

# ATAA Newsletter

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## Your Board of Directors hard at work!

We had decided not to have an ATAA January Newsletter as traditionally it is very slender, and we really have to work to fill it up. Instead, we published our 2017 Annual Report. We might have to revise that decision as SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED since October of 2017.

We are going to have an **Akhal-Teke Breed Booth** at the World Equestrian Games in Tryon, North Carolina in September, see article below.

**Dressage at Devon** will be later in September, with our In Hand Akhal-Teke Breed class open to all registered Akhal-Tekes again.

We have partnered with the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) to bring the **2018 ATAA/AHA Distance Championships** to Henryville, IN in October, see page 5 for details.

### Akhal-Tekes are going to the World Equestrian Games!

### The FEI World Equestrian Games, Tryon, NC 2018

The FEI World Equestrian Games are the major international championships for equestrianism and are administered by the Federation Equestre Internationale. The games have been held every four years, halfway between sets of consecutive Summer Olympic Games, since 1990. Prior to that year, all ten of

We are upping our ATAA Awards again after the member survey was listened to.

Two members of the BOD went to the Endangered Equine Summit in Texas in February, see the articles on page 9.

We have received a **grant** to help us get ALL purebred AT horses Russian registered, so we will be working on that, along with our new program to certify Akhal-Teke Breeders, see page 3.

There will be three BOD openings this year, if you are interested in being involved., contact a current BOD member for information.

These are along with many day-to-day decisions, including budgeting and long-term goals.

the FEI's individual disciplines held separate championships, usually in separate countries. The modern WEG runs over 2 weeks and, like the Olympics, the location rotates to different parts of the world. Riders and horses competing at WEG go through a rigorous selection process, and each participating country sends teams that have distinguished themselves through competition as the nation's best in each respective discipline. At the 2010 Games, 57 countries were represented by 800 people and their horses.  
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We're sponsoring an Akhal-Teke Breed Booth at the World Equestrian Games in Tryon, NC, September 11-23, 2018!!!

ATAA has received a monetary grant from the WWW Foundation! See page 4.

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## ATAA News from page 2

**2017 Silent Auction – Thank you to Gretta Teets for running our 2017 Silent Auction! This was our best one yet!**

We made **\$1202.88** and used an online auction site, that made keeping track of everything much easier than in past years. Thank you to all the donors and everyone that bought items! We will most likely be doing this again this year.

## ATAA Registry Report- Amrita Ibold

The 11th volume of the Russian studbook will come out in print this year in Russian and for the first time in English as well!

It has come to our attention few USA horses are in it.

This is a bigger problem than one might think, because the Russian studbook is a closed one. Some of the USA horses are 3 generations removed from parents that are registered in Russia.

Our board has had many debates on how to fix this problem and prevent half of our Teke population to become un-pure!

The following changes have been made:

- All foals will need to be double registered.
- All parents need to be registered in Russia if it has not been done so already.
- The ATAA has secured funding for hardship cases, either the owner refuses to co-operate, there is no funding, the # of horses that need to be "back" registered is so huge for each young horse the burden is heavy for the owner.

-We have updated the ATAA web with the current prices.

-We have changed the forms for registration and you must sign that you understand the closed studbook concept.

- We have changed the stallion at stud page and differentiated those VNIKK registered and those who are not.

- We now print the Russian registration number of the horse itself on the ATAA certificate, and when the Russian Certificate comes back mail that to the owner too.

A frequent Q & A page is under construction.

And most of all we have created a Breeder Certification program.

We feel this was the only way to bring home the importance of having horses in the closed studbook.

A certified breeder has had all horses VNIKK registered, all breeding stock tested for NFS and filled out breeding reports.

We hope everyone will embrace the importance of the closed studbook, questions can be emailed to Cathy or Amrita.

## Certified ATAA breeders

### Reason:

-To promote the welfare of the breed by emphasizing the importance of registering in the closed studbook held in Russia.

-To educate buyers to be aware of the differences of registrations.

-Create a better market for the breed by

being more professional.

-Encourage breeders to register their horses and test for NFS.

-Better record keeping and more streamlined with Russian registration.

### Requirements:

- All breeding stock registered in Russia
- All breeding stock NFS tested
- All foals registered in Russia in the year they are born
- Records sent in of stallion's breeding activity and mare breeding activity by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

### In Return:

Breeder receives a certificate from the ATAA with a gold embossed ATAA seal mark on it and is marked on the ATAA website as a "Certified Breeder".

Certificate is good for one year. A year is from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

### Yearly Fees:

- Life members \$80
- 10 year member \$40
- Ranch members \$10

### What consists of a breeding farm:

- must be a Ranch member, life time member or 10 year member.
- must be breeding pure bred AT horses

### Future goals for this program:

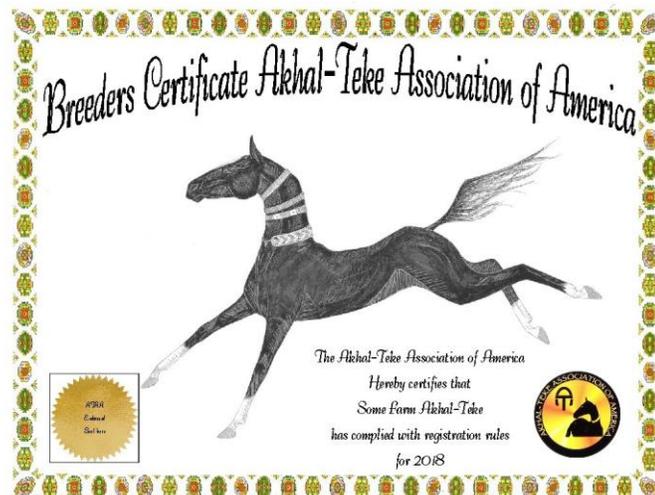
-All horses graded by video by a panel of judges.

### Payments:

Send checks (or use below Pay Pal buttons) and reports to:

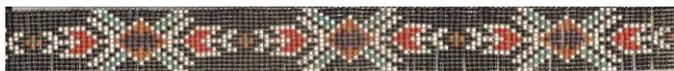
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## The ATAA has received a monetary grant from the WWW Foundation to:

- **Educate** owners and breeders as to WHY it is important to register your Akhal-Tekes horses with both the Russians and the ATAA, not only for awards, promotions and community, but to save the critically endangered Akhal-Teke horse breed from possible extinction.
- **Facilitate** registration of all North American purebred Akhal-Tekes in the closed Russian studbook, before their genetics are lost to the world.
- **Work** with owners to get all purebred Akhal-Tekes horses into the closed Russian Studbook and preserve and protect the genetic stock of the Akhal-Teke.
- **Travel** to collect DNA samples, photos and information from purebred horses for registration in worst-case scenarios.



