

# ATAA Newsletter

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual ATAA General Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet

**September 27 – 28, Devon and Malvern, PA (Dressage at Devon show)**

**Wednesday, September 27:** Informal get together at a local restaurant after performance classes approximately 7 pm, place TBD

**Thursday, September 28:** **Akhal-Teke** In-hand class, approximately 7:30 am. Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet, 7 pm at Homewood Suites, cost (for dinner and beverages) \$25 Each.

**Excerpt from “Horse Colors Explored” by Vera Kurskaya, “Metallic Sheen” published with permission from Trafalgar Square Books**

### Metallic Sheen

I consider *metallic sheen* (*hair gloss*) in horses a separate color phenomenon because it significantly changes the phenotype of the animal and is heritable. This color phenomenon produces a noticeable, permanent, metallic golden or silvery gloss to the body hair (photos 185 and 186). I touched briefly on golden gloss in connection with the chestnut, bay, buckskin

**Voting** on 2 Board Openings – get your nominations in now to Cathy at [c.leddy@frontier.com](mailto:c.leddy@frontier.com)

**Agenda** for meeting to be posted prior to meeting. So far: ATAA Awards, VNIK registration, Trademark and wordmark renewal, 2018 Teke show, Grading, online Silent Auction in time for Christmas, Advertising (jumps, obstacles) at major venues, Grants, any other issues, contact a current **BOD member**

**Akhal-Teke** in classes from Tuesday to Sunday, stay for the day, stay for the week! In-hand (sponsored by the ATAA), Performance (under saddle) various sponsors. For more *continued on page 12*

and palomino colors, but there can be different kinds.

Practically any horse can have a brilliant hair coat when provided good nutrition and timely grooming, combined with being kept in a warm stable through the winter or living in a warm climate. The kind of gloss that comes with high quality care is especially visible on the hips and the neck; however, it can disappear if *continued on page 13*

**Please let the secretary know if you've changed email or snail mail addresses!**

**2017 ATAA General Membership Meeting at Dressage at Devon, September, Devon, PA**

**Run for the ATAA BOD! 2 Openings this year, contact Cathy at [c.leddy@frontier.com](mailto:c.leddy@frontier.com)**

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## Naked Foal Syndrome Testing 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, 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, 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.

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!



As always, a huge shout out to the Board of Directors. The BOD is working hard to come up with new promotions, answer questions and basically help the ATAA become the best it can be. Please contact a BOD member with any questions you may have.

## ATAA News

### Akhal-Tekes in *Equus* Magazine



May's issue of *Equus* has an article on the genetic test for 'Naked Foal Syndrome'. They don't mention that the ATAA has a fund to help with half the cost of this test for our members. You can go [here](#) to read more about what NFS is and what the ATAA is doing to help stamp it out.

**New book "Horse Colored Explored: Over 150 Breeds"** by Vera Kurskaya, published by Trafalgar Square Books, excerpt on 'Metallic Sheen' on front page of this newsletter.



**ATAA Logowear at [The Painting Pony](#);** Items available, we have already received our second check.

### 2017 Yearly Membership Meeting

This year's ATAA Conference will be in conjunction with Dressage at Devon, in Devon, PA, will be September 26 – October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Breed classes start on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, with the Akhal-Teke breed class on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately at 7 am. Our yearly membership meeting will be Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

### Agenda for General Membership Meeting (so far) Agenda to be posted prior to meeting.

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### Awards Sponsorships for DAD Akhal-Teke class:

We have two sponsors so far to buy nice awards for the DAD AT class. DAD provides ribbons, but we like to add something extra! Contact Cathy if you'd like to help. [C.leddy@frontier.com](mailto:C.leddy@frontier.com) or 425-870-9789.

