

# THE AKHAL-TEKE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA ANNUAL REPORT



Preserve, Perpetuate and Promote the Akhal-Teke

November 2015

## 2015 was a good year!

The ATAA has had another year with a [growing Akhal-Teke population](#), an expanding and active membership and exciting upcoming events.

Our Board has been busy, starting the year with a survey to find out what our members want out of the Association. The Board has used the [Survey results](#) to fine tune our year's promotions and what we will be doing the next few years.

We have seen a large increase in Teke and Teke sport horse ownership and horses competing in 2015, and we are trying a Pilot program for our [Incentive Awards](#) this year. After this year's Incentive Awards are done, we will see how to make them bigger and better next year.

If you would like to get involved, either by becoming a [member](#), [volunteering](#) or [donating](#) for our upcoming events, check out the ATAA website at: [www.akhal-teke.org](http://www.akhal-teke.org).

## 2016 will be bigger and better!

Next year we have our:

[Rare Breeds Show](#) and ATAA Conference

[Incentive Awards](#) and ATAA Awards

*"To establish, maintain and operate a non-profit Association comprised of owners, breeders and friends of the Akhal-Teke for the preservation, perpetuation and promotion of the Akhal-Teke and to provide educational activities regarding the Akhal-Teke in North America"..."*

- [Corporate Bylaws of the ATAA](#)



Washington Shoot for the HorseFlicks DVD

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Gulkusi and owner Jacquie Munn

## 2016 Rare Breeds Festivale

June 14, 15th and 16th will see many rare breeds of horses come together at the Virginia Horse Park in Lexington, VA. There will be a day of Akhal-Teke and Akhal-Teke sporthorse classes, along with classes for all the breeds. The ATAA will be bringing in judges for our classes and also having the 2016 ATAA General Membership Meeting at the same time. We will be looking for volunteers to work at the show, class sponsors and more. All Tekes and Teke sporthorses are welcome, ATAA registered or not. Check out the ATAA website for more details!

## You want to bring your horse!

[Yes!](#) The more horses that come the better. There will be national advertising for the event and we hope to get a large turnout. There will be ribbons and prizes in each class, many of which will be special prizes donated by the class sponsors.

## Volunteer

If you would like to [volunteer](#), contact a Board member or the ATAA secretary, who will direct you to the right place.

## Silent Auction

We will have our [ATAA Silent Auction](#) at the same time the Festivale Silent Auction is going on. More attendees mean more bidders! Donate items by contacting a Board member.

## Meet and Greet

Our Meet and Greet will be combined with the Festivale Meet and Greet—more people to get to know!

## Registrations and Transfers

We have printed over 50 certificates this year for [registrations](#). Some are transfer of ownership, some are foals and some late to register. We also have a whole list of new [pending](#) registrations, missing items will be on the ATAA website. New this year is a prettier paper to print the part bred horse's certificates.



## Membership

[Renew](#) your 2016 membership or [join](#) by December 31st 2015 and get in our early bird raffle for an ATAA Logowear sweatshirt. Members receive all Association mailings, newsletters and membership directories and [more](#).



Eron and Hayden Owens with Goklen

## Akhal-Teke Promotional DVD

The ATAA produced a half hour promotional video with the company HorseFlicks, about the Akhal-Teke, in the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC) Series titled 'Extinction is Forever'. The intention of this series is to highlight the breeds on the Critical, Threatened, and Watch categories of the ALBC's Conservation Priority List. As you know, the Akhal-Teke is listed as threatened on this list. This series is to be aired at least 18 times over a 36 month period (it could air as many as 30 times with bonus episodes). HRTV is reaching our target audience.

We had over 27 horses and over 30 people participate in 3 separate film locations around the country. Thank you to all of them!

Some viewer quotes:

*"Absolutely stunning video, every horse person should watch it!"* Sally O.

*"I got a little verklempt (choked up) when you talked about the loyalty and special bond of the Akhal-Teke!"* Susan P.

*"I just got finished watching the wonderful DVD".* Keira W.

**The Akhal-Teke**

This rare and endangered breed is one of the most ancient horse breeds of the world. With classic beauty and a natural metallic sheen to their coat, this breed excels at endurance, eventing, jumping, dressage, English & Western Disciplines. Intelligence, athleticism, and people friendly temperament are the hallmarks of this exceptional horse breed.

But for all its versatility and suitability for many different activities, the Akhal-Teke is an endangered breed. Watch and understand the passion owners have for this breed and why this is a breed worth saving from extinction. You'll learn how you can have a role in the preservation, promotion and propagation of this breed.

Join us on the Web at: [www.Akhal-Teke.org](http://www.Akhal-Teke.org) to find a Breeder near you to learn more about this historic breed. You can have a role in the preservation of the Akhal-Teke by Becoming a Member Today!

