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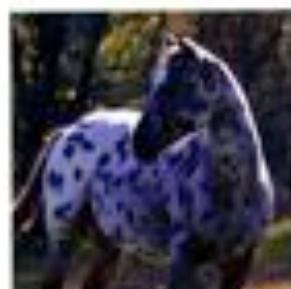
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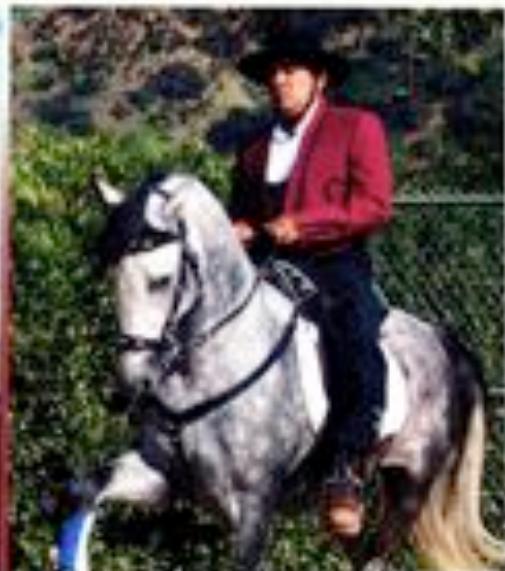


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Lynn Kelley, a co-founder and president of the United States Mangalarga Marchador Association tells us that the first Marchadors were imported to the United States in the early 1990s by Brazilians, who sold their stallion and three mares to the Guerra family of Miami.

Tresa Smith of Lazy T Ranch in Montana worked in Brazil and fell in love with the Marchador. When she retired in 2001,

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Guerra, Tresa Smith, and Lynn and her husband, John, founded the United States Mangalarga Marchador Association.

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Today, there are approximately 90 registered Mangalarga Marchadors in the United States. The association is working to make the importation of frozen semen and frozen embryos from Brazil possible.

**Owners tell us:** "The long tradition of inspection before breeding has insured that the Marchadors have sound conformation, with lots of bone and very good feet," says Lynn. The Marchador stands between 14.2 and 16 hands high, and weighs 850 to 1,100 pounds.

The Marchador is named for the smooth, marching gaits unique to the breed: the marcha picada and the marcha batida. "Both have four beats, and provide triple hoof support," Lynn explains. "The

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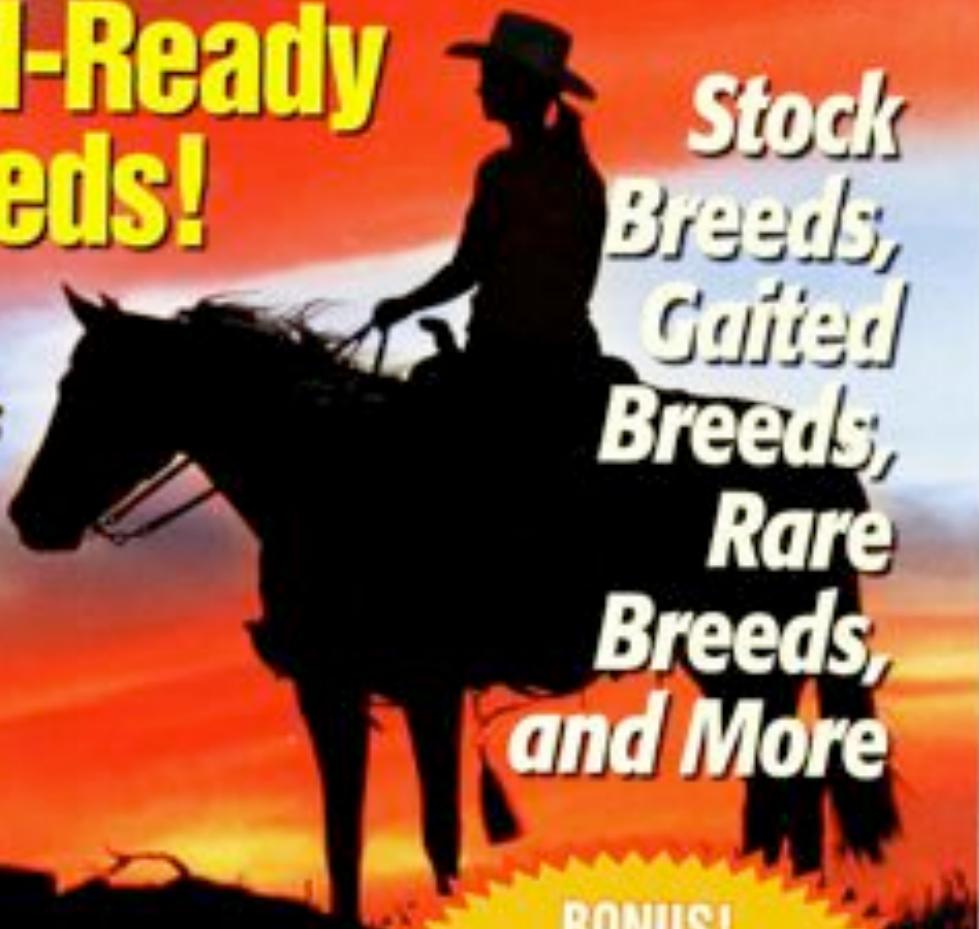
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