

ATAA Newsletter

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Dressage at Devon

The ATAA did a new promotion this year; we sponsored an Akhal-Teke breed class at Dressage at Devon. For those that aren't familiar with Dressage at Devon, here is the intro from their website:

Dressage at Devon – CDI/W/Y/J has been the premier North American equestrian event since 1975. It combines world class dressage competition and the world's largest open breed show with the international Fall Festival shops and special activities for the entire family.

The historic and charming Devon Horse Show Grounds, located on US Route 30 just

west of I-476 in Devon, PA, provide the ideal venue for this exciting event. The grounds include covered grandstand seating at the main Dixon Oval, a second performance arena, warm-up areas, extensive stabling and the tree-shaded lanes of the Festival Area.

The ATAA sponsored the first (Yes! The First!) Akhal-Teke breed class at a major North American show. Per the show's guidelines, all competing horses must be registered with the sponsoring body and the owners must be members. The AT class was held on Thursday, September 29th at 7:45 am under judge Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez and we had 6 entrants, with a mix
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Iran Horse Festival

By Amrita Ibold

Like every morning, drinking coffee in my office and reading the morning emails...appears an email from Iran! To all the board members of the American Akhal-Teke Association, we are invited to come to Tehran for their first Turkoman horse Festival! Only Cathy and I replied we were delighted to come, but in the end, because I am still a Dutch citizen, I was the only person they could get a visa for.

Tickets bought, and receiving the email with the official letter that visas would be granted

only the afternoon before leaving...I arrived in Tehran at 2 am in the morning. I was greeted by out lovely guide for the next 4 days, taken to the hotel and slept a little. That morning Shohreh picked me up, by then Clara de Vos van Steenwijk from the Netherlands had arrived as well, and we went to the race track.

We discussed the set-up, Alexander Kilmuk and Nadja Tarasova were flying in this night to be the grading judges

Thank you to all Dressage at Devon participants and volunteers!

Next promotion: Naked Foal Syndrome testing fund. See page 2 for more information

Watch the ATAA website for more information.

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including Clara, so I became the photographer. Our biggest difficulty was the fact that every class was of mixed breed...some with more AT blood than others, and Some seemed pure Iomud.

They were setting up for the horse grading the following day.

They asked us to grade with the emphasis on the AT. We walked the stables of the race course, there are Iranian TB, Iranian Arabs
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Naked Foal Syndrome in Akhal Tekes- ATAA Fund

Introduction

The molecular basis of the hairlessness or Naked Foal Syndrome (NFS) in Akhal-Teke breed has been identified by researchers in Switzerland. NFS has been known in the breed since 1938. Primary signs of the defect are lack of body, mane and tail hair, abnormal teeth development, digestive disorders, persistent diarrhea and laminitis-like problems. NFS is always fatal with most foals dying within weeks of birth, although some have survived to two years of age. NFS is inherited as an autosomal recessive trait which means that 2 copies of the mutation are needed to produce the disease. Carriers of NFS (1 copy of the mutation) are normal but can produce affected foals if bred to another carrier.

The Veterinary Genetics Laboratory offers a test for NFS in Akhal-Tekes. The test helps breeders and owners to identify carriers of NFS and to select mating pairs accordingly to avoid producing affected foals. Mating between two carriers have a 25% chance of producing NFS foals. Given the small population size of the breed, and to avoid further reductions of the gene pool, mating between carriers and normal horses are acceptable as they will not result in NFS foals.

Results are reported as:

N/N	No copies of the NFS mutation; animal is normal.
N/NFS	1 copy of the NFS mutation; animal is normal but is a carrier.
NFS/NFS	2 copies of the NFS mutation; horse is affected.

ATAA News

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!



Spotlight on Member Volunteers

We've had several wonderful volunteers lately and we would like to say thank you to them! We would like the ATAA to be a friendly and active organization and we run by volunteers! This issue we'd like to recognize:

A HUGE Thank you to our volunteers; it can't happen without you!

Trisha Urban- Trisha chaired the Dressage at Devon promotion AND found a sponsor to buy stall drapes for the ATAA! Our DAD class was a big success, with more entries than many other breeds. Thank you Trisha!