## BOD Conference Call Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2018

Called to order at 6:05 Pacific Time

Present: Tish Saare, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Amrita Ibold, Cathy Leddy, Gretta Teets, Pat Johnston and Cindy Sither

1. a) Horse Registration cost: We have been running in the red because DNA costs have risen, email discussions on updating registration fees: It has been changed on the website and forms to: \$50/60 for foals in the year they are born (60 is for non-members, unless they join at time of registration), \$50/60 for VNIK registered horses and \$100/110 for all others. Now our costs are covered. Will add an expiration date on form – have 1 year from time of paying to finish registration before owners need to restart and repay for registration.
  - b) VNIK Registration – Figure out which horses need to be VNIK registered. Amrita has found 134 horses in our ATAA Database that are NOT VNIK registered. If an AT horse is NOT VNIK registered, it is NOT considered purebred, nor will its foals be able to be registered as purebred.
    - i) collect ideas for Database, prioritize. Use the Database we have and upgrade? Have a new one built? Use Milena's old Database?

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## 2018 ATAA Awards



ATAA  
Awards  
for  
2015

### Guidelines and Rules:

The awards outlined below are for ATAA members and ATAA registered horses (purebred and part-bred).

A current board member may be asked to step in for a tie-breaker (that is not personally involved with a particular category).

All awards will be chosen based on **nominations** from registry members (a paragraph or more explaining why the individual person and/or horse should be chosen for that award).

Individualized award will be given out to each award recipients (1 recipient per category)

Nominations are due on **August 18th** by midnight (MST) and will be presented at the general membership meeting in September.

### Volunteer Awards:

1. Community Involvement- promotes the ATAA and the Akhal-Teke to those outside of the breed (example: local 4-H or Pony Club)
2. Event Attendance/Breed Promotion- a member that actively helps the ATAA at one or more horse function(s) (example: exposition or show)
3. Publicity- contributes article(s) to one or more ATAA newsletters.

### Horse Awards:

1. Endurance Award: A registered horse that actively competes in recognized endurance or CTR rides.
2. Dressage Award: A registered horse that actively competes in schooling shows and/or USDF recognized shows
3. Eventing Award: A registered horse that actively competes in schooling shows and/or USEA recognized events.
4. Jumping Award: A registered horse that actively competes in schooling shows and/or USEF/USHJA recognized events.
5. Horse of the Year: A registered horse that is a great ambassador to the breed and ATAA by actively competing in any discipline(s) and/or is producing offspring that are actively competing in any discipline(s).

Nominations to be sent to: Betsy Wandler, ATAA Awards Chairperson, [Betsysee@gmail.com](mailto:Betsysee@gmail.com)

## 2018 Distance Horse National Championships, AHA/ATAA Spook Run Open Championships, October 26-28, Henryville, IN



The ATAA is happy to announce that we have partnered with the AHA to bring our members a National Distance Championship! You must be an ATAA member and your horse must be ATAA registered. This will make you eligible for this year's

Incentive Fund Awards of **\$3000!!!**

*Thank you to Amber Erickson and Betsy Wandler for pointing the ATAA in the right direction for this opportunity and a big thanks to Betsy for acting as our ATAA/AHA liaison.*

More information, rules, etc. on the ATAA website at:

<http://www.akhal-teke.org/ataa-news/2018-distance-horse-national-championships-ahaataa-spook-run-open-championships-october-26-28-henryville-in#comments>

### **AHA Conference Call Meeting minutes. Betsy Wandler is sitting in on the AHA conference calls for us.**

Distance Horse National Championships Hosted by the Arabian Horse Association

Conference call March 26, 2017 @ 7pm MST

1. Roll Call

2. AERC Convention Report:

We had a good location for booth, everyone going in and out had to go by. It was well worth it to have the booth, a lot of traffic. Several people associated with other breeds expressed interest for future years to be involved.

3. LD Update:

3-day LD concept at Yellowhammer was well-received.

4. 2018 Ride:

a) Housing Update- will look at closer to date, need to book rooms in July/August. Please let Paige know if you can volunteer. Paige will probably pay for the rooms up front and volunteers can reimburse closer to ride date (or at ride).

b) Vet Update: Dr. Bob Marshall will be back- up

c) Saddle award proposal (Dinkleman saddle): person that makes saddles is terminally ill, so son has taken over the business and is not willing to donate one.

d) Revision of schedule for ride: proposal to change schedule so 50 milers (AHA Championship/other breeds?) is on Fri, 100 milers (AHA championship/other breeds) and 50 milers open (could also be championship for other breeds, depending on what day breed associations would prefer) is on Sat, and 40-mile CTR (AHA/Open Championship) on Sunday.

e) Advertising: AERC/OATS/etc.

5. 2019 Ride:

Still waiting on Oklahoma proposal (Venita(?), OK, less than an hour from Tulsa) can have the ride there but the date is still not set (will be in either September or October). Trail is already worked out. Weather is better in October but may conflict with another popular ride. Will vote on in July because it needs to be decided on before the 2018 ride, so we can start advertising 2019 ride during the 2018 ride.

6. 2020 Ride Site Search:

Nothing proposed at this time, have feelers out but no "hot leads". Possibly Mt Diablo, CA, Virginia City NV (but currently not set up for anything other than 100's). Possibly "Best of the West" Casper, WY (Race of Champions concept, currently details being worked out for inaugural ride in 2019 or 2020).

7. Round the Table (everyone's thoughts):

OATS- no CTR rides this year  
AERC- riders at 2017 ride were impressed and many voiced their interest in attending this year, too. Appears the National Championship Ride is pulling riders from both east and west coast.

8. Next conference call: Monday April 23, 2018 @7pm MST

Call ended @ 8:17pm

### WEG 2018, From Front page

In 2010, a group of Akhal-Teke breeders put together a booth at the WEG in Kentucky and it was a huge success. Many thousands of people came by the booth and found out about Akhal-Tekes. We distributed thousands of brochures and hundreds of DVDs, along with talking to each and every person that we could.



*Our booth at the 2010 WEG at the Kentucky Horse Park.*

The ATAA has been thinking about having an AT booth at the 2018 Games for the past few years and we are now making it happen! We figured out approximately what it would cost and gave ourselves less than 2 weeks to get the necessary pledges to get us to WEG. We were over our target amount within 4 days!

Thanks to our amazing Teke family we will have an Akhal-Teke Breed Booth at the World Equestrian Games in Tryon, NC from September 11-23, 2018.

As of this writing, our pledges and donations are \$6975, and we have made the down payment on the booth. But, we will need more! We still need to decide

on a booth layout, get our information to the site, and many more things. YOU can help.