### New Members since April:

- Tanya Rosen**, Individual Member, 516 S. Willson, Bozeman, MT, 59715
- Andrea Hastings**, Individual Member, PO Box 583, Ketchum, ID 83340
- Gretta Teets**, Ranch Member, new address: 10105 Heritage Ranch Rd, Conroe TX 77303
- Jas Shearer-McMahon**, Ranch Member, 2935 Cr. 82E, Livermore, CO 80536

### 2017 BOD openings:

2 Board Openings this year, Catrina Quantrell and Betsy Wandler's terms are up. If you might like to join a laid-back, Teke crazy group of like-minded people, please contact Cathy at [c.leddy@frontier.com](mailto:c.leddy@frontier.com). We do most of our work via email, with occasional conference calls and one yearly meeting. If you've ever thought that "I could do a better/quicker/smarter job" about the ATAA, then please come and run for office!

## My Riding Journey with Diesel, My Akhal-Teke Sport Horse

By Laura Spear

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Most people know me now as an endurance rider, although I have always wanted to Event after growing up riding at an Eventing barn. I met Diesel as a two-year-old, and for some reason I couldn't get him out of my head. I wasn't even looking for another horse. He wasn't much to look at the time, he was going through an ugly stage His head looked too big for his body, partially because his neck was so short which made his back look even longer than it is, but despite that he was put together well. I decided he would be an endurance and or event prospect.

Diesel was bred by Erin Heatherstone. His sire is Kuwwat, bred by Akhal-Teke EST. His dam is an Arabian, Isabella Islam.



*Diesel as a 2-year-old.*

When I brought him home, a barely halter broke long two-year-old, I noted that he would be a handful, and that at times has been an understatement. Diesel is head strong and opinionated, he is also highly intelligent and does not suffer fools. Training him has been a slow and careful process, he is not the kind of horse you can force or take shortcuts with. Instead you have to persuade him that how you want to do things is the way they should be done, without offending him. There was a time when I felt we were far behind where other horses his age were, but we are exploring areas I have never been and doing things I have never done. I still do not know where our journey will take us, but we are having fun along the way.

I started Diesel as a three-year-old, very lightly When he turned four I began his long slow distance work. We slowly built up from 'baby' hill work to summiting Mt. Pisgah. I figured whichever direction we would go, a strong foundation of long slow distance work would build the correct muscle, give him a base level of fitness and strengthen and harden his legs would be the most beneficial. He has done more long slow work throughout his training than anything else. We spent most of his fourth and fifth years doing long slow distance work. We did dabble in dressage shows. I have never done much fast work with him because, to put it lightly, forward isn't a problem for Diesel.

At six years of age I started him over fences. It wasn't because I didn't want to jump him, but rather because I wanted him to be sound into his later years. At three I watched him jump out of a four-foot gate, bounce equally as high blackberry bushes and jump out of numerous fences and gates. I knew the talent was there. That year I took him to his first little Horse Trial at Inavale farm and did the intro division. We continued to do local dressage shows and jumper schooling shows. As a six-year-old, we moved up to Beginner Novice and we did our first USEA recognized Horse Trial at Inavale Farm placing 6th.

My goal was to move up to Novice this year, I spent much of the winter working on our dressage work. A fellow trainer encouraged me to try to show at First level in the Spring. Seeing as Diesel dislikes being told where to put his body, dressage is difficult. He also always gets marked down for submission. I do not force him into a headset or frame, that comes from when he is correctly using himself. Multiple people have told me he is difficult after giving us a lesson, not that he doesn't have talent or potential, but unlocking it is more of a challenge than with other horses. Yes, he isn't an easy horse but then it wouldn't be as much fun, now would it? Dressage is a long road for us, starting with rhythm, which Diesel lacks naturally. Faster is his response to everything. We also began jumping higher and attending as many jumper schooling shows as we could.

All of our hard work began to show at the end of April. We went to a jumper schooling show, showing in three classes; 2'6" to 3'/3'3". Diesel did well in those, putting in solid rounds. Then the next day we went to a dressage schooling show, showing Training 3 and First 1. We improved our scores dramatically from the first outing at First 1. The following weekend I had been asked to accompany my friend on their horse's first 25-mile Limited Distance Endurance ride at one of my favorite rides, the Still Prineville ride. It is a difficult ride, one that I had top 10 finishes on the 50 the last 3 years with my Appaloosa.

