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picada features lateral movement of the legs, the batida is on the diagonal. Either provide a super comfortable ride, and personal preference and terrain determine which you use. The Marchador does not trot or pace, but moves easily from the marching gait into a beautiful canter."

In addition to his smooth gaits, the Marchador has been bred with a work ethic and stamina that suits the trail. In 1994, the Marchador entered the Guinness Book of World Records for Endurance Ride, with 8,694 miles.

On the trail: The Kelleys own and operate Summerwind Marchadores, with 14 Marchadores. "We live in the Southwest and love to ride trails in Monument Valley," Lynn says. "We're also moving some of our horses to our new ranch in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, and we're looking forward to riding in the Rockies, too! They were bred to

Left: The Marchador is named for the smooth, marching gaits unique to the breed — the *marche picada* and the *marche batida*.

Below: Owners say that Marchadores — such as this irresistible foal — are smart and sweet-natured.



work, and their athleticism and surefootedness on the trail is reassuring.

"The smooth gait of the Marchadores seems to please riders of both gaited and nongaited horses," Lynn adds. "But perhaps most of all, we love the Marchador for their intelligence and sweet temperament. They like to put their energy and enthusiasm to use! We've found our perfect horse in the Marchador." **TTR**



Bossa Nova de Miami, owned by John and Lynn Kelley, co-founders of the United States Mangalarga Marchador Association.

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Breed evolution: The Mangalarga Marchador originated in Brazil in the early 1740s, when the

foundation stallion Sublime was crossed on Spanish Jennets, Andalusians, and Criollos. His offspring were used to work on Brazil's vast cattle ranches and haciendas. Today, the Mangalarga Marchador is the national horse of Brazil. Strict inspection procedures in Brazil, comparable to Warmblood inspections in Germany, require that only horses of sound conformation, excellent gait, and good attitude are allowed to breed.

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 Montara worked in Brazil and fell in love with the Marchador. When she retired in 2001,

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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 weight 850 to 1,200 pounds.

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