



BREEDING

THE MISSOURI FOX TROTTER

BREED CHARACTERISTICS

The Missouri Fox Trotter is a horse breed from the state of Missouri in the United States. At the beginning of the 19th century, the settlers in the Ozarks, a very rough, mountainous terrain, began to breed this type of horse. The settlers recognized very quickly the special advantages of the Fox Trotter's gait. Also, the surefootedness of these horses quickly became known, as well as their ability to be used as ranch-horses because of their endurance and the soft comfortable walk.

Miller-Ranch has acquired an international reputation as a successful breeder of Missouri Fox Trotters. Since 1992 Lothar & Monika Rowe have built up the reputation of The Miller-Ranch, constantly improving upon the demands of breeding requirements by using better breeding stock, selected bloodlines of stallions and mares, and healthy horses without genetic defects. The Miller-Ranch proven reputation is based on performance through breeding that is fully committed to the Standards of the Breed.

Only the best horses are selected for breeding. All breeding horses at Miller-Ranch have passed DNA, negative PSSM test, OCD test, Breeding Suitability Test(ZTU) and a Breed Show ZBO. They have also been evaluated by approved Breed Judges of the MFTHBA and EMFTHA and then entered in specific classes of the original Missouri Fox Trotter Studbook.

It is the philosophy and priority of The Miller-Ranch to keep breeding, horse-care, and training at the highest levels possible. Success is guaranteed because the offspring prove themselves as the finest specimens of Missouri Fox Trotters with unbeatable versatility, beautiful conformation, charisma, extraordinary endurance, flexibility, cow sense and exceptional natural gaits and rhythm.

The Ranch supports natural breeding, embryo transfer and artificial breeding (A1). round pen with a freestyle walker and 2 playgrounds. All ranch areas support horse-appropriate keeping and training in entirety.