

THE AKHAL-TEKE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA ANNUAL REPORT



Preserve, Perpetuate and Promote the Akhal-Teke

December 2017

2017 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, including a breed booth at the World Equestrian Games in Tryon, NC in September of 2018.

Our Board has been busy with one major promotion and several smaller ones this year; Dressage at Devon, Logowear at The Painting Pony, NFS fund/results and more work on preservation.

We have seen another increase in Teke and Teke sport horse ownership and horses competing in 2017, and our [Incentive Awards](#) continue to be popular. We have voted to increase the amount in 2018's Incentive Awards to \$3000, as we want to give back to our membership.

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.

2018 will be bigger and better!

So far we have:

[WEG 2018](#), [Endangered Equine Summit](#), [Dressage at Devon](#) and more!

"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](#)



Dressage at Devon Akhal-Teke class 2017

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Kurizma—Dressage at Devon Akhal-Teke class winner with rider/handler Sabine Desper and BOD member Pat Johnston presenting the first place award.

Registrations and Transfers

We have printed over 30 certificates this year for [registrations](#). This includes transfers of ownership, foals of 2017 and older horse's registration. We also have a whole list of new [pending](#) registrations, missing items will be on the ATAA website. The registrar and registration secretary continue to work to get paperwork done as quickly as possible.



2017 Dressage at Devon

We had 5 Teke stallions come for Dressage at Devon, most of whom also showed in various other classes at the show

Results

Complete results are on the ATAA [website](#) and were also published in the ATAA October Newsletter.

We had fabulous awards!

[Yes!](#) We had ATAA awards in addition to the ribbons provided by DAD. Silver Hill Ranch and one other anonymous donor donated funds to help buy lovely leather halters for all participants. Saxon Horse Industries Ltd donated a beautiful wool throw (above photo) for the 1st place winner.



Third place in the DAD AT class went to Arslan Jorap, bred by Sweet Water Farms and owned by Trish Urban. BOD member Pat Johnston presented the awards halters.

Preservation

We had a small, but mighty meeting at the showgrounds. Meeting minutes for the BOD meetings and the General Membership Meeting were in the October ATAA Newsletter and are also on the ATAA website here. We are doing more to help preserve the Akhal-Teke, with two of our BOD members attending the upcoming [Endangered Equine Summit](#) in Texas and the publication of several very timely articles in the October ATAA Newsletter.

ATAA Awards and Incentive Awards

The ATAA gave out two awards this year; Volunteer of the Year; Caroline Dudkowski, and Horse of the Year; Diesel, owned, ridden and trained by Laura Spear. We have an online survey to find out what YOU want for 2018's awards! We gave out \$2000 in Incentive Awards for 2017 and have upped it to \$3000 for 2018!

Membership

Thank you to everyone who did the ATAA Early Renewal! The winner of the ATAA Raffle for a Friends Membership to give out was Liz Morgan. Members receive all Association mailings, newsletters and membership directories and [more](#). We can't do it without you!



Katrina Ardiel showing AT stallion Gerald 4th Level at DAD

Upcoming 2018 Promotions

- **AT Breed Booth** at the World Equestrian Games, Tryon, NC, September 11th-23rd. Committee: Betsy Wandler, Caroline Dudkowski, Cathy Leddy. Details coming soon! Donations (which are tax deductible!) will be needed.
- **Dressage at Devon:** Once again, the ATAA will sponsor an Akhal-Teke breed class at Dressage at Devon, one of the premier horse shows in the US. We invite you to participate, either by bringing horses, donating funds (which are tax deductible) or by volunteering at the show.
- **Magazine Ads:** The ATAA has spearheaded a full page breeder's ad in the February 2018 issue of the national magazine, *Horse Illustrated*. The ATAA has a listing in the American Livestock Conservancy Breeder's directory.
- **Website:** Our website will continue to be updated regularly.
- **Newsletters:** We are going to a 3 times yearly newsletter— Spring, Summer and Fall, with our Annual Report coming out in January.
- **Other Promotions:** We are always open to suggestions! Contact a [Board Member](#).

Registration Fees to Increase:

Because of increased costs for DNA testing and upcoming registration coordination with VNIHK, ATAA registration costs will be increasing soon. Watch the ATAA website under "News". Information will be sent out to all members as it becomes available.

ATAA Budget:

The ATAA is in the 'Black' for the third year in a row. Our Board of Directors spends quite a bit of time making sure that we use our member's money for the right reasons, while completing our mission statement of "Preserve, Promote, Protect".

Naked Foal Syndrome Fund

While [Naked Foal Syndrome](#) does not appear to be a large problem in our N. America Teke population, as we only know of one affected foal born approximately 20 years ago in the US, the ATAA BOD has decided to be proactive about this genetic fault.

The ATAA BOD has voted to establish a fund to help owners and breeders test their horses. Working in conjunction with UC Davis, we will offer to pay half of all tests via a coupon code to help owners and breeders to see if their horses are affected and if so, will help with information on how NOT to pass this defect along.

It has been suggested that all active breeding stallions and brood mares as of 2015 be tested and then if any of these horses show a mutation, test their offspring. We can possibly test other horses, but this has been suggested to start.

We want to be able to publish results in the ATAA Newsletter and on the ATAA website, as a resource. Having your results published will be necessary if you want the coupon. You may, of course, privately test your horses at full price, but we do ask that we be allowed to publish those results also. We feel that the more information we have, the better breeding decisions can be made.

The [list](#) of tested horses on the ATAA website has grown throughout the year, with results for 44 horses listed so far, of which only 4 are N/NFS. This testing allows breeders to make informed decisions so we can eliminate Naked Foal Syndrome!

If you would like to add to the Fund, so we can expand this important research, contact a [BOD member](#).

If you need help deciding which horses in your herd to test, please contact [Amrita](#) or [Cathy](#).

Let's stamp out Naked Foal Syndrome!