We need a volunteer coordinator, volunteers to help man (or woman) the booth during the entire Games, set up, take down, a possible AT demo during the Games (still in progress), and many more items.

We are partnering with The Equus Survival Trust to accept tax deductible donations and you can donate in two places:

### To donate for the Akhal-Teke Breed Booth at the 2018 World Equestrian Games, you have three options:

- **Donate without getting a tax deduction** – this is directly to the ATAA, [HERE IS THE LINK](#). If you do this, please realize these funds are NOT tax deductible. But they would be appreciated and used anyway! Or, send a check to Amrita Ibold, 2097 W. Valley Rd, Friday Harbor, WA 98250. Or go to <http://www.akhal-teke.org/donations.html>
- **Donate through the Equus Survival Trust. EST is a 501c3 and as such, donations are tax deductible** within the scope of the IRS regulations. Donations by check or via the EST website PayPal "Surprise Us" option are acceptable for this ATAA fundraiser. All donors will receive a written receipt for tax purposes. Donations to EST for ATAA must be earmarked STRICTLY as follows: "Donation to ATAA". [DONATION BUTTON IS HERE](#). Send checks (made out to EST noting they are for the ATAA) to Equus Survival Trust, 525 Bartley Road, Lowgap, NC 27024
- Make **sure** you note that the funds are a donation to the ATAA please. We have made the down payment on the Akhal-Teke WEG Breed Booth and will keep everyone updated as we go along. We will be contacting people that have pledged shortly, but you can certainly donate more! Thank you from the ATAA and EST.
- We'll see you in September at WEG!



## **BOD Conference Call Minutes from page 4**

ii) Ideas to facilitate registration- Possibility of breeding licenses for horses, but we can't force people to get a license. Discussion. We need to continue to educate our breeders on WHY they need to both ATAA and VNIHK register their horses. The April ATAA Newsletter will be about why to register with both, consequences and how the ATAA will facilitate these. Have a FAQ page on ATAA website. Discussion continued via email, tabled.

We have been awarded a \$20,000 grant by the WWW Foundation, need to figure out how to get the money with the least amount of effort as we are not a 501 (c) 3 organization, but a 501 (c) 5.

c) Communication with Nadezda- still slow, Amrita will request a meeting with her in Turkmenistan.

### **2. WEG**

- a. Cost – Total will be around \$7362, hoping that Equus Survival Trust (EST) can pitch in 1/3 of amount.
- b. Partnering – talked to EST, doesn't look likely
- c. Housing main volunteers – Betsy is working on that. We would like to be able to provide transportation and housing at least to the main volunteers. We will see.
- d. AT or Rare Breeds Demo – have interested people, need to pull a proposal together and pitch it.

2. Grading – New ATAA member Tammie Champie has volunteered to go over all our information with her mother (who has been a horse show judge for years) and come up with proposal. All information we have so far has been sent to them.

3. The Livestock Conservancy (TLC) Endangered Equines Summit- February in Texas. Pat Johnston went as the ATAA liaison and Jas Shearer-McMahon went as the AT Endurance representative – Report on Summit, Pat and Jas

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> night- meet and greet, Pat met with Adam Dixon who is on the BOD of TLC
- b. Peer reviewed science – AT's in most horse's pasts
- c. About 100 people came, many from Texas A & M
- d. Gus Cothran talked about importance of mapping DNA, Pat will follow up with him on AT mapping.
- e. English sperm bank was brought up and talked about.
- f. The ATAA isn't alone in our struggles to revitalize and promote a rare breed

- g. Breeder Education – technical assistance can be provided to association and registries
- h. Arabian association is interested in helping rare breeds, suggestion of Arab shows with Caspian and Teke classes to widen their base.
- i. Marketing and outreach was discussed
- j. Amrita talks about DNA mapping- allele mapping, Cleveland Bays have a program already. Recommendations for ATs – 30 horses mapped for \$1000 will give us a snapshot of how healthy our population is.
- k. Semen bank was talked about at conference  
Pat would like to represent ATAA with Livestock Conservancy

**MOTION: Jas motions that Pat be ATAA liaison with the Livestock conservancy. Cindy seconds. Passed**

4. Online Registration Database- Ongoing discussion of how to have a useable online registration database for our membership. Buffalo Girls Database online AT database, developed by a private party, the ATAA could buy it.
  - a. It is open source, meaning it's durable, wouldn't need to pay for upgrades
  - b. RB Survival Trust in England has one, but there are fees involved.
  - c. Estimated cost of Buffalo Girls database to buy and upgrade for us- \$10,000
5. ATAA Brand- ongoing discussion about having an ATAA brand available to our members.

**MOTION: Cathy motions that we trademark the horseshoe and T from our logo  as our ATAA official brand. Jas Seconds. Approved. Cathy will work on it.**

6. Stallion at Stud Catalogue- No further info. Tabled for next meeting. Tish would be willing to help Gretta.
7. ATAA Awards. A survey was done by Caroline Dudkowski about what members would like. Information discussed.

**MOTION: Pat motions to expand the ATAA Awards. Gretta seconds. Approved.**

Budget to stay the same (\$250), Betsy will do something up for April newsletter, run past BOD first.

8. 2018 Budget – discussion of our Clubs and Associations Insurance – carrier no longer working in WA state. Suggestion; use a different BOD member's address. Done.
  - a. Have our yearly ATAA General Membership meeting during WEG

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**BOD minutes continued from page 7**

- b. Possibility of amending budget if WWW Foundation grant money comes through (which it did shortly after the meeting, budget was amended)

**MOTION: Tish motions that we approve 2018 budget with the contingency that we will get at least \$6000 in pledges for WEG by March 9<sup>th</sup>, or we delete the WEG line item. Gretta seconds. Approved.** (We reached \$6785 in pledges by March 8<sup>th</sup>, fyi)

Pat noted how much work the BOD has gotten done already in 2018! We will have conference calls as needed.