Catrina Quantrell- Catrina has taken the suggestion of member Gretta Teets to get our logo in at various retailers so people can order ATAA Logowear without the ATAA having to hold inventory or pay for items that might not sell. Our logo is at Dover's now, although it does not show up online or in the catalog; you must call customer service and ask for it. Thank you Catrina!

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.

2017 BOD openings:

Next year there will be two open seats on the BOD; Catrina Quantrell and Betsy Wandler's terms are both up. If you would like to run for the BOD, please contact a current BOD member for details.

New Members since July:

Katrina and Giles Ardiel, Akhal Valley Farms, Clarksburg, Ontario, Canada Ranch Members
 Gabriella Hatfield, Las Vegas, NV, Friend Member

DAD, continued from front page

of stallions and mares and also a mix of ages. The entrants were:

- 7:45 AM Kurizma, Sabine Desper, Open 236
- 7:49 AM Gerald, Katrina Ardiel, Adult Amateur 128
- 7:53 AM Arslan Jorap, Trisha Urban 250
- 7:57 AM Danearius, Natalia Heinke JR/YR 181
- 8:01 AM Anikit, Sabine Desper, Open 222
- 8:05 AM Hendrick, Katrina Ardiel, Adult Amateur

All horses were judged on movement at the walk and trot and conformation. The results were as follows along with the scores the horses received. Do note that Arslan Jorap was the youngest horse at only 1 year old.



Horses waiting to be pinned, Amrita Ibold photo

Class # USDF Prospects In-Hand:

1. Anikit, Sabine Desper, 76.20
2. Hendrick, Katrina Ardiel, 73.900
3. Danearius, Natalie Heinke, 72.45
4. Kurizma, Sabine Desper, 72.300
5. Gerald, Katrina Ardiel, 72.225
6. Arsan Jorap, Trisha Urban, 69.100



Sabine Desper and Anikit, owned by Phil Case, showing off their first place ribbon.

Gerald also placed 4th in stallions 4 and over, 8th in an under saddle class and competed in a Prix St. George dressage class and did very well. Amrita Ibold photo.



The young stallion Hendrick also competed in a 3 year old colts under saddle class, placing 5th and a 3 year old colts in hand class, placing 8th. Jennifer McNeal Photography



The mare Danearius placed 9th in 4 year old under saddle classes with a junior rider. Jennifer McNeal Photography

Results for all the classes at DAD are on their website at:

<http://www.dressageatdevon.org/index.php/results>

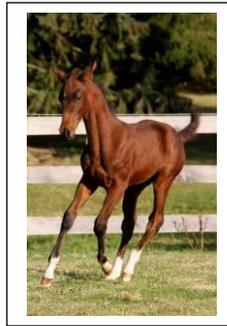
DAD chairperson Trisha Urban also found a sponsor, Golden Living Rosemont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, to buy the ATAA stall drapes that will be available to other members for shows and exhibitions. Amrita Ibold photos



Foals of 2016



Anahita, 2016 filly, Gallo x Aishet, bred and owned by Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes For Sale



Menze Khan, 2016 colt, Merdan x Asalari, bred and owned by Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes For Sale



2016 filly, Kambarbay x Gagatli, bred and owned by Tekes in Tidewater For Sale



Autumn Dream – 2016 filly, Dream Along (Oldenburg) x Gergi (AT), bred and owned by Tekes in Tidewater For Sale



Silverhill Vahsi-Yurek (Salamdor x Kazakh-Yurek RHR), Sept 2016 colt, bred and owned by Silverhill Akhal-Tekes For Sale



Auryn- 2016 filly, Kiergen x TB, bred and owned by Sabine Desper



Ak Hadysa, 2016 filly, Kambarbay x Ahli Rhatan, bred and owned by Sweet Water Farms



Danville- 2016 colt by Gerald out of Dessengul, bred and owned by Akhal Valley Farms



Illumination- colt by Samaddin out of CA Everclear (Saddlebred), bred and owned by Sally Odell



Filly out of Gubilee x Die Kinder Alexsey (Arab cross). Bred and owned by Die Kinder Stud in Australia



Candeo Batyr – 2016 colt, Alp x TB, bred and owned by Candeo, LLC



Katrina Ardiel and Hala- 2016 filly, Gerald x Hrizamtema, Akhal Valley Farms

Starting Akhal-Tekes

by Carson Kuehn

Carson Kuehn grew up in Billings, MT. He spent several years working on guest ranches and starting colts in Wyoming and Australia. In 2014 he moved back to Montana and bought a horse boarding and training facility. Since, he has continued his work in training young horses, which go on to be everything from ranch horses, trail horses, show horses, and anything in-between.