I was only able to do two prep rides beforehand. I knew Diesel had been 25-mile fit the end of last year, he had handled a 10-mile fun ride really well late in the season. We hadn't done much trail work while we were focusing on dressage, however he does have an extensive long slow distance base. He handled an 8-mile training ride rather well, and I figured he was closer to a slow 50-mile fit. My friend ended up not being able to come so Diesel and I went alone. Off to his first 25-mile Limited Distance endurance ride at the Still Memorial ride!

As I figured, he was rather forward at the beginning of the ride. They had had to move ride camp from the usual spot to out near the vet check, this meant the

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### *My Riding Journey continued from page 3*

beginning of the trail was rather flat while the second half was the hills and technical trail. Diesel settled into his stride after a few miles, he had walked out of camp like a good boy, something I feel is very important. Once he was settled, I was able to ride him on a loose rein, using mostly my seat to guide him. We ended up in a group of other riders, leading, following and being the cream filling in between. One of the other riders gave us a huge complement, that Diesel had a nice calm relaxed way of going and that they liked how Diesel rated himself on the trail, also that I was a good rider. For a horse that had struggled with rhythm, this complement was huge. Diesel pulsed down well and went about eating. After our hold, we were off again. He handled the hills well, I did hand walk him down the steep, rocky hill. I had a lot of horse left after we climbed the hills, the only issue with him wanting to be a slug as we walked. He had no problem leaving a horse after the final hill, going out on our own again. We ended up just moments shy of a top ten placing, placing 11th.



*Laura and Diesel at the Still Memorial Ride, Out of Steam Photography*

The beginning of June we did our first novice level unrecognized Horse Trial, again at Inavale Farm. (it is the only one in Oregon) I was a bit worried about cross country, since we had an unusually wet winter the cross-country course opened late and we only had one schooling. His dressage test was good in the first half and the second half he wasn't cooperating as much, nothing horrible but not as relaxed and using himself. The show jumping was a piece of cake for him. Out on cross country he did stare too long at the jump judge and ended up running out of the second fence because of that. He really settled into his stride and began to lock onto the jumps and jump them without hesitation. It gave me a glimpse at what he is capable of once he is a bit less green over large solid fences at speed. We placed 6th in our division.

We did another schooling show, this time at the Oregon Horse Center on their new derby course. In contrast to the one day at Inavale, Diesel really

showed just how green he is on cross country with a couple run outs. However, these were jumps he had never seen before, and at least he had jumped most of the jumps at Inavale before when we went schooling.

All of our work cumulated at our first recognized Novice Horse Trail once again at Inavale Farm. It was the hottest weekend of the year so far, and surprisingly enough after completing a 25-mile ride I wasn't worried about Diesel's fitness level nor the heat. My goal for this show was to have a good outing, we were competing in the open division against people who do this all the time.

We had a great dressage test, Diesel was softer in the bridle and steadier in his overall way of going. His canter was much rounder, he was really beginning to stretch into the bridle during our canter circles. We did have some technical issues; our walk transition and halt were a little past their mark and we picked up the wrong lead at first on our left canter circle. While I felt it was a great test for us, the judge was looking for something else. We were last after dressage.



*Alise Lamoureux photo*

Diesel was a bit hot in the warm up for Show Jumping. He did come back nicely and put in a solid round, even if he ran out at the rubber ducky fence. He didn't have an issue with the fence jumping into the sun like a lot of the other riders did. No rails down for us. We moved up two placings. I was worried about a couple fences on Cross Country, a brush log in the woods and a barn jump that had an added silo to one side. We had actually jumped the barn before but not with the silo. I was excited about the long gallop uphill with good footing, something I am sure many people were not happy about. I am after all an endurance rider, hills are kind of my thing. My goal was to stay balanced and in control, regardless if we made time or not.

Diesel had no problem at the first of the scary fences, luckily the brush log was in the woods and it funneled you into the jump with no place to run out. The barn with the silo however, got us. He gave the next fence the hairy eye, and then gave the water  
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jump a good hard thought but went in like a good boy. There was no hesitation after that. Log to step up, no problem. Coop to ditch, no problem. We were over the last and I was super proud of him.