**MOTION: Cathy motions to adjourn at 7:45. Tish seconds. Approved**

### 2018 ATAA Budget

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Actual 2017 Expense</b>	<b>Proposed 2018 expense</b>
Insurance	\$661.00	\$661.00
Website	\$67.80	\$100.00 (to cover any increases)
Professional Services, Reg. Agent/Trademark	\$474.00	\$350.00 (extra to trademark AT brand)
Printing/Mailing/Supplies	737.22	\$800.00
Awards		
Member Awards	\$250.00	\$250.00
Incentive Fund	\$1000 (2016 awards)	\$2000.00 (2017 awards)
Advertising		
DAD	\$500.00	\$500.00
Livestock Conservancy Ad	\$75.00	\$75.00
Other Print Ads	\$272.00	\$500.00
Promotions	\$500.00	\$500.00
WEG/Conference	\$671.79	\$10,000- pledged \$6875 3/9/2018
Russian Registration Fund	\$0	\$20,000- grant?
DNA/NFS	\$1434.00	\$1500.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$6502.77</b>	<b>\$37,236.00</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>Actual 2017 Income</b>	<b>Proposed 2018 Income</b>
Membership	\$3766.63	\$3800.00
Registration	\$1707.70	\$1200.00
Conference	\$200.00	\$250.00
Donations	\$621.38	\$500.00
Logowear/Painting Pony	\$85.69	\$100.00
Silent Auction	\$841.10	\$400.00
WEG Donations		\$6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7222.50</b>	<b>\$12,250.00</b>
From Grant		\$20,000
From Savings for WEG		\$4,986.00
<b>Total including Savings</b>		<b>\$37,236.00</b>

**Current Assets as of 12/31/2017:**

Checking Account: 12/31/2017 \$2300.90

Savings: 12/31/2017 \$18441.64 (includes CD of 10221.53)

Total assets as of 12/31/2017 2300.90 + 18444.64 = 20745.54

\*Note: the 2018 budget proposes to deplete savings by \$4,986.00 and the RR fund depends on the WWW Foundation Grant (which was approved).

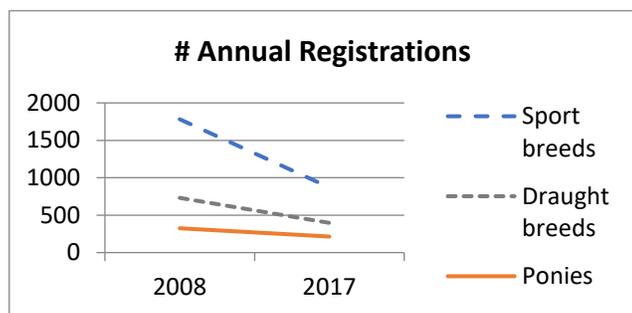
## TLC Endangered Equine Summit Reports



ENDANGERED  
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THE LIVESTOCK CONSERVANCY  
PARTNERS WITH EQUINE BREED  
ASSOCIATIONS TO SAVE RARE BREEDS

Annual registrations of horses in the United States have declined precipitously over the past 10 years, and waning interest in equines has imperiled rare breeds. Foal registrations have declined 50% since 2008. Endangered breeds of donkeys have experienced similar declines. Urgent actions are necessary to reverse these trends.



At The Livestock Conservancy's Endangered Equine Summit, representatives of 50 breed associations, the sport horse community, and equine scientists gathered to develop strategies to protect endangered equine populations for the future. Advances in assisted reproductive techniques were of special interest. Participants also developed recommendations for improved marketing and communication.

A clear message from participants is the need for an umbrella group such as the Livestock Conservancy to coordinate these efforts. Important partnerships with the American Horse Council and National Animal Interest Alliance also emerged from this joint work.

### Among the recommendations for next steps are:

- Develop marketing skills of owners and share best practices that succeed
- Work within breed associations to build new interest and demand, not only among people who are already interested in horses, but by creating hands-on opportunities for the "non-horse" public

- Establish regional ambassadors and collaborative marketing initiatives among breeds and with sport disciplines
- Use DNA analysis to identify genetic diversity and secure it within each breed
- Establish a national equine semen collection to preserve genetics for an unknown future
- Improve availability of breeding and genetic advice for equine breeders and owners

A White Paper summarizing the recommendations will be made available to you by early April, along with new on-line communication venues to share resources. The Livestock Conservancy and its partners, the newly formed Endangered Equine Alliance, will seek funding through grants and interested donors to take action for the future of endangered equines. Please contact us if you wish to be included in the forefront of this effort.

## The Road Ahead: A Summary of the Endangered Equine Summit

By Tomlyn Grey, edited by Gretchen Patterson *Thank you to Tomlyn for letting us reprint this. Editor.*

On February 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> 2018, The Livestock Conservancy hosted an Endangered Equine Summit at the Hildebrand Equine Center, Texas A&M University in College Station, TX. The purpose of the summit was simple: to bring together breeders, organizations, and registries representing rare and endangered horses and donkeys to come up with ideas and suggestions to help the dwindling numbers of ALL endangered equines. The summit was by invitation only and included guidelines in every packet. Jeannette Beranger restated the guidelines and goals for the summit before the Saturday morning panels: The setting aside of egos and personal agendas, to come with open minds and hearts, to set individual opinions aside, and let go of old politics. They also stated that there would be no competition between groups and representatives were to remember that everyone shares the same problems. This summit was planned carefully with intentions of keeping human bias in check and making the horses the number one priority.

After Friday night's meet and greet, the next day and a half was a whirlwind of panels, presentations, group sessions, and brainstorming. We were introduced and allowed to question everyone who came before us:

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### ***The Road Ahead from page 9***

Dr. Gus Cothran, PhD, Department of Veterinary Integrative Biosciences and College of Veterinary Medicine and Bioscience at Texas A&M; Tullis Matson, Trustee of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust in the United Kingdom and Managing Director of Stallion AI Services; Cliff Williamson, Director of Health and Regulatory Affairs of the American Horse Council; Tim Jobe, Co-Founder of Natural Lifemanship Equine Assisted Therapy, among others. Each panel and each member of that panel opened our eyes to innovative ideas and possibilities that many of us were either not aware of, or simply not aware was in reach.

Unsurprisingly, what faces all rare breeds of horses is the issue of genetic diversity which is also an issue of constant discussion among Colonial Spanish Horse breeders. It was therefore not surprising that the first panel consisted entirely of geneticists and one AI expert. Through this panel, we learned that semen could be harvested from a stallion even post-mortem using epididymis sperm collection. The stallion, immediately after death (including euthanasia), needs to be castrated and the testicles shipped within 42 hours to the nearest lab which can process semen collection. We also learned that even if a stallion's sperm does not freeze well, it should NOT be disposed and can be used in Intracytoplasmic sperm injection, or ICSI, to fertilize an egg. ICSI in horses has now become so accurate that all that is required is one living sperm cell. A mare's ovaries, and therefore her eggs, can also be harvested and frozen, as can embryos. In fact, a horse can now be cloned from only a dime sized amount of genetic tissue for the cost of around 70,000 Euros (a little over \$87,000). While this price may be high, it is important to note that this price tag is down from 150,000 Euros (approximate cost two years ago) and costs continue to fall. The American Quarter Horse Association, (AQHA) allows cloned horses in the registry and has specific wording in their rules for that circumstance.

