Membership Survey preliminary results

Question 1 – What is your Membership Status?

56.25% - currently a member

22.92%- never been a member

20.83%- was a member

2. If you have never been an ATAA member or not renewed every year, can you tell us why?

Lack of money, not enough benefit for price, my mare kicked out the registry, what is the point?, saving up to buy first Teke,

Living in Canada, it does not offer enough incentive for a hobby Teke enthusiast/owner.

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Need to send in my renewal!

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lack of funds

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No longer involved with the breed

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Neither of the two Akhal Teke clubs was registering horses for several years

Never gave it a thought

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Too much infighting among members. People get into the breed and out of it and dump their horses to unsuspecting buyers.

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I just learned about Tekes a year or so ago. I do not have the money to join. And I am not in a position to own horses again. Just love the breed and the metallic coat.

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didn't renew due to certain board members in the past

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Don't own an AT anymore.

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Lack of money

3. How do you feel about our Membership Fees?

84-92% just right

4. What do you like most about the ATAA?

The support of the breed.

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Promotion of Akhal Tekes and AT sport horses.

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It's good to have an organization here in the states that promotes the breed and brings breeders together.

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I like the accessibility of the information and the people.

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Promotion of the breed.

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Small, supportive community

Frequent newsletters/updates, good source of contacts and information.

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The dedication to preserving the lines.

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Easier to deal with then the Russian stud book. That the website has become much more active the last few years compared to what it used to be.

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you promote the breed.

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How much the association helps with registration both here and in Russie would have never been able to have done it without the help

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enthusiasm of the membership for this breed and the website for information on breeders & events

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The horses.

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The knowledge of the members

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The keeper of the stud book is the most important function for ATAA plus promoting the A-t breed but I repeat the studbook.

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The information that is provided and the news of other owners and breeders, the inter-action

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The fact that you are really trying to promote the breed

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That there is a centralized North American registry.

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Without the Association, owners and breeders of Akhal - Tekes would simply be individuals. Together, we have a more public appearance, and can better promote the breed.

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I love that we all enjoy this rare breed and want to preserve them.

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The current board. It has changed for the better in the last couple of years.

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The fact it centralizes infromation, people, and guidelines about the breed.

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It helps keep connected with other AT people.

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Contacts

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The enthusiasm for the horses. The people who are so committed to making it all happen. The horses.

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The breed (duh), and the passion of the folks who love this horse.

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List of breeders where we can buy from

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The public education aspect

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5. What do you like least about the ATAA?

My wish is that is was more prosperous so we can increase our support in all areas.

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The fact that there was several years when not much was done other than the two Teke clubs fighting. This was why my purebred Teke was never registered while I owned him. Now that I have a son and daughter by him, I am unhappy that the son can get a hardship Sporthorse registration, the daughter cannot simply because she is a female. She will never receive recognition for being an Akhal Teke Sporthorse. Too bad since she is an endurance horse who is moving up to doing some 50s this season.

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That I have to register my VNIIK-registered horses all over again for them to be eligible to get awards. I would be happy to simply pay a fee to ATAA to register them here as well, but it's a big pain to go through the whole registration process from scratch as if their Akhal-Teke-ness has never been established.

I don't have anything I dislike so far

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Trying to get a part bred registered.

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That more members aren't actively involved with the registry (to help promote the Teke). I think that ATAA needs to come up with a way to "entice" more participation.

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not specifically the ataa, but you have horses that are the best for what they are bred to do, long distances over arid ground. But to compete in current sports ur trying to get them to jump, dressage etc. to me, it is like taking a ballet dancer and trying to get them to box, or wrestle. I realize it would be difficult to have long distance races in the southwest, people have 21st century lives. But is seems a shame for the breed to have to change because it has to compete in a warmblood world.

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We need a better way to promote the pure and part breds, and to allow horses back in that are at least X% Teke to allow for some diversity in the gene pool, and to motivate people to keep their breedable part breds.