I am Carson Kuehn and I start colts at our facility, Yellowstone Stables, in Laurel, Montana. I have had the opportunity to start many colts, and several of those have been Akhal-Teke horses. I have found these horses to be amazing animals.



First their athletic ability and stamina is incredible. They can stop and turn on a dime. I find they can unweight their front feet easier as a breed than any other breed. This is helpful when working a cow or doing a reining pattern. Because of the Akhal-Teke's lack of muscle mass in the shoulders, they also can exert themselves in hot conditions for extended lengths of time.



Not only do they have extreme stamina and athletic ability, they are extremely intelligent. When I train a horse, I am working on cueing the horse using my seat and legs. If they don't respond to the cue, then I add more pressure, either through the reins or my legs. When the horse responds, the release of pressure has to be quick. The Akhal-Teke's that I have had in

training pick up extraordinarily fast on these subtle cues. They are sensitive horses, and in the right hands, I feel they could do great things in and out of the show ring.

Respect these horses. Be firm, but fair and you will be rewarded with willing partners that have more talent than most horses.



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<https://www.amazon.com/Voices-Wind-Michael-C-Anders>

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/voices-on-the-wind-michael-c-anders>

Kopet Dag

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(GOBLET X GABRIELLE)

kopet.dag.akhalteke@gmail.com

A beautiful ATAA registered mare looking for a life-long companion.

Member Competition Results!



Hobella competing at some jumper shows, owned by Gretta Teets ridden by Emily Taylor.

Amrita Ibold went to a schooling show at Pole Star Farm;



Sarah Savern BN eventing 3rd place on Paelka who is her pure bred horse, Pamelko X Pallas Athena



Amrita on Paktaly, Training level Eventing 3rd place, Nez Perce Dreamer x Olympic Gul



Amrita on Desert Prophet, his first show at grass hopper, 7th place, Pan Tau X Pallas Athena

Magic Valley Ranch Jas Shearer-McMahon

We have had another successful Endurance Season, ending with 460 miles of Endurance and 30 miles of Limited Distance (because the rider was tired, not the horse!) MV Patrickhan now has 3195 Endurance miles and we managed to finish in the top ten at all of our rides this year. In August, we did the Colorado Mountain Mettle, coming in 2nd; in September we did 2 days of the Beaver Meadows Classic, finishing 3rd & 4th, and in September we did 4 days of the Outlaw and the Virgin Ride in Utah, finishing 3rd, 5th, 5th and 2nd. The weather in Utah couldn't have been better even with the snow, and the scenery was spectacular!



Mountain Mettle Ride



Virgin Outlaw Ride, Steve Bradley photos

This summer has also brought us interesting visitors, both of whom found us through our membership in the Livestock Conservancy. The first was a couple from Nebraska, who raise some heritage cattle and while vacationing in Colorado they drove out to see their first Akhal-Teke and to learn more about the breed. She is just getting back into riding and there might be an Akhal-Teke in her future now. The second visitors were a couple from California who do documentary films and are working with the Livestock Conservancy doing a film about the reasons for saving and breeding heritage breeds. They were here for over 3 hours, filming and interviewing and interacting with the horses. They have promised to send me a link to my interview so that I can share it with the ATAA. Before they left they also got out their drone and videoed our property from above and cruised over the horses, who all looked up at the noise, but were unconcerned. If you have never been around a drone, they are quite noisy sounding very much like a huge swarm of bees.

Member Competition Results!

Amber Erickson and Ophelia Kkan

Ophelia Kkan is a 2007 mare by Durkkhal (Akhal-Teke) out of Otez's Windstar (Arabic). We rode Competitive Trail rides (CTR) in the midwest in 2016, in the heavyweight division.



Endless Valley

Our season started with 25 mile CTR on May 7th at the Kettles and Bits ride. This ride was held in New Prospect, WI in the North Kettle Moraine state forest. We got third place. Our next ride was a 25 mile CTR at the ApDRA ride in Palmyra, WI in the South Kettle Moraine state forest on June 11th, and we got first place and senior high point. Then we got third place at the Grand Island North ride in Limestone, MI in a 30 mile CTR on June 25th.