Another important aspect about endangered breeds includes the genome. The cost to fully sequence the genome of a single horse is approximately \$10,000. However, to roughly sequence, thirty horses is only \$1,000. What this does provides an outline of relationship, amount of variance, show bad mutations, and frequency of variance and is especially critical in our breed. Running this test within strains would determine how those strain attributes reproduce and running across different strains would also show which strains were closely related to each other. Information such as this could help with the reconstruction of critical and dying strains.

The second panel was more for breeders and technical assistance, but there was a lot to be gained for the breed organization and registry as well. The importance of saving the horses hit home when Debbie Fuentes, Registrar of the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) discussed the falling numbers in AHA. Those of us with rare breeds knew our numbers were dropping. I heard from various Spanish Mustang registries that registration numbers were low, but when a large organization such as AHA tells you, and shows you, that their numbers are dropping as well...it is hard to decide whether to be relieved or scared. Patti Strand of the National Animal Interest Alliance, where 80% of their membership consists of dog organizations and registries, stated even pure-bred dog registrations have also decreased. An appropriate term coined actually comes from the Paint Horse Association is: "Flat is the new up." Meaning, even if a registry, any of them, were to break even from one year to the next, that number should be looked upon with the same approval as registrations rising.

AHA also has been using parental verification since the early 2000s, and before that was using blood typing. Verification is used to identify a horse and has worked with remarkable success in saving some "lost" horses over the years so long as the horse was already registered. Reasons like these are why several of the geneticists from the first panel strongly encouraged the use of parental verification with rare breeds whenever possible. The addition of testing can be costly not to mention time-consuming. One of the ways AHA manages this cost is to perform most of the lab work, rather than rely on the individual owners. The laboratory costs are calculated and added to the registration fee. AHA also has an option to have blood typing or parental verification done without registration, which allows the registry to add horses to their database. Currently, the only registries using any parental verification within Colonial Spanish Horses is the American Heritage Horse Association (AHHA) and the Spanish Mustang Registry (SMR). However, SMR is now a closed registry, and AHHA will not accept some strains and has a specific focus on Barb and Northern body types.

Fuentes also brought up the value the half-Arabian section had added to their breed as a whole, and how those rules were set up to encourage the breeding of half-Arabs to full Arabs. These horses, like the purebreds, must be parentally verified, but only on the purebred side. This method encourages interest in the Arabian breed, and they find that when people are crossbreeding Arabs, it is often for a purpose – not to mention generating additional income for the registry. Currently, only the American Indian Horse Registry (AIHR) and the Spanish Barb Horse Association (SBHA) offer registration options for part-bred Colonial Spanish

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horses.

The horse industry is constantly changing, and even under attack, because of legislative changes in federal and state regulations. Some of our rarer strains know this, such as the Bankers of Corolla and Shackleford Islands of North Carolina who had laws passed to receive protective status. But, there is a resource that can and will help both individuals and organizations stay abreast of what is happening in Congress— The American Horse Council (AHC). The AHC has over 150 breeds and groups plus individual members. They focus on teaching marketing skills, caring for horses and horse people, and focusing on collaboration instead of competition. One of their current programs includes the Unwanted Horse Program. This program encourages the voluntary microchipping of horses, which can also help ID any horses should they ever be lost, stolen, or simply sold and end up in a kill pen someday. This microchipping process is less expensive than the DNA testing, though less informative to the breeds, but could still be used to find lost horses and return them to their owners. An option that registries might consider is to include microchipping information on papers or in a database that is easily accessible. This option might encourage owners to take this security measure. Bryant Rickman credits microchipping as the reason that he did not lose a major lawsuit against him nor the entire Choctaw horse herd. Joining the AHC could make this measure and others easier, as well as keep members up to date with new measures in Congress. Both individuals and organizations, such as registries, can join. When organizations join, their members also reap the benefits.

The third and final panel dealt with marketing and outreach. This panel consisted primarily of people representing various competitive disciplines including dressage, driving, and endurance. The purpose of this panel was not only to encourage breeders and conservators to promote their horses through competitive means but also to simply get their horses and donkeys out before the public in any way possible. Shire horses for instance, which are listed as critical on TLC website, are becoming a preferred mount for some jousts in the International Jousting League. Smaller pony sized breeds, such as Dartmoor and Caspians, have been encouraged to take part in driving competitions with the American Driving Society for years. This is not unlike how many Colonial Spanish Horses have excelled and been encouraged to do distance riding as either a competitive trail horse or endurance horse. These are excellent showcases for the horses, but they should not limit what the horses can do or where they are visible to the public. In other words, try something new! Survey your area and see what is available that you and your horses may enjoy. Any exposure to new people is good exposure.

Another example of using horses is how Tim Jobe uses them to help troubled youth to heal, as well as teaches others how to use horses as a healing tool through Natural Lifemanship Equine Assisted Therapy. Tim uses horses as a tool to identify human thought processes by observing how a horse reacts to a person. He then develops this process as a therapy to help people build a healing relationship with a horse. Similar programs to this already exist in our breeds, such as that used by Mill Swamp Indian Horses and Windhorse Path Natural Horsemanship, and several horses have been donated to equine therapy facilities over the years. However, with the unique “dog-like” personalities of our horses, it is perhaps especially important that we continue to strive for exposure in this area.

One of the problems of rare breeds, in general, is reaching the general public, which shows and competitions will not do. They are excellent for drawing interest from other horse enthusiasts, but for attracting new blood to the horse world, and thus rare breeds, other avenues need to be sought after. Suggestions for this included rare breed expos, attending fairs focusing on the Green Earth and Independent Living movements (such as Mother Earth News fairs), and also taking a page from dog breeders and using “edutainment.” “Edutainment” was designed by the National Animal Interest Alliance to help gain interest back in purebred dogs. It combines new, interesting sports that are both fun to watch and fun to take part in, while also allowing spectators an opportunity to learn about the breeds of dogs taking part in the event. An example that for such an event would be an in-hand version of an obstacle course for horses under 14.2. Some of our registries will even give out awards for doing things that are not competitive but still, showcase Colonial Spanish  
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Horses. These registries are the Spanish Mustang Registry, the American Indian Horse Registry, and the Horse of the Americas Registry.