We moved up to ninth out of fourteen at the end, a nice jump after being dead last after dressage. I have never shown Novice before this year, and it is only my second recognized event, I was super pleased with how well we did. We do not take regular jumping lessons, only a handful in the beginning of the year. We do take regular dressage lessons, which has helped focus Diesel. I am not sure exactly where the rest of the year will take us. Perhaps another recognized Horse Trial, or maybe a 50-mile endurance ride. My long-term goal is to compete in a classic long format event with him. Combining an endurance phase with Eventing sounds right up our alley. Along with some endurance rides.



## **Volunteer!**

**The ATAA is run by volunteers, come on and join the fun!**

**Contact a BOD member for more information.**

## Farm and Competition Reports

### Sweet Water Farm Akhal-Teke, Friday Harbor, WA

Sweet Water Farm Akhal-Teke has had 4 foals this year, all by Pan Tau. 3 fillies, Altynai who will go to Montana,



Safinaz will go to Indiana



and Asuda who will be a future SWF broodmare.



Pijk, a colt may become Pan Tau's successor. Time will tell how he grows up!



We went to a dressage schooling show in April with 2 of my friends who board their horses here. I rode Paktaly in Training level Eventing dressage and got 1st place and Desert Prophet in Beginner Novice dressage and got 3rd place. Sarah rode Kegas and got 2nd place in Beginner Novice dressage.

End of April I went to the yearly international Akhal-Teke convention in Ashgabat, always a joy to see breeders from all around the world, the Equine Expo they hold is getting better and more interesting every year. This year the Asian Games are held in Turkmenistan and the airport has been remodeled and was finished...amazing what they did! From the inside to flying over..you can  
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**Bios of Members Running for the ATAA BOD-** We'd like to thank everyone that has offered to run for the ATAA BOD! There are two three-year terms up for election this year. Please read their bios and ballots will be sent out before the September General Membership Meeting, if you cannot attend. We can't do it without you!

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### **Gretta Teets, Texas:**

My name is Gretta Teets, I own Royal Dutchess Farm in Conroe, Texas. I fell in love with horses at the age of 5. Eventually, I migrated into lessons in the sport of hunter/jumpers. I started competing in my preteens and teenage years, growing up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and going to watch the shows at Devon developed my admiration of horses and the sport. During college, I took a break to get my bachelor's degree in business management. I got back into riding in my early twenties after getting married and I decided to purchase my first horse, a draft cross colt named Ghost. I have leased, owned and ridden several different breeds over the years. I eventually decided to make a business out of it and Royal Dutchess Farm was founded in 2014. I started my horse business with two thousand dollars that I had saved up over the course of a few years, which I then purchased a couple of project horses. After making enough money from training, showing and selling horses, I started looking for an investment horse and future broodmare. I had always had a "thing" for Akhal- Tekes and cream dilutes. I had been searching for a long time and finally stumbled upon a sales ad for a buckskin Akhal-Teke mare. I drove out to see her and decided to purchase her that day without even riding her. She would end up being the founding broodmare of Royal Dutchess Farm's breeding program. I require all



*Gretta and Hobella*

of my broodmares to have a show record and extensive resume before breeding. It took me 2 years to decide on a stallion. At which point I picked a FEI level dressage Hanoverian stallion. She continued to compete through her pregnancy making it to 1.05m jumpers and 3'3 hunters. She produced a wonderful huge healthy Akhal take sport horse filly, Bavaria RDF. Hobella is continuing to build her resume in the jumper ring and we hope to eventually get her to 1.25m jumpers by the end 2018. I now breed Hanoverians, Oldenburgs, and Akhal-Teke Sport horses for Dual purpose riding in Dressage and Hunter /Jumpers. I feel the Akhal-Teke breed deserves a chance to show that it is not just an "exotic" breed or

