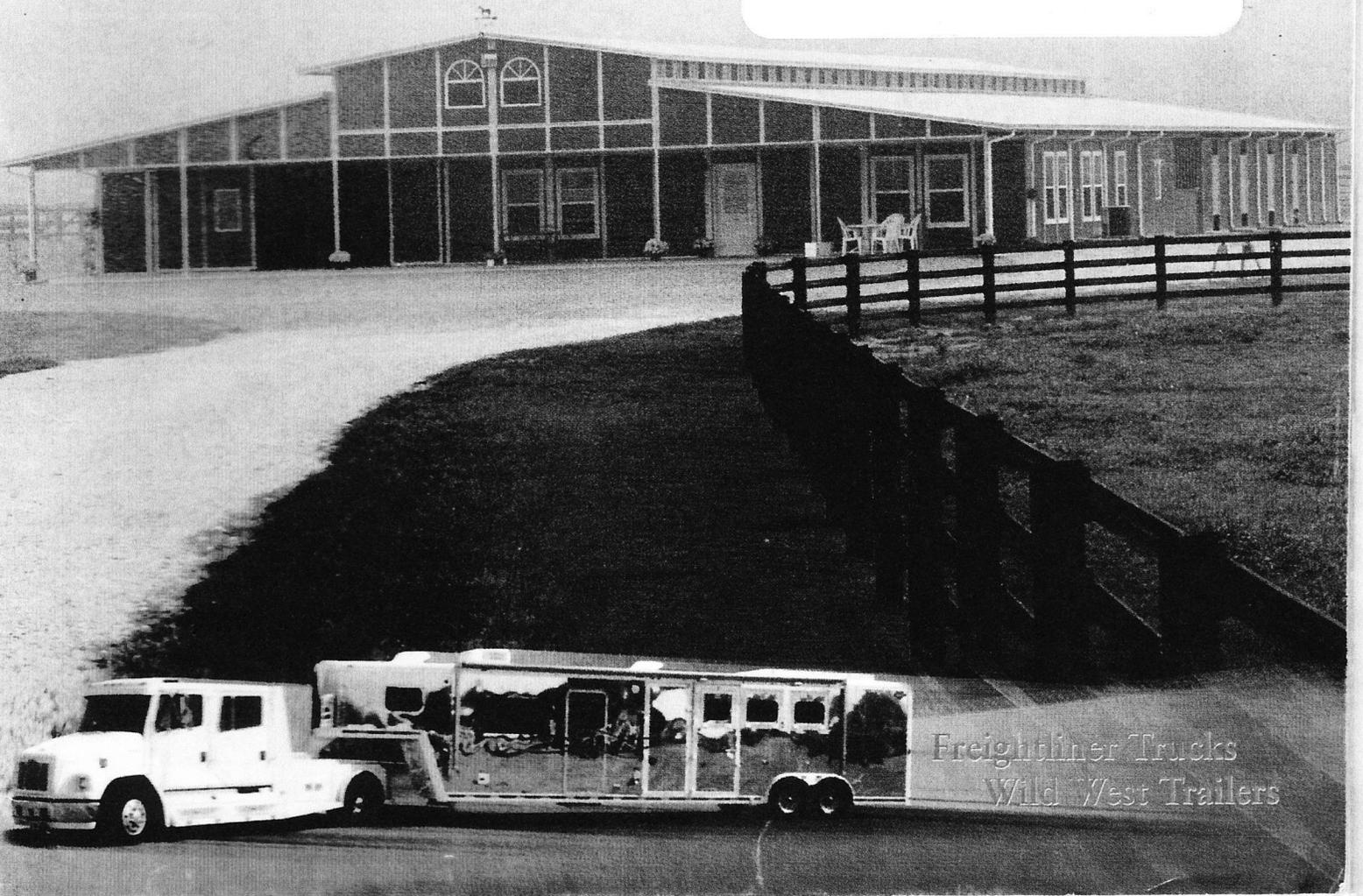
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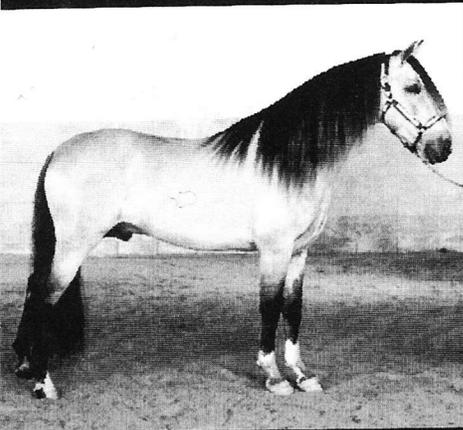
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# Old Brazilian Horse Breed Discovers America!