Many rare breeds and breeders need help or just lack general marketing tools and strategies which can be detrimental to a breeding farm when trying to sell stock, and thus to the breed. One of the main points of easy marketing tools was to have a strong internet presence, especially on social media. Building a strong social media following is important and can be tricky to do, but a few tips and tricks were shared to help get people started. For instance, remember that when people are scrolling through a News Feed on Facebook, they're more interested in the quick thought. The warm and fuzzy picture of horses playing, or a foal sleeping will get more likes, shares, and comments than the serious educational post, so be sure to post more of the light-hearted material to grow your following – that way your serious posts are more likely to reach more people. When promoting, be sure to use words that grab attention. For instance, "heritage" is more likely to gain the attention of people not familiar with our horses rather than "rare" or "endangered." Tell stories about your horses. People who know what bloodlines they desire in their breeding programs want to know about pedigrees and registration papers. But, people who are looking for a trail horse want to know about trying to kill the snake you didn't see on a horse's third ride, and people who want a family horse want to know that a horse will lower his head so small children can pet him. Don't just tell facts – tell stories.

The remainder of the event consisted of brainstorming and group work on several key issues facing rare breeds today. These issues included building interest/demand for our breeds; developing marketing skills for owners; improving communications within breed associations; addressing genetic diversity challenges; exploring collaborative marketing between breeds and associations and creating a national semen repository and collection program. Many ideas and suggestions were made including: the use of an online database to keep up with horses and their current owners; the modeling of a semen repository like that of the Rare Breed Survival Trust in the UK; creating basic social media marketing courses for owners; and assigning a representative to each region of the country to get rare breeders organized and to keep them in touch. The Horse of the Americas Registry has access to the most comprehensive database of Colonial Spanish Horses both alive and dead across multiple registries, their last known owner, and registration numbers (when available). This (work-in-progress) database has been many years in the making by the HOA registrar, Gretchen Patterson. An online,

searchable database is not currently available. For more information concerning the HOA Database, please contact Ms. Patterson at [glpatterson62@gmail.com](mailto:glpatterson62@gmail.com)

Funding was another focal discussion point. While some suggestion were excellent points, few of them come without an equally impressive price tag. Ideas to raise funds were, thankfully, just as far and wide as the group gathered themselves. Some suggested a 501c non-profit that could do fundraising. Others suggested charging for farm tours to help raise funds. Some suggested grants, with assistance from the Regional Association of Grant Makers (RAGM). Even crowdsourcing and t-shirt sales were suggested. There were enough ideas that it became clear that when you have enough people working together towards the same goals, you will most certainly find a way to make those goals a reality.

In the long run, what we all learned is that we all suffered the same problems on some level or another. But we found that by helping each other, and talking to each other, we could do a great deal of good. And if we can do so much good, and share so much knowledge, for the sake of saving horses across breeds, why can't we do that across our breed? So, let me end by issuing you, my fellow conservators, this challenge. Over the next 12 months, work to bring horses together. Work to share your knowledge, your horses, and your heart with others. If you have a stallion, charge less for breeding to a pure Spanish mare. If you are part of a registry's board of directors, reach out to another registry and offer to host an event in conjunction with them this year. If you are with an educational organization, take your horses to school one day and teach your kids about our horse's rich past. We did not get into this breed to fight among ourselves. We did not do this to inherit the bitterness and the grudges of the Mustangers who came before us. We are here for amazing Spanish horses with the ***continued on page 20***



# Still hoping for the next Absent? Reflections on the marketing of Akhal Teke horses

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It probably happened to all of us: one day, we fell in love with the Akhal Teke horse. The reasons might be very different, but now that we're attached to this breed, many of us feel the need to promote the breed and show the whole world what fantastic horses these are. But what does it really mean 'promote the breed'? Promote what exactly? To whom?

For many breeders and 'supporters', promotion should work through sports, and to even reach a bigger awareness: top level international sports. Hopes are high to see an Akhal Teke walking in the footsteps of Absent and reaching out for the next Olympic gold. But Absent is long dead and for over half a century now we're deploring the fact that no other Akhal Teke could make it to the same level, be it in dressage or any other discipline.

In my opinion, we should stop thinking in terms of 'top level' and, instead, focus the marketing on the versatility, rideability and – why not – also the character of the Akhal Teke horses. The Teke has so many qualities, some might perform very well in a given discipline, but – and better accept it if you don't want to feel miserable – the breed as such will never be a first choice for a top-level rider – and maybe that's for the best.

The Akhal Teke community seems to be obsessed with the idea to prove to the world that the Akhal Teke horse is a top-class performance horse and excels in the classical equestrian sports – if only a top rider was willing to train the horse and take it up to international level. Is that so? What we see in the top-level sports competitions are horses bred, selected and trained for a very specific purpose – today more than ever before.

## **A look at modern sports**

In my eyes, it is extremely naïve to believe that, today, any Akhal Teke would have the slightest chance to head for Olympic gold. Yes, Absent did it – more than once. But it was back then. Since then, dressage tests themselves and the horses used for it have changed enormously. As sad as it might seem, I seriously doubt that any of the horses competing in 1960 in Rome would have any chance to perform against the highly specialized modern dressage horses with their perfect topline and neck and almost exalted, uphill movements. Now look at the horses used half a century ago: long backs, poor topline, very average movement compared to modern standards.

Highly effective to cover more or less long distances at high speed, the body of the Akhal Teke is not predisposed for collection work. A good rider will be able to teach his Teke to shift weight on the hind legs, maybe even lessons such as piaffe, passage, lead

changes and pirouettes or any other lesson which is asked in a Grand Prix test. But it certainly does not come as easily and effortless as it would be with a specialized breed. To this, we have to add the fact that it is quite risky for a competition dressage rider to present himself with a horse that, by his looks and way of moving, stands out of the crowd. As sad as it is, what is different might not please every judge. But a dressage rider relies on the judges to get his points and win the competition.

Now, seriously, all these things considered: which professional rider would take the risk to choose an Akhal Teke as his next mount for international gold? Now, should we begin to create special lines of breed for dressage, for jumping, for endurance? How would that change the breed? Wouldn't we risk shifting towards a common standard horse and lose what makes the Akhal Teke special to us? And is the gene pool big enough to allow such a harsh selection? Let's have a look at endurance. Most Tekes have a very efficient, smooth way of moving forward and their light body and dry muscles allow them to cover big distances without much effort. Overall, a great potential for endurance. Compared to the Arabian horse, they have a bigger 'frame' and longer strides, which gives them an advantage in covering ground. The perfect choice for endurance it seems, but why do top level riders show so little interest in them?

It takes years to build up a good endurance horse, so better be sure to minimize the risk of failure. It is quite understandable that ambitious riders chose horses from family lines that have proven themselves in this sport over generations. A good performance pedigree, soundness and a perfect confirmation are a solid base for a future endurance crack. To my knowledge, there is no systematic selection for endurance in the Akhal Teke breed. There is no family line or stallion known for passing on extraordinary performance traits in the endurance sport to its descendants (low heart rate, stamina, speed, forwardness). So, selection upon pedigree is not reliable in this case.