only for endurance riding but a versatile breed that can excel in any sport and compete and win against top bred warmbloods. I don't feel people should rely on pedigree from 70 years ago because it doesn't "prove" the horse can do anything. I would like to encourage stallion licensing and performance tests so that the registry can compete at the same level as warmblood registries. Being a sport horse breeder, the only thing holding back my mares from getting approved into the upper level registry books of warmblood breeds is the fact that we do not have stallion and mare inspections/ performance tests here in the united states. Although my mares qualify for the lower level books and can still produce registerable offspring, it would be nice to be able to represent the Akhal-Teke breed as a viable reputable registry with standards. I love to show that my mare and her offspring are a hardy, level headed, and versatile breed. By getting them approved with various registries gains them more acknowledgement and shows that they can produce just as nice of offspring as any thoroughbred or Arabian by being used to aid in lightening and refining various warmbloods. Showing the breed in various sports, breeding purebred and cross offspring and educating people on the breed are a passion of mine and I hope that I can make an impact with my passion of the breed. I created and admin the Akhal-Teke Sport Horses Facebook group so that the sport horse breeders have a voice and can compare various crosses to see what works and what doesn't, with highlighting their abilities and serving as a marketplace. As well as the Akhal-Teke in North America Facebook groups so that north American owners and breeders can gather to discuss, promote, and market Akhal-Tekes and Akhal-Teke Sport horses. I would like to be nominated for a position on the board of directors and feel my skills and background I can offer an expertise in marketing, networking, social media and knowledge of the breed to insure ongoing conservation and promotion of the Akhal-Tekes and Akhal-Teke Sport horses.

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### **Cindy Sither, Kentucky:**

I have 6 purebred Tekes at home, thanks to the help of April Prunte and Becky Supinger, and 2 part-breds. I use all the adults in riding camps and lessons. I take my Tekes to do as many things as possible, and share them as widely as I can to help promote the breed.

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Cindy Sither, continued from page 6

For instance, last weekend my 2 young stallions competed in their first A rated dressage show, brought home ribbons in all their classes. Last week we had a children's horse camp in which we used 4 of them, and this weekend my horse Garpun and I are exhibiting at Breyerfest.



Cindy is second from the left, sidesaddle on Garpun at Breyerfest. Raw Product photograph

I think we need to work hard to promote our breed to new people and expand our Akhal-Teke community. We need to do lots of things with our horses and make efforts to engage new people. I am willing to help our organization grow to the best of my abilities, and try not to step on too many toes in the process. I just retired and so I can make more time to help.

## Dean Miller, Florida:

Hi, I'm Dean Miller and I live in Florida on the Gulf Coast of Sarasota. I moved here from the UK in 2012, although this is not my first time in the USA. I have

traveled most of the country and lived in North Dakota at one point where I picked up my interest in horses from my uncle. I was always interested in horses, but living in the UK it was an interest only wealthy people could be involved in, so my time in North Dakota allowed me to ride and be involved with horses and enter in rodeos for roping and saddle broncs. Well, when we moved back to Europe that interest was put on hold till 2012, when I moved back to the US and in 2014 I ended up with a young 12- month-old Akhal-Teke cross called Damascus. I had read and knew of the



## Equus Survival Trust at 2017 Equine Affaire



The Equus Survival Trust is looking for Akhal-Teke participants to co-partner at the Breed Pavilion with Equine Affaire, Massachusetts - the largest equine tradeshow in North America. Over 100,000 visitors attend this four day event - November 9-12th.

Activities include a rare breed pavilion with a booth and breed display stall, and three opportunities to present educational demonstrations.

Contact Victoria Tollman for details and costs. Full & Partial Participation slots are still available but limited to first come, first serve.

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Akhal-Teke from books in the UK, but they were always a thing of fantasy and I was like most people who would never believe to see one, let alone own one. That led me to my interest in the AATA and the need to promote the breed at a grass roots level at local events, to introduce them to the public and to dispel the stigma surrounding them and show they are an all-around horse and more than capable of the same feats as the tried and true breeds in the USA, if not better in some respects and to show they are affordable and not some unattainable object. That would be my interest in the being on the Board of the AATA.

***Volunteer for the ATAA!***

***We can't do it without you.***

***Ask a BOD member for details.***

## Farm and Competition Reports

SWF. Continued from page 5

Google the pictures! The horses were magnificent, and the president plans to have his country represented in the Olympic games on AT horses in all equestrian sports!

His jumping team was in Germany during our stay getting professionally trained.

On the farm, Edeelen, as handsome as he is, I decided to castrate because of his non-existing testes at birth. Turns out it runs in his sire line where more stallions suffer from it.

