

Surrender to the fascination of the horse **MANGALARGA MARCHADOR** The Brazilian horse breed.



THE HORSE WITH A HISTORY

In 1808, fearing Napoleon's invasion, the King of Portugal transferred to Brazil his court and family. He also brought select stallions from the Royal Coudelaria Alter do Chão, considered the most beautiful horses of the Iberian Peninsula. The stallion "Sublime" was given to Gabriel Francisco Junqueira, the Baron of Alfenas, a rich farmer of Minas Gerais State, who developed the Mangalarga Marchador breed by mating Sublime with Berber and Sorraia mares. The result was elegant and athletic horses. The name "Mangalarga" comes from a farm in the State of Rio de Janeiro, to where some horses from Minas were brought. Its outstanding gait, the "Marcha", completed the name of the breed: MANGALARGA MARCHADOR.

Now, 200 years later, the Mangalarga Marchador is the horse of Brazil, with 387.000 horses registered by more than 5.000 members of the Brazilian Association of the Breeders of the Horse Mangalarga Marchador.

ABOUT ABCCMM – BRAZILIAN ASSOCIATION OF BREEDERS OF THE HORSE MANGALARGA MARCHADOR

The continuous concern in maintaining the purity and developing the breed Mangalarga Marchador led Brazilian raisers to found the ABCCMM in July of 1949. Today, it is the largest horse association of a single breed in Latin America. ABCCMM is represented in the Brazilian territory by 50 regional associations and in the USA by the US Mangalarga Marchador Association. Besides the USA, the Mangalarga Marchador is in Germany, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Portugal, Canada, Israel, Peru and Uruguay.

ABCCMM holds the responsibility of managing the whole breeding process documenting it from its first step, the mating, until the last evaluation of the horse for its final registration. The characteristics of the breed are maintained and guaranteed through detailed and strict procedures used by ABCCMM inspectors when evaluating the just-born and the adult horses.

ABCCMM provides a wide range of services through various media to both breeders and associates. Amongst others, internet www.abccmm.org.br, the magazine "Mangalarga Marchador" and the newsletter "Jornal Tríplíce Apoió".



THE HORSE MANGALARGA MARCHADOR

The MANGALARGA MARCHADOR is a superb athlete; extremely smart and sensible; remarkably reliable and loyal. The most outstanding quality however is its comfortable and pleasant ride. It has a vigorous, healthy and light expression.

Male horses must show height between 1,47 and 1,57 meters and mares, between 1,40 and 1,54 meters. Elegant and strong, they have a triangular shape head, harmonious, well-outlined profile. Large and vivid eyes widely set apart. Neck of pyramidal shape with strong, defined muscles. Strong and deep torso with long, arched ribs. Members are well shaped and articulated.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

Marcha – It is a natural gait consisting of alternate lateral and diagonal ground supports of the members including moments of triple support, promoting incomparable COMFORT in riding.

Docility – The temperament of the Marchador is haughty, though very gentle. It is sensible and affectionate making it a horse for all ages and riders. Its intelligence and gentleness explain its easy training and its quick response to the commands of the rider.

Endurance – This outstanding quality of the Mangalarga Marchador allows him to perform long distances and to confront the challenges of the journey with intelligence, agility and courage.

Rusticity – Due to this important and predominant characteristic, the Marchador can easily adapt to any type of climate and topography what highly favors its maintenance, handling and raising.



THE VERSATILITY OF THE BREED

It does not surprise that with such special qualities the Mangalarga Marchador shows an immense versatility. From its very start, the Marchador was used for long distance trips and sports that required comfort for the rider and intelligence, trust, endurance and courage from the horse. It is still used in Brazilian ranches to work cattle but today its main purpose is the leisure riding, cavalcades, endurance and gait (Marcha) competitions.

It performs well at dressage, mounted archery and it is used in jumping classes for starters and advanced riders. It has been widely used in equotherapy.