Mosquito Run

We did another 30 mile CTR on July 2nd at the Endless Valley ride in Spring Green, WI, and we got second place. The weekend after, at the Mosquito Run ride in Rogers, MN, we got second place in a 25 mile CTR. On July 31st we did a 25 mile CTR at the Bonecrusher Ride and got first place and tied for high point.

August 13 and 14 we rode 25 miles of CTR each day at the Louise Riedel Memorial Bra Buster Ride in Arkdale, WI. We completed the first day, and got fifth place on the next day. Finally we rode 25 miles of CTR at Northern Highlands on August 27 and 28. We got first both days, and on August 27th we were highpoint.



We are currently placed second in UMECRA heavyweight competitive trail.

7 We have a 30 mile CTR this weekend, and a 50 mile CTR on Oct 21 to complete our season.

Jim and Connie Rawski

It has been a busy summer for us. I put on a Pioneer Ride, 155 mile endurance ride and Set Speed Rides, and had a blast doing it. Can't wait to do it again for next year. Jim has been riding his stallion JC Darius all year and has been doing quite well for this horse's first season in endurance.



Jim and JC Darius

He also rode my horse JC Zymone for me as I have not had as much time to condition myself.



Jim and JC Zymone at a vet check.

Here are some pictures and documentation. <https://aerc.org/rpts/RHistory.aspx> You would type in Jim Rawski and scroll to the bottom of the page to get to this year's results. He has two more rides that aren't posted yet.

Scott Sears, DVM



Aeolus at a Hunter Pace

Despite being on the fringe of Hurricane Matthew, Scott Sears and Aeolus completed the Pomfret Hunter Pace on October 9th. They competed in the jumper division. It is the second Hunter Pace this fall. Team Sears finished 2nd at the Tanheath HP, but failed to place at Pomfret.(too fast)



Member Competition Results!

Amanda Humphreys and Elvis (Resilience)



Black Sheep Boogie, 50 mile ride



Ride Between the Rivers, 50 miles, Becky Pearman photo



Elvis after his first 75 mile race, the Mustang Memorial, he and Amanda got 2nd place!

Akhal Valley Farms Horses at Dressage at Devon, Jennifer McNeil Photography



Gerald at DAD



Hendrick at DAD



Gerald at DAD



Danearius at DAD

WHEN A HORSE GIVES YOU WINGS

Everyone who has owned a horse knows of the special kind of joy they bring into your life. They are a source of happiness, a constant companion, a source of pride and unconditional love. They make you smile and laugh, give you goose bumps at their power, and give us humans wings to fly.

For those of you who have not met him I would like to introduce you to Gerald, our giver of wings! Gerald (Arim x Gekla) is a ten year old Akhal Teke Stallion bred by Tito Pontecorvo. He resides in Canada at a small breeding farm called Akhal Valley Farms located in Clarksburg Ontario owned by Giles and Katrina Ardiel. Gerald is a joy to work with everyday, easy going and kind. A gentleman and an excellent ambassador for his breed. Because of him we have reach so many goals that would have otherwise been way up in the clouds.



Gerald came to Akhal Valley Farms when he was five and started a career in eventing. After a couple of years it became easy to see that, although is good at jumping he was great a "flicking" his toes and so his career in Dressage started. Two years ago the decision was made to advance Gerald's dressage career by sending him to train in California at the barn of Stephen Peters with the rider Olivia Wentworth-Stanley. Thanks to Olivia, Gerald has been successfully moving up the levels, gaining strength, style and some ribbons too!

Despite competing in a warmblood dominated sport Gerald and Olivia still managed to place first or second in many of their competitions. Every time the dual went into the ring the question would arise would he be liked? Would he be accepted in a sport that has the judge's eye so well trained for a specific type of horse? He was accepted and praised. The judges were able to see past his differences and reward his abilities.

The spring of 2016 Gerald made his step into Prix St George at a gold level or national level competition. His second show at Prix St George left him with a second place finish, and a score that would qualify him to compete at FEI level dressage competition. This allowed him compete at the CDI at Dressage at Devon in September. His first CDI was bitter sweet. It was a goose bump moment to see him in that ring and know how much work and effort had gone into getting him there, however it would not be his day. Although he had some good moments we knew he could still do better. But that is horse showing some days it does not always come together when you want it to.