Kegas will go to Montana in August. 2 new horses arrived at SWF from California, Maralle, a 7-year-old mare and her 2-year-old gelding son Tondar.

And as I write this haying is upon us, and breeding, visitors are flocking in and out...so when all the heavy lifting is over..I hope to go back to the show circuit and have some fun!

Hope to see everyone at Devon!

### Magic Valley Ranch, CO

It's been a busy spring and summer at Magic Valley Ranch. Since early February we have had several visitors who are new to the breed and since I have four horses who are ready to trail ride, I have been able to introduce these visitors to the incredibly comfortable gaits of the Akhal-Teke! One of these visitors has been coming to ride and to take lessons from me ever since. On July 1st she got to try her first LD ride at the final Shamrock Ride in Wheatland, WY. She got to ride Patrick while I rode Merdan on his very first LD. It was a success for all involved and I think that I have a new lifelong Akhal-Teke fan!



*Yorke and Patrick and Jas and Merdan*

The rest of my 2017 Endurance season has been going well, Patrick and I did two 50's and one 25 miler in May, two 55 milers in June on the trails that will be used for the AERC National Championship in August and we will be going back to the site of the National Championship Ride later this month for two more 50's. That should be enough to get us prepared to ride in the Championship.

Because I am having so much fun competing, and Merdan is ready to go and do the LD's, I have decided to sell my remaining mares as I do not have time to

compete and raise foals too. Contact me privately if you have any interest.



*Jas and Yorke with Manlayli, Merdan, Gazel and Patrick*

### Ruth Heilgeist, VA

Day old colt, Mylakat x Dogoni bred by Ruth



### Eron Owens, Greystone Equestrian Center, IN.

Arslana (Goklen x Tivolga, Trakhener), High Point at Second Level at Harmony in the Park, May 2017 Recognized Show



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## 2017 ATAA Awards

*To be awarded at the General Membership Meeting September 28<sup>th</sup> in PA*  
DEADLINE: August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

We are trying something new this year, as our Incentive Awards are doing well, we don't want to duplicate efforts. This year there will be only 2 ATAA Awards:

**Horse of the Year – any AT or AT Sport horse that is doing a great job at something (parades, therapy, competition, or?)**

**Volunteer of the Year (not a BOD member!) – an ATAA member that is going above and beyond to promote/protect/preserve our breed.**

Please send your nominations, including WHY you think this horse and person should get the award, to Betsy Wandler at [betsysee@gmail.com](mailto:betsysee@gmail.com). Not just a name please!

## Incentive Awards Program 2017 - \$2000 to share!

The incentive program will only be available for people competing in recognized events (we have been discussing this and look forward to comments from our members regarding schooling and or open shows) If you have comments, please send them to Catrina, email address below.

To participate:

- 1) Must be a member in good standing with the ATAA
- 2) Horse competing must be registered with the ATAA either as a pure or part bred.
- 3) Send in 2 or more pictures from the event (must be 375kb or bigger) (if you placed please send a picture with your ribbon and/or prize)
- 4) Sign a release that the ATAA may post photos and results to our website and use photos in promotions for the ATAA
- 5) Email the link to the results page for the event
- 6) Just sending photos in for the newsletter and/or website is NOT enough (but we appreciate it)

**At the end of the year the ATAA will send you a check, so the more you compete the larger your share of the "jackpot" will be. The amount you receive will be divided out of the set amount in the awards fund and therefore will depend on how many people participate in the Incentive Program. The Incentive Program does not depend on you placing or earning points, it is completely about competing in recognized events in all disciplines and sending in the above listed information to the association.**

**Contact Catrina Quantrell for more information and send your results to her at:**  
[godscavalry@gmail.com](mailto:godscavalry@gmail.com)

## The International Akhal-Teke conference in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

By Amrita Ibold

Every year the international Akhal-Teke conference is held in Ashgabat.

About 25 or so of guests are chosen to be at the meeting. The night before we get to practice how the procedures will go and we are shuttled off to the meeting room. First, we all get a place in line to shake the president's hand and tell him our name and association. Then we all stand on a predetermined spot and have our picture taken. After that we proceed to the round table meeting room and find our seats.