ABCCMM BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

During the year, around 160 events and shows associated with the Mangalarga Marchador are held throughout the country. They all carry the official stamp of the ABCCMM. They are Marcha competitions and cups, local and regional expositions, planned and timed cavalcades and functional competitions. More than 70 horse auctions are held per year.

The main event is the National Exposition of the Horse Mangalarga Marchador. The 2008 Exposition gathered 500 breeders showing more than 1,300 horses, in a 10-day show in July, in Belo Horizonte. Besides the tough competition for the best Marcha, visitors, breeders and horse enthusiasts, as many as 118.000, enjoyed the conferences, social events, rodeos, horse riding, restaurants and shopping.

These meetings are also used to bring business people together and negotiate future projects.



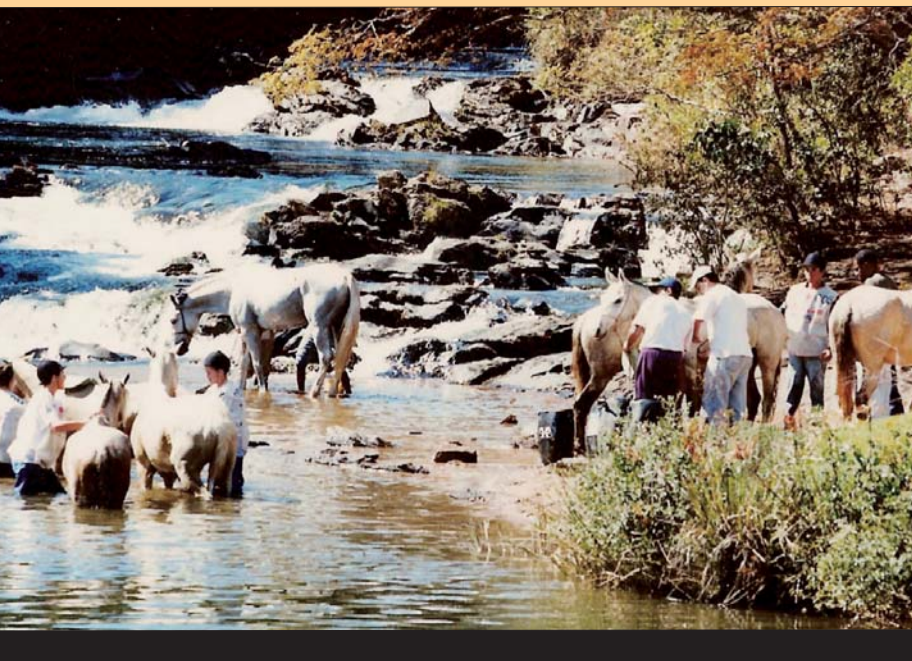
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Equine-assisted therapy – With its gentleness and reliability, the Mangalarga Marchador is the ideal horse to improve the physical, social, emotional and/or cognitive conditions of people with physical and/or mental disabilities. ABCCMM is looking for qualified partners to found a therapeutic center to attend people of all ages.

National Museum – Aware of the breed's historical importance, ABCCMM sponsors and supports the Mangalarga Marchador National Museum and the Baron of Alfenas Foundation, opened in 2009 and installed in Casa Bela Cruz, in the city of Cruzília, Minas Gerais.

Environmental responsibility – In a partnership with the Instituto Biotrópicos de Pesquisa em Vida Silvestre and the Conservation International – Brazil, ABCCMM raises awareness of horse breeders and their employees to protect the environment and maintain wild life.

Caring for the next generation – ABCCMM and the Clube do Cavalo Cruzília are on the way to sign a partnership agreement to implement the Escola de Qualificação Profissional para Jovens Peões, to educate and professionally prepare youngsters of 16 years-old to work with, to train and to evaluate horses in their morphological and riding aspects.



Mangalarga Marchador, a complete horse:
comfortable and gentle with lots of spirit.



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