A VERY OLD BREED of horse has just been "discovered" by the U. S. equestrian market. The Mangalarga Marchador, the National Horse of Brazil, numbers several hundred thousand in their native country, however the breed has never been imported before.

The breed is characterized by an elegant, smooth flowing natural gait, that is somewhat like the Paso Finos. The gaits, called marchas, allow the horse to move each foot independently. This three-hoof support means there is no vertical movement or concussion with the ground or the rider. Typically between 15 and 17 hands in height, with a well-muscled body and a weight of between 850 and 1100 lbs., this horse has been bred in Brazil for its calm temperament, smooth gait, stamina and agility, and in an adequate size for the larger American rider. The breed is available in a full range of colors, from white and gray, to dun, palomino, chestnut, bay, black, grulla, paints and pintos.

The legendary endurance of the breed was demonstrated when three 60-year-old Brazilian men rode 8,694 miles on Marchador horses, riding in the daytime and resting at night for a year and a half in terrains from sea level to 15,000 feet and in temperatures from 0

to 115 degrees fahrenheit. This feat led to the record for the "longest endurance ride" as noted in the Guinness Book of World Records. This new breed will delight the U. S. market due to its versatility. The Marchadores perform well in endurance and trail competitions, jumping, polo, dressage, and rodeo events. Easy to train, adaptable to various feeds and climates, and intelligent, the Marchador should meet many U. S. equestrian needs.

In spite of almost two hundred years of development and genetic purity, the Marchador breed hasn't been introduced in the U. S. until recently, when MMHAA, the Mangalarga Marchador Horse Association of America was founded. The breed will be shown at Equine Affaire in Columbus, Ohio, April 5-8, the 56th Annual Del Mar Horse Show in San Diego, CA, April 18 through May 6, and Western States Expo June 1-3, in preparation for Equitana, the largest U. S. Equine Exposition, in Louisville, Kentucky, June 14-17, 2001. This event is expected to draw over 100,000 people and will feature the recording artist, Wynona.

The Mangalarga Marchador horses will be presented at the Brazilian Barn in the International Pavilion, Booth 1337 of the East building, in various

demonstrations and in the extravaganza, The Mane Event, where they will be accompanied by Brazilian entertainers.

The Mangalarga Marchador Horse Association of America, a non-profit corporation headquartered in Toledo Ohio, serves as the exclusive registry for the breed in the USA. As an affiliate, MMHAA supports the breeding standards and regulations of the ABCCMM, the Brazilian Mangalarga Marchador Association.

The high genetic standards for the breed, first set at the Royal Breeding Farms in Brazil by King D. Joao VI of Portugal, in 1808 are still followed today. Careful selection of the imported foundation stallions and mares, ensures the quality necessary to establish the breed in the U.S.

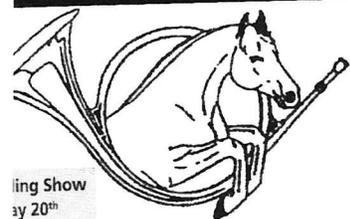
Mangalarga Marchador horses are available to the public through regional representatives: Southeast - Elaine Orta 404-264-0292; Central - Regal Legacy Horse Farm 419-578-2503, and Western States - Rancho Linda Marchadores, 858-212-6650.

For additional information on horses, breeding, or embryos, contact MMHAA toll free at 1-866-Marchador, [horses@mmhaa.org](mailto:horses@mmhaa.org), website at [www.mmhaa.org](http://www.mmhaa.org)

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