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US Mangalarga Marchadors are small in numbers but mighty in great traits

The history of Brazil's Mangalarga Marchador is like an epic legend filled with anecdotes of exiled royalty, the perils of a terrible war and, of course, the deeds of courageous knights and their noble steeds. Many say the history of Brazil is so intertwined with these great horses that the Mangalarga Marchador is in their blood. Brazilian breeders recall the history of the Marchador with the same pride and joy as they would in speaking of their families.

Lynn Kelley, co-owner of Summerwind Marchadors in Scottsdale, AZ, speaks of her Marchadors in the United States with the same pride and joy as the Brazilian breeders. However, she describes the journey to bring the Mangalarga Marchador to the U.S. as a different sort of saga.

The history of the Marchador in the U.S., she says, is a love story.

It's A Small World After All


If a person typed into an internet search engine all the attributes they were looking for in the perfect horse: "athletic, smooth gaited, graceful, gentle temperament, intelligent, exotic, and very rare," they may come up with the Mangalarga Marchador. If they did, they wouldn't be the first because that was exactly how Lynn discovered the Marchador.

"It goes against everything you're taught about buying horses," jokes Lynn. "My husband had purchased a Missouri Fox Trotter and I thought that I should get a gaited horse to keep up with him out on the trail. However, I had no idea what sort of gaited horse I wanted. I went on my computer and I typed in all the words I think described the perfect horse and up came the Mangalarga Marchador."

One particular Marchador caught Lynn's eye: Bossa Nova de Miami, a beautiful bay mare bred by the Guerns family in Miami, FL. Lynn bought her eight-month-old and had her transported across country to their farm in Arizona. Only 3 years old and very green, Bossa had warm eyes, a keen mind and a gentle temperament that Lynn fell in love with. Six months after purchasing Bossa, Lynn did something unthinkable: she rode Bossa Nova in the 2002 Rose Bowl Parade. It was a smashing success.

Summerwind Marchadors

by Rebecca Sparenberg



La Paz Siogo
a Summerwind stallion

When her husband, John, outgrew his horse, the Kelleys bought their second Marchador, Chancel de Miami, from the Guerra family if she wasn't already sold on the breed. Lynn describes going to Brazil as her downfall. The first time they went to Brazil it was with the Guerra family to witness the National Horse Show, which is held annually every July.

"It all goes back to the internet as a wonderful connector of people," says Lynn. "After coming back from Brazil the first time, I met Tressa Smith of Montana Mangalarga Marchadors online. We got to be very good friends, we just clicked. We went with Tressa on our second trip to Brazil. She knew a lot of people in Brazil and was able to take us to a lot of breeding farms. We just fell in love with Brazil and the Marchador. It's a lovely country full of lovely people that are very gracious and warm. I can't say enough about Brazil, it's so fascinating."

The Kelley's own Marchador had already become two before they even left for Brazil the first time, their two Marchadors became four. They described all four as equally kind and a joy to ride and be around. When they took the plunge and went to Brazil for the second time, they came back with nine more. Lynn just smiles and says when opportunity knocks, you answer.

A Long History with High Standards

"In Brazil they can just sit around and talk about the Marchador for hours," says Lynn. "They love these horses and they are more than willing to share their passion for them with you. The Marchador is part of their heritage."

Mangalarga horses are all descendants of Iberian stock. Similar to their cousins, the Andalusian, the Mangalarga is the product of a rich agricultural area. Having to spend a large part of their workday on horseback, Brazilian farmers and ranchers valued an enduring horse with a smooth, comfortable ride and superior temperament.

However, the tale of the Mangalarga truly began in 1807 when Napoleon invaded Portugal, forcing Portugal's royal family to flee to the Portuguese colony of Brazil. The royal family took with them their best horses, Andalusians from the Royal Alcazar Stud Farm, including a young stallion named Sublime.

"It is said that in 1812, Prince Pedro I, who later was named Emperor of Brazil, presented Sublime as a gift to his friend Gabriel Francisco Junqueira, Baron of Alderas," explains Lynn. "The Baron was the owner of an established breeding farm, the Hacienda Campo Alegre. He bred Sublime to local gaited mares of Spanish jennet (descendants of the Spanish Conquistador's horses) and Barb blood to produce offspring with a smooth rhythmic gait." The horses' smooth, cadenced and rhythmic gait, the marcha, contributed the second part to the name, Mangalarga Marchador.

Historically, each farm produced a heritage and a bloodline that identified their horses. The horse's name always includes the breeding farm as part of the name. The name Mangalarga comes from the farm, Hacienda Mangalarga, which acquired stock from Campo Alegre and swelled interest in the horse among local ranchers.

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Andulo de Jodelinga
Brazilian stallion, seven years old



Joanito de Rosal
a Summerwind stallion



Franeca de Lusomilica
a Lil Pad gelding, a summerwind stallion



Barry Reis de Miami
a Summerwind mare, our embryo donor