*Attendees at The International AT Conference*

The president of Turkmenistan sits at the head of the round table. We have headphones for translation, someone is doing their best to translate on the go...

Here are my notes:

The president welcomes everyone and declares the official language for the meeting will be Russian.

"Welcome to the birthplace of Akhal-Teke horses, the Association now has 137 members from 32 countries, membership is growing. There is an increase of interest in the Akhal-Teke horse, and the breeding of AT horses the heart of horse breeding world-wide.

Turkmenistan is bringing equestrian sports to the highest level. All 5 provinces of Turkmenistan are now developing equestrian sports and youth now learn about equine sports. An Equine quarantine center has been build. New specialties of horse breeding are being introduced to the Turkmen culture.

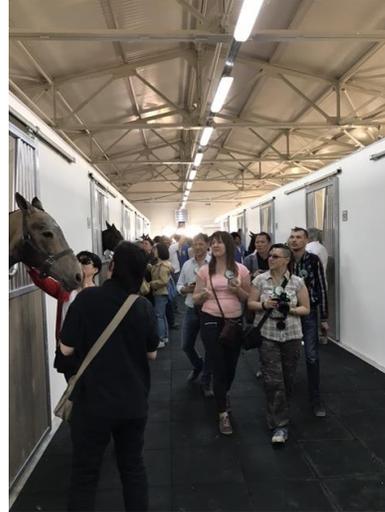
Development of top level equine athletes to compete at world level. The Heavenly Horse Magazine and website educates the world.

The objective is to popularize the Akhal-Teke world-wide and make a registry of Akhal-Teke horses in all countries and improvement of training techniques.

Our task is to test our horses by participating in sports and experience new professionals to improve. Sports such as endurance, Show jumping to be developed in Turkmenistan.

The Asian Games in September will have Show jumping competitions. The opening ceremony of the Asian Games will be in honor of the Akhal-Teke horse. Soon the Akhal-Teke horse will be competing at the world class level. This will help the people physically and health wise.

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## 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.

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Annual Membership Meeting, continued from front page

information on the show and area, go to:  
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The ATAA will have a promotional stall near the horse stalls so that we have a place to get out of the rain, have coffee, visit and hand out information. Let us know if you can help staff this booth during the show, answer questions, etc.

Hotel: Homewood Suites: 10 rooms saved for the ATAA, including 3 with two queen beds and 7 with king beds and pull out sleeper sofas, \$129 a night plus tax. For our block of rooms go to:

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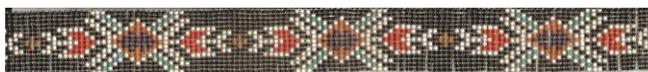
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Information for bringing horses: [Here](#)  
Everyone is invited, we hope to see you there!

The ATAA BOD



**Would you like to get involved with the ATAA? There are 2 Board of Director's spots opening this year! Or, if you have a project you'd like to suggest, contact one of the current BOD members for more information.**

### *Metallic Sheen, continued from front page*

any of the factors I just mentioned change. Therefore, in this book I feel it is worth speaking about hair gloss *only* in the case when it is a permanent characteristic of the horse.

Permanent gloss that is very noticeable and vibrant is characteristic of the Akhal-Teke, Russian Don, Karabakh, Budyonny, Kustanai and Tersk horses. It is occasionally seen in some Orlov Trotters. Silvery sheen against gray color is a trait of Tersk horses. All these breeds are related to each other. A more weakly expressed, but still noticeable, golden gloss is sometimes present in Vyatka horses and a few other native breeds of Russia. Metallic sheen of hair starts becoming visible after the foal first sheds his baby coat.

The first to research metallic sheen were Shimbo (*Editor's note: Fara Shimbo's study was originally published in 'The Akhal-Teke Quarterly' and Sponenberg (1998). In their opinion, the appearance of gloss depends on the structure of the involved hair.*

In general, 'normal' hair consists of three layers; the *core*, the *intermediate cortical layer* and the external layer, called the *cuticle*. The core consists of keratin, and its structure can be compared to a sponge with empty spaces inside. The cortical layer is opaque and consists of spindle-shaped cells oriented along the axis of the hair and bonded together. It is responsible for the strength and elasticity of a hair. The cuticle, which is translucent, consists of scales formed by flat, keratinized cells, surrounding the hair core with continuous rings, or remaining on the surface in the form of adjoining or partially overlapping scales. The scales of glossy hair densely adjoin each other.

