

Ourofino ElFar galloping
around the tons in the trail



Mangalarga Marchadores in Working Equitation August 30 - August 31, 2012

From August 30 until August 31, 2012 we participated with the vitrine stallions Ourofino ElFar, Pattek de Maripá and Urano de Maripá in the three disciplines of the Working Equitation competition at the Lengelshof in Ratingen.

The disciplines for each horse are

1. Dressage
2. Trail (Prova)
3. Cattle Work (Team Penning)

In the dressage contest the horses had to be good on the rider's helpings and react lightly and immediately. No open mouths, no hesitations and a correct position of the head all the time. They had to show galopp coming from walk (no trot or marcha inbetween), stop out of marcha, do sidewalks etc. Harmony of the movements and between rider and horse was very important.



Urano de Maripá



Urano de Maripá concentrated in the dressage contest

Most horses participating in these contests have been Lusitanos and PREs. It was the first time that Mangalarga Marchadores have been shown in this riding scene in Europe. They all did very well and



Patek de Maripá won the dressage contest

Urano de Maripá jumping



Patek de Maripá even won the dressage contest!

In the trail the horses had to manage the following obstacles:

1. galloping an eight around two tons with a worker change of galopp
2. riding into an „L“ and ringing a bell and stepping backwards out of the „L“ (horse may not touch the bars on the ground)
3. open and close a gait, rider's hand has to remain on the gait
4. slalom through balisas with worker changes
5. crossing a bridge (galopp to bridge, walk on the bridge, galopp to next obstacle. NO trot or marcha allowed)
6. jumping (aprox. 50 cm)

Patek de Maripá jumping



Ourofino ElFar jumping



Patek de Maripá at the gait:
The rider may not loose the gait, the
horse has to be calm at the helpings



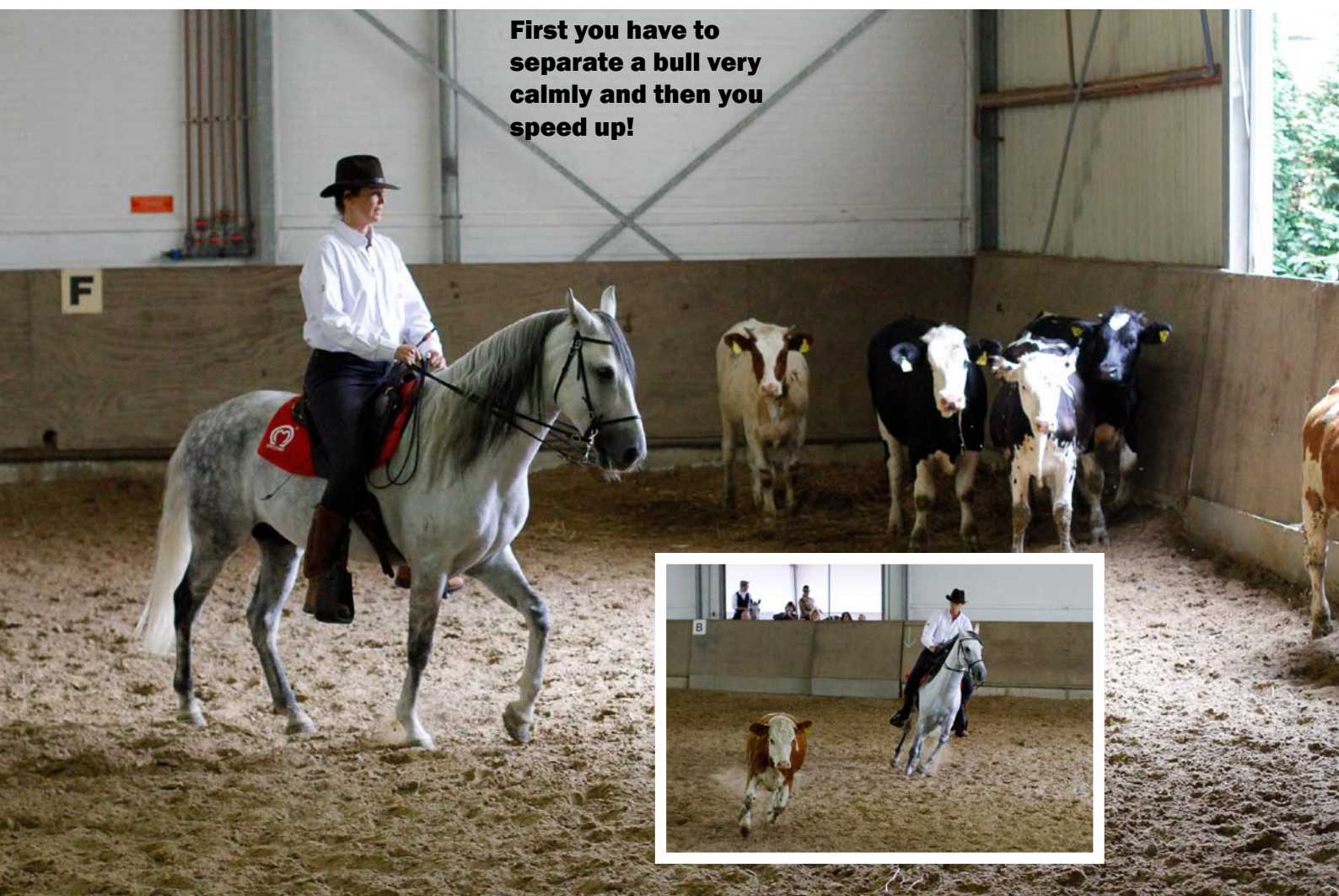
Urano de Maripá in the „L“:
The horse may not touch the bars on
the ground, neither forward in nore
backward out of the „L“





In the third discipline - the cattle work or team penning - the judges point out one little bull from the herd (10 - 15 cattle). Then the rider/horse team has to separate the bull out of the herd and lead him to a paddock on the other side of the riding hall. After he passed the middle of the hall he has three helpers. The bull has to be brought to the paddock within 90 seconds. After 90 sec. without success you will be disqualified. Our times were 21 sec. with Ourofino, 52 sec. with Patek and 63 sec. with Urano. It is also some kind of good luck if you get a „wild“ or cooperate bull.

As Ourofino, Patek and Urano did so well many of the participants asked us to be their helpers during their contest. They said „I want the Mangalargas in my team“! That was a big compliment!



Some of the small bulls were very fast and making hooks like a rabbit. But the stallions paid excellent attention!



Most of the participating horses were Lusitanos and PREs



At the end with the average of all points out of the three disciplines the Mangalarga Marchadores had the following ranking:

3rd Patek de Maripá (6 years)
6th Ourofino ElFar (7 years)
8th Urano de Maripá (5 years)

Many people were asking us about the breed of Mangalarga Marchador. Even the judges wanted to know more about the MMs.

The horses did a great job. It was the first time that they saw some of the obstacles, it was the first time doing cattle work (at least in Germany) and they didn't hesitate or leave us alone one single second.

We were very proud of the stallions and what they did again for the promotion of the breed.

We will continue

Astrid and Dieter