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## Akhal-Teke Gait Study

As an ongoing part of a collaborative study on the gaits of rare breed horses, Dr. Molly Nicodemus, of Mississippi State University's Gaited Locomotive Research Program, and Jeannette Beranger, of The Livestock Conservancy, have been working together to collect and analyze video clips of the endangered breeds of horses on the Conservancy's Conservation Priority List (CPL). The most recent findings in this effort are on the Akhal-Teke breed, which is currently listed as 'Threatened' on the CPL. Dr. Nicodemus gave an excellent talk on Akhal-Teke gaits and [her gait study](#) at the 2014 ATAA Annual Membership Meeting and the ATAA is continuing to help bring in more study participants.

## ATAA Survey

The BOD came up with a membership survey, to help us meet the member's needs. We had a pretty good response and are taking answers into consideration as we make decisions. The [complete survey](#) and answers are on the ATAA website.

## Akhal-Teke Preservation

Consider joining us to help preserve and promote the Akhal-Teke. A [donation](#) will support the continuing and growing activities of the ATAA. You don't need to own a Teke to love and preserve the breed. Donate or volunteer on [www.akhal-teke.org](http://www.akhal-teke.org).

# Promotions

The ATAA did quite a few promotions this year, the largest being our [DVD production](#). We always offer members help for expos and have banners and brochures available too. We also did:

## Kentucky Horse Park Breeds Weekend

In May, the Kentucky Horse Park invited the Akhal-Teke Association of America to participate in their [Breeds of the World demonstration](#). At the end of the usual routine, the Akhal-Tekes were welcomed into the arena and then allowed to show some of their special talents. There were two shows on each day. After the arena demo, there was a "Meet and Greet" where the spectators could ask questions, pet the horses, and generally admire them. All three of the representatives were complete gentlemen.

## Tekes on Display at the KHP

There are 2 purebred Akhal-Tekes on display at the Kentucky Horse Park and they take part in the 'Parade of Breeds' there. ATAA members Anne-Marie Rasch and Terri Fender donated horses to the KHP.

## Endurance News Breed Article

Tim Floyd and Cathy Leddy wrote an article on the Akhal-Teke that was published in the August issue of AERC's magazine, "Endurance News". The article is shown on the [ATAA website](#).

As more people discover this horse's intelligence, sensible and sensitive nature, silky gait and callike grace, our breed continues to grow in popularity. Come visit a breeder near you - we all love to talk Teke!

**The Akhal-Teke: Ancient Heritage. Modern Athletes.**

**Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes**  
Dorchester, VA  
425-870-7189  
www.cascadegold.com

**Elizbeth Equestrian Center**  
Lithonia, GA  
770-360-5933  
www.elizbeth.com

**Road Heritage Farm**  
High River, Alberta Canada  
403-560-7033  
www.roadheritage.ca

**Elite Akhal-Tekes**  
Raleigh, NC  
704-843-1119  
www.eliteakhal-tek.com

**Mag. Yellow Ranch**  
Laramie, WY  
970-353-3773  
www.magyellowranch.com

**The Akhal-Teke Stud**  
Shawton, WA  
540-846-1825  
www.akhal-tek.com

**Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes**  
Billings, MT  
406-696-8411  
www.silverhill-tek.com

**Shah Teke Akhal-Tekes LLC**  
Dallas, TX  
214-350-4292  
www.shahakhal-tek.com

**Royal Day Akhal-Teke**  
Shane, WA  
208-252-5543  
royaldayakhal-tek.com

**Tekes in the Water**  
Hickory, VA  
757-277-3855  
www.tekesinthewater.com

**Pleasant Green Akhal-Tekes**  
Pleasant Green, CA  
530-450-9099  
www.pleasantgreentekes.com

## Breed Ad in Horse Illustrated Magazine

The ATAA spearheaded a [breeder's ad](#) in the January issue of Horse Illustrated. They also ran a short article about the breed and had an Association ad in the same issue.

## ATAA Website

The [ATAA Website](#) is continuing to grow and stay active. New articles and news are posted weekly. We own 4 different domain names, all of which link to the [www.akhal-teke.org](#) site.

## ATAA Facebook page

The [ATAA Facebook page](#) is over 600 likes now and has new content almost daily. Member competitions, links to breed related articles and videos and announcements make it a great resource.

## ATAA Newsletter

The [ATAA Newsletter](#) is published 4 times a year and features articles, news, photos, competition results and member interviews.

## 2015 ATAA BOD

Catrina Quantrell—President

Jas Shearer-McMahon— Vice President

Cathy Leddy—Secretary

Amrita Ibold—Treasurer

Betsy Wandler—Director at Large

Tish Saare—Director at Large

Patricia Johnston—Director at Large

Registry Staff:

Amrita Ibold—Registrar

Cathy Leddy— Registry Secretary

## Opportunities

[Volunteer](#) for upcoming events

Write [articles](#) for the ATAA Newsletter

[Donate money](#) for specific events, such as the 2016 Rare Breeds Show.

[Become](#) a part of a positive Akhal-Teke community.

Start and coordinate a Fund-raiser for the ATAA

Handle the [Silent Auction](#) at the 2016 Rare Breeds Show

Translate articles for the ATAA newsletter and/or website

Whatever you can think of!

Contact the secretary at [c.leddy@frontier.com](mailto:c.leddy@frontier.com)