



About Our Association

The Michigan Foxtrotting Horse Association is non profit group of fun loving people who want to meet new friends and maintain the integrity of the Fox Trotter breed. Whether you enjoy traveling and camping with your horse or entering it in a show, training clinic, or trail rides, you are welcome to join us for fun, laughs, and riding. We also have some of the best MFT stallions and breed owners who can assist you on the purchase and provide you with helpful advice on your fox trotting horse. Remember...To ride one is to own one! Our association plans activities from Spring to Fall.

The MFTHBA National Ride is planned once a year along with other equine related activities.

The MFHA Versatility Challenge motivates riders to display the versatility of their MFT horse for prizes.

Our posted training clinics are educational and guarantee that you will enhance your relationship with your horse.

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The Michigan Foxtrotting Horse Assoc. holds clinics, challenges and trail rides every year, check our website for information go to

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We are an affiliate of the Missouri Fox Trotter Horse Breed Association

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About the Breed

The Fox Trotting Horse is acclaimed for its versatility and sure-footedness. From trail riding to show horse, ranch horse to child's mount the Fox Trotter has earned its reputation as a horse for all occasions. The true Fox Trotting Horse has three natural gaits: the long & easy flat footed walk, the smooth comfortable fox trot from which it gets its name, and the "rocking horse" canter. No special shoeing is required for these horses to perform their gaits, and their gentleness and trainability is making them one of the most beloved of breeds. The MFTHBA was originally formed in 1948, and it was re-organized, reincorporated and located in Ava, MO in 1958. Since then there has been a steady growth in numbers as breeders across the country have worked to develop and market these wonderful animals to the general horseloving public.

Characteristics

The Missouri Fox Trotting Horse shall travel with animation, Fox Trot rhythm and style. The horse shall travel in a collected manner, the head should nod in time with the gait, the ears should indicate the step, and the tail should be part of the rhythm. The step should be springy, consistent and smooth. It should be a gliding gait without swinging. Because of the smoothness of the gait the rider is comfortable for long periods of time in the saddle making it the perfect trail riding horse

Conformation

The Missouri Fox Trotting Horse should stand between 14 to 16 hands in height, the pony MFT should be between 44 and 56 inches with good conformation, and be able to carry weight. It should stand well on its

feet, be erect, wide awake and alert. The neck should be graceful, in proportion to the length of its body and well joined. The horse should have a neat, clean, intelligently shaped head; pointed well shaped ears; good, large bright eyes; and a tapered muzzle. The back should be reasonably short and strong; the body deep and well-ribbed. The flank should be full; and the chest deep and full. The shoulders should be properly sloped and well muscled. The legs should be muscular and well tapered. The foot should be well-made, strong and in proper proportion to the size of the horse. The coat should be soft and silky. For more information visit our website.

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