Gerald's offspring are now starting to follow in their sire's footsteps. His daughter Danearius (Gerald x Dessangul) competed and qualified last year in the top twenty three year old sport horses in Canada under saddle. She went on to compete in low level jumping, dressage, and eventing this past summer finishing her show season with the Dressage at Devon Breed Show. Hendrick (Gerald x Hirzantema) competed as a three year old at Dressage at Devon this September bringing home a fifth, eighth and second place both under saddle and in hand.

Incentive Awards Program 2016

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 in regard to 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

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" (\$1000 this year!) 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

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Greystone.eowens@gmail.com or 574-360-5953

2016 Foal Registration

Make sure you register your 2016 foals before the end of the year. Registering in the year they are born is only \$40! After that, prices go up.

Go to
<http://www.akhal-teke.org/registration.html>

For forms and instructions.



Anahita – Gallo x Aishet, Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes

Iran, continued from Front Page

We walked the stables of the race course, there are Iranian TB, Iranian Arabs and Yomud horses in the stables.



Day 2

Today is the horse grading. Mr. Kilmuk, Nadja Terasova and Clara de Vos van Steenwijk are the judges, I took it upon myself to photograph and film. Every horse gets evaluated by all 3 judges individually, score sheets are collected, points are calculated by a team, and the results are announced. At first the whole class enters the ring, and then they come in one by one to be graded.

To be continued...

Magic Valley Akhal-Tekes

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Metman X Aishet, purebred 2012 Akhal-Teke buckskin stallion, lovely gaits and a kind and willing disposition. Started under saddle and

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Mele-Chus, 2015 colt out of Manlayli

Menze Khan, 2016 colt out of Asalari



For more information about breeding to Merdan or about our other Akhal-Tekes, contact: Jas Shearer-McMahon 2935 W County Road 82 E, Livermore, CO 80536 970-493-1773 endurintekes@gmail.com

Tekes in Tidewater



2016 filly, Kambarbay x Gagatli
 For sale



2016 filly, Dream On (Oldenburg) x Gergi
 For Sale

Joanne Hodeen, VA, Jhodeen@aol.com

Classified Ads

AWARDS

Make sure you and your horses are eligible for awards this year! Check out the ATAA website under awards <http://www.akhal-teke.org/awards-programs.html> Discipline Awards will be presented after the show season in September/October and USEA and AERC Incentive awards to be presented at their yearly conferences.

Horses For Sale

For Sale: Magaryf (Maruk X Fergan) 2008 Purebred Buckskin Stallion. Has been started under saddle. Galadrielle (Miril X JBK Gulkusi), 2012 Purebred Buckskin Filly; Miss Nike, 2011 Bay AT X Arab cross filly; Ra'isa, 2012 Bay AT X Arab filly. All Ak Sakal line. Details on DreamHorse or Equispot.com. Website: www.oasisakhal-tekes.com. Email: jacquemunn@aol.com.

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Ads due by the end of the month before publishing.

Silver Hill Akhal Tekes

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"SH Tayyar Kartal" (Tay Shael x Salamdor) 2011 dark buckskin gelding



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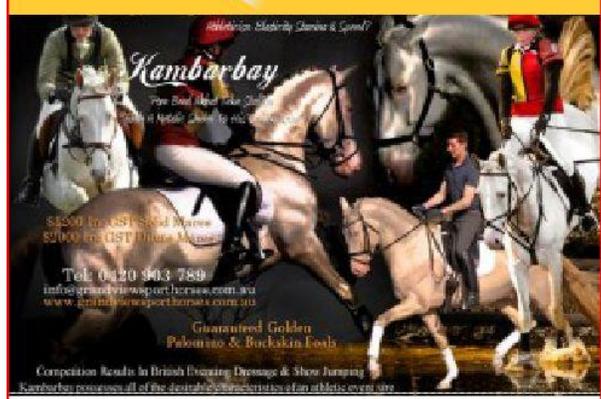
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2016 Foals for sale, buckskin filly by Gallo, bay colt by Merdan

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Arin (photo above) is a shiny cremello from the Gelishikli line.
Frozen semen only.

Coming Soon!
Kevlin (photo right) will be available for cooled shipment in 2017.

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Gallo (photo right) is a metallic bay stallion from the Skak line.



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Please see our website for more photos and information.