Conformation and soundness can, to a certain degree, be achieved by good breeding choices and state of the art managing and upbringing of the young horses. For certain breeders, this is the main breeding goal. Unfortunately for a lot of others, it isn't. So, those good riding horses do exist, but to find them sometimes is as hard as finding the needle in the haystack. With the horse population as scarce as it is, you better love travelling if you're after one of these. And better make sure to have a wallet full of money

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too, because you better be prepared to spend as much money on a foal as you would do for an already trained endurance horse of another breed.

It certainly is no secret that the endurance sport is in the firm hands of the Arabian money. Making money in the endurance sport is selling horses to or training horses for the rich sheiks. Well, it's in their interest to promote the horse of their culture: the Arabian. I don't think that we will ever see the day when one of the powerful sheiks would accept to participate in a big championship on a horse without Arabian blood.

So, why would any professional endurance rider choose an Akhal Teke if it is that difficult, expensive and risky to find a good one and, in the end, you can't get any money out of it?

#### **Now what?**

So, is there really no market for the Akhal Teke horse? In my opinion, it would be a good start to focus on producing sound horses with a good riding horse conformation – without losing the specific traits of the breed. What seems evident is, unfortunately, not the aim of every breeder. And, tragically, not the main criteria in the grading system. It's no secret that some of the highly graded horses are laughing stock in the

eyes of ambitious riders. A sound, well-built horse with a good work mentality will always find a buyer and make the pride and happiness of his owner.

Marketing should not aim at the top-level sports, but the ten thousand of horse-lovers and riders out there seeking a multi-purpose mount. Happy horses make happy riders make happy breeders. If one these horses makes it to top level in whatever discipline, the Akhal Teke community should applaud and support them in any way it can but stop feeling sorry that the Akhal Teke is not considered by most people as top-level breed for sports.

There are many good breeds out there. Some are, just like the Akhal Teke, very versatile and proven to be able to perform quite well. Take the Haflinger, for example, one of the most versatile breeds, present all around the globe. A horse with good bone, selected for soundness and workability. Once in a while, you will see one performing at international level in dressage, in western disciplines, in carriage competitions, vaulting, sometimes in endurance or Eventing. That's a great achievement, of course, but the marketing of this breed does not rely on the performance of a handful of horses that left a hoofmark in the big sport. On the contrary, marketing focuses on what these horses are: versatile.

Think about it.

Noelle Schon

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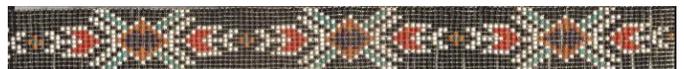


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# Why Registration Matters

By Dr. Alison Martin, Executive Director

This article originally appeared in *Volume 30, Issue 4* of The Livestock Conservancy News.



*Editor: This article might be about hogs, but many of the points are basically the same for our rare breed.*

A recent question from a Livestock Conservancy member raised an important point that may resonate with many of you. "The Guinea Hogs that we have are all unregistered; registration, correct me if I'm missing some important aspect, seems more important if one is wanting to sell breeding stock instead of pork products," writes a member in North Carolina.

Some of you will empathize with him – he's raising pigs for his own freezer, selling to family and friends, and hoping to build a side market for charcuterie, as so many are now doing with Guinea Hogs. Why pay the extra money for registered stock? After all, the folks who raised these pigs 150 years ago on homesteads across the South sure didn't register their pigs. Such a process didn't even exist. And another thing, some breed registries take so long to get the paperwork back, is it really worth the hassle?

Others among you will feel quite differently – you may have spent years working to conserve your own breeds and build their numbers, using breed registration and promotion as tools to encourage interest and value in the breed. Maybe you're the breed registrar and have dedicated hours, months and years to making sure everyone gets their registration papers and helping folks use the pedigrees to make breeding decisions. But why does registration *really* matter?

**Conserving rare breeds.** All of us who raise rare breeds and work to conserve them do so because of the unique characteristics of that breed. Each has just the right adaptation, personality, performance, or appearance that makes it a breed. Conserving these characteristics means mating only within the breed; too many breeds have been lost when the purebreds used to create value in crossing weren't *continued on page 17*



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maintained. The Livestock Conservancy calls this “crossbreeding out of existence.” One of the easiest ways to make sure that you and others are keeping the breed true to its own character is to use only registered, purebred breeding stock, and to keep up with registrations. Breed registries are also the Conservancy’s main source of information to prioritize breed conservation – if animals aren’t registered, then it becomes very challenging to track improvements or declines in breed conservation status.

**Breed promotion.** Maintaining and selecting for breed characteristics ensures that the same things that attracted one breeder will attract new breeders. This is important even to those who are raising their animals for market products. Breeders who work together through the breed association raise the level of awareness for both products and breeding stock. One needs to look no further than the highly successful marketing program for Angus beef. By registering animals, we support breed associations and their breed promotion efforts, which benefit all who raise the breed.

**Raising the value of your animals.** Who knows what the future will bring? Let’s look at theoretical breeder Ms. Suarez, who raises pigs – let’s call them the Super Heritage Breed. She is successful building a market for her animals, is able to increase the size of her herd, and naturally she keeps her best gilts for breeding. As Ms. Suarez learns what her customers want, she selects the gilts who can pass those characteristics to their offspring and who also developed into great mothers. Not only does her herd get bigger, they get better. In fact, in five years Ms. Suarez has a reputation for having really good quality breeding stock, and other breeders approach her wanting to buy a boar. But she never anticipated selling breeding stock, so none of her pigs are registered. Wanting to make extra money by selling registered breeding stock, she asks the Super Heritage registry for the procedure, only to be told that they have a closed herdbook and that her wonderful breeding stock cannot be registered. By not planning ahead, Ms. Suarez can’t take advantage of the market for purebred breeding stock, even as a sideline to her meat business. She has also inadvertently removed her stock from the gene pool, and the improvements she has made to her stock are lost to the breed rather than providing a lasting contribution.

If your current breeding stock is registered, thank you for contributing to the future of the breed! If not, consider getting your registrations up to date or adding some registered breeding animals to your herd over time. Doing so will help ensure that your herd’s legacy will influence the breed for generations to come.



# Farm and Competition Reports

## Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes, Billings MT Betsy Wandler

Thank goodness spring has finally arrived! We have had one of the worst winters on record (for the amount of snow and the frigid temperatures) here in Billings, Montana. We have finally got ourselves unburied (the ground is visible for the first time since early December!), yay! We went through double the amount of feed compared to other years because of the cold.

Due to the severity of this winter, and the amount of time the "2-legged" kids have started taking up in extracurricular activities, the decision has been made to downsize the amount of horses we have and will be breeding for the short-term future. Please take a look at our website [www.silverhill-tekes.com](http://www.silverhill-tekes.com) for the current list of available horses. We will also entertain lease offers as well (for mares or stallions).