In most horses, the hair core is more or less uniform; however, in animals with metallic sheen, it has breaks and spaces that are not filled with keratin. In combination, these defects influence refraction of the light passing through a hair, thus resulting in the appearance of metallic gloss. The more breaks in the hair core, the stronger the gloss. In moderately glossy hair, the defects in the core occupy about 20 to 30 percent of its volume, and in hair with strong gloss, the defects represent 60 to 90 percent of the core. Hair with an intact core has only a weak gloss, mostly due to the light reflections from the scaly cuticle.

Metallic sheen is also influenced by the ratio of thickness of the core to overall hair thickness. Glossy hair has a relatively thicker core in contrast to low-gloss hair, which has a thicker scaly cuticle.

All this said, there are other opinions, regarding the cause of metallic sheen. Stegacheva (2011) who studied hair gloss in Akhal-Tekes, claims that it doesn't depend on the presence or absence of empty spaces in the core, but rather the degree of density and adhesion of the scales in the external layer.

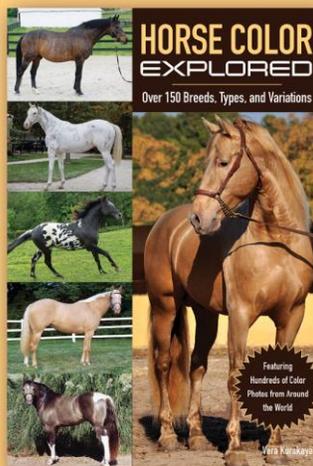
Metallic sheen can be found in combination with any color, although most often it is in chestnut, buckskin, bay or palomino. It is observed in some champagne horses, but phenotypically the gloss differs from the gloss you see in other colors- it isn't as noticeable. As of writing this has not been researched by scientists yet, and so it only possible to assume that it is a consequence of the processes happening in a hair under the influence of the Champagne gene.

A permanent and prominent gloss of the hair should be recorded in breeding documents. In practice, it is possible to use such descriptions as *golden chestnut, golden brown, golden bay, golden buckskin and golden palomino*. The gloss of black hair looks rather silvery. Based on my own observations and data provided by others, permanent metallic gloss on black color is seen very rarely. It is also worth noting that black color, in general, is very rare in the 'glossy' breeds mentioned in this section.

### **Inheritance of Metallic Sheen**

Judging by the prevalence of hair gloss in a limited number of breeds with a shared origin, it is logical to assume that permanent, vibrant gloss is inherited-for example, metallic sheen occurs in breeds that were crossed with Akhal-Teke in the past (Russian Don and Budyonny). Also, when Stegacheva investigated the distribution of glossy hair in the Akhal-Teke breed, she found that it is not as widespread as has been reported in popular literature. According to her research, metallic sheen is absent in 63 percent of Akhal-Teke horses.

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All is going well and more horses on the way. Have a great summer all!

Dannie and Pete Altman

## Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes, WA

It has been a rather challenging several months here in sunny Seattle (rainiest winter in recorded history!) with several injuries (mostly mine) getting in the way of any sort of conditioning or even riding. But, one perseveres. Galen, my usual riding buddy, came up with hoof canker, which was a completely new and exciting thing for us. I've learned a lot. We had one foal this year, a chestnut filly, Salam x Asalari, Slari was on several medications to keep the 'bun in the oven' and made it to day 321. I'm in the midst of breeding Aishet to Gallo,

hoping for another buckskin filly as nice as their yearling filly, Anahita. So far, Aishet has not cooperated, but that is part of the whole breeding game. Menze Khan is growing up extremely nicely and I'm amazed that no one has snapped him up. He is still for sale and will be an awesome competition partner. I really need to sell him to make room for more horses! Contact me for details or check out my website at [www.cgakhaltekes.com](http://www.cgakhaltekes.com) or my Cascade Gold Facebook page.



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