On a positive note, we have 2 mares due this spring: Avienda (Salamdor x Amerka) is due the end of May or early June with a Tay Shael (Karar x Aidja Shael) foal and Kazahk-Yurek RHR (Tipyahlenah x Karma) is due mid-May with a MV Mele-Chus (Merdan x MV Manlayli) foal. Avienda will be bred back to Tarek (Tay Shael x Ianka) for a 2019 baby.

Keep your eye out for SH Tayyar Kartal (Tay Shael x Amerka) out on the endurance trails on the east coast this summer, he left for his new home in Virginia about a month ago. We are excited to watch his progress!

Last but not least, we have finally realized our dream of having a magnificent barn! It was built this winter and takes my breath away every time I pull up the driveway! It has been "in the making" for 15 years and is a relief to finally have that dream realized!



We hope everyone has a wonderful spring!

## Lisa Fuller, Tx

Lisa writes: Danny (Magdan – Astrachan x Meshhurlyk) and me are working with Clint Bailey every week- goal is to do great in the Open Division of NATRC starting in November. Danny loves it and is doing great. Clint is a Mustang Makeover horse guy that has a fantastic way with horses and people.



## Dean Miller, Florida



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## Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes, Snohomish, WA Cathy Leddy

Here at Cascade Gold, there have been some changes! My kids have grown up and moved on, so I've had to hire barn help. We've also had some ***continued on page 19***

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changes to the herd here. Anastasia was euthanized late last year at 26, leaving many offspring to carry on her legacy. We sold the two yearlings, Anahita and Menze Khan to some new Teke owners (but not new horse owners) on Lopez Island, WA. I hope to see great things from them! Our 2 older school geldings, Andymn and Arzuw have both found new homes. And as we were down a few horses, amazingly enough, more joined us! Diva (Meshhurlyk) – Sentor x Molnija, 1998 mare, has come home to possibly have a foal or two or just retire. We had a surprise newcomer, Nadiyat Shael – Garant x Gandja, imported black mare. And then, I bought Galadrielle, Miril x JBK Gulkusi, who I have been watching for several years!

Right now, we are working on breeding for 2019: Alamet (Arin x Asalari) is in foal to Sephard Shael, due March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Aishet (Ekemen x Alokol) and Nadiyat are both bred to Sephard Shael also. Fingers crossed!

I am hoping to get to a few rides this year, but we will see if I stay sound. The big event this year will be the World Equestrian Games. I will be heading to North Carolina for at least a week to either set up or take down our ATAA WEG booth and am working on getting all the puzzle pieces in order. I hope to see you there!

### **Sweet Water Farm, WA Amrita Ibold**

Last year ended with going to Devon and getting to see the 2-year-old colt Arslan Jorap bred by us (Kambarbay x Ahlie Rhatan) at Devon. Such a joy to see the foals grow up well and having a purpose in life! Arslan got 3rd place in a class with mature stallions! Very proud of this handsome young man and in 2018 he should have 2 foals on the ground! This spring we picked up a colt we bred to train to the Phantom we build this winter. Komissar Hyrdar is 3 this year out of Kambarbay x Sheherezad. So nice to see how he's grown and well-mannered to boot! He's a joy



to work with and we hope to breed 3 mares to him before he goes home to his owner. We build a round pen this winter, divided up more pastures so we can have more rotation and better grass.

End of April I will be going to Turkmenistan to the yearly breeders meeting. One exciting thing there will be picking up the new 11th Russian studbook! This summer it should also be available in English and should have more pictures of the horses than previous years.

Our foals are due later this year, June and July.

I'm signed up for the first Eventing click of the year mid May!

I wish everyone a happy spring and healthy foals!



### **ATAA Logowear at The Painting Pony**

Over the years, the ATAA has tried a few different versions of Teke Logowear. We did up a bunch of sweatshirts (and there were supposed to be ball caps too) which sold ok, but not great. Also, our poor 'Logowear Chair' Tish Saare ended up with boxes of items she had to ship out.

So, we hemmed and hawed and tried to figure out a way to offer ATAA Logowear to members without us having to:

- a) Do the design work
- b) Find the best prices
- c) Keep items in stock
- d) Ship them out and take care of any returns.

After a lot of looking at different websites, online stores and talking to people, we came up with a simple solution: Let someone who ALREADY has an online store do the work!

The ATAA now has a line of Logowear at the online store "The Painting Pony"! run by one of our own Teke people, Jessica Drake.

The Painting Pony offers all sorts of equestrian (and other) themed items, from clothing to household items and a line of ATAA Logowear designed just for us!

Another great benefit of this store is that the ATAA receives a percentage of every sale made where the customer enters the ATAA coupon code, 'ATAA' at checkout! We have already received the first check for our portion.

So, when you are thinking about doing a little bit of shopping or when you just have to have some ATAA logo stuff, please check it out!

One of the AT themed items for sale at [The Painting Pony](#)



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### *The Road Ahead, continued from page 12*

wind in their hair and fire in their soul. We are here for the horses of Cortez, Sam Houston, Crazy Horse, the Pony Express, Bob Brislawn, and Gilbert Jones. In 2009, writer and Spanish Mustang owner, Callie Heacock wrote about Robert E. Brislawn, Sr. for the *Houston History* magazine. She states: "He was a giant among horsemen, breaking trail for all who continue to conserve his beloved breed which was made possible one horse at a time, by a man with no fortune, but great heart, and great wisdom garnered from years of devotion."<sup>1</sup> From Gilbert Jones: "My most sincere hope is to put as many mustangs...into as many dedicated new breeders hands as possible, [so that] the Spanish Mustang breed will go on for future generations to see and enjoy."

Let us put our egos aside and work on taking care of the future.

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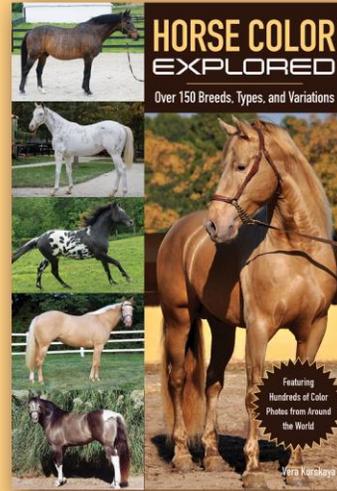
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## Early Renewal Raffle Results

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Thank you to everyone that participated in the Early Renewal Raffle!

Congratulations to Liz Morgan for winning the Early Renewal Raffle and welcome to Amber Bryan, who received the free ATAA membership!



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**Thank you to all our members. We can't do it without you!**

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