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Sometimes the know-it-all attitude

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To me ATAA is too close to Russia whom I consider to be a bully, I can not understand why most people want their horses to be registered in the Russian studbook when the studbook is not trustworthy and that has been demonstrated so if ATAA continues to promote a tainted association then ATAA itself becomes tainted. I do not say not to talk to Russia but point out to them they must run a clean studbook. I took a submission about this to the 2005 annual meeting. I feel if ATAA goes along the route it is going now there is a danger of making itself irrelevant .I feel very strong on this point

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I think it's all to the good. The BOD does a great job.

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The guilt I feel for not being a member

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Registering my half breed required way more money and effort than the benefits.

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The memberships lack of productive activity in the ATAA. The majority of members that join the registry seem to only want to become breeders, attaining a stallion and raising foals to sell on the open market. There are not enough serious professional competitors in the registry. (And I'm not sure how the ATAA could go about changing that demographic.)

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No issues

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Not enough visibility in the horse community in general.

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I live in an area not readily accessible for quick connections (but then practically all of us are in same boat). Spread out pretty thin, due to small population of membership and breed owners.

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Website is old. Wish there was more updates and information about the breeds. Some links in the breeders page are dead.

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6. What can we do to make your ATAA membership better?  Please rank these in order from 1 (not important) to 5 (most important)

| **–** | **1 –** | **2 –** | **3 –** | **4 –** | **5 –** | **N/A –** | **Total –** | **Score –** |
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| **–****Have more awards**  | **27.78%****10**  | **25.00%****9**  | **11.11%****4**  | **16.67%****6**  | **8.33%****3**  | **11.11%****4**  | **36**  | **3.53**  |
| **–****Do more breed promotions**  | **19.44%****7**  | **19.44%****7**  | **19.44%****7**  | **8.33%****3**  | **27.78%****10**  | **5.56%****2**  | **36**  | **2.94**  |
| **–****Have lower Conference fees**  | **36.11%****13**  | **19.44%****7**  | **13.89%****5**  | **19.44%****7**  | **2.78%****1**  | **8.33%****3**  | **36**  | **3.73**  |
| **–****More information in ATAA newsletter**  | **5.56%****2**  | **13.89%****5**  | **30.56%****11**  | **25.00%****9**  | **16.67%****6**  | **8.33%****3**  | **36**  | **2.64**  |
| **–****More interactive ATAA website**  | **5.56%****2**  | **16.67%****6**  | **19.44%****7**  | **22.22%****8**  | **30.56%****11**  | **5.56%****2**  | **36**  | **2.41**  |

7. Have you ever attended an ATAA Yearly Conference?

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| **Yes**  | **41.67**  |
| **–****No**  | **20****58.33** **28**  |
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| Please think about our Yearly Conferences and let us know what is important to you. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **–** | **Yes –** | **Don't care –** | **No –** | **Total –** | **Weighted Average –** |
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| **–****Do you think the Conference Fees are fair?**  | **66.67%****26**  | **23.08%****9**  | **10.26%****4**  | **39**  | **1.44**  |
| **–****Are Conference speakers important to you?**  | **80.95%****34**  | **14.29%****6**  | **4.76%****2**  | **42**  | **1.24**  |
| **–****Are seeing more horses at the Conference important to you?**  | **78.05%****32**  | **9.76%****4**  | **12.20%****5**  | **41**  | **1.34**  |
| **–****Do you like the fact that our Conferences move around the country and are hosted by different people each year?**  | **95.35%****41**  | **2.33%****1**  | **2.33%****1**  | **43**  | **1.07**  |

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| For the size of our membership, our conferences have covered most important topics over the years. Anything a vet or other experts could inform us that is new or informative in relation to the breed or breeding. 2/24/2015 9:48 PM [View respondent's answers](https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/browse/uRyHTtJYlxqDGWbPfc39nVJX0Q1iQb39kaM_2B87ESJ0o_3D?respondent_id=3791323867) I haven't been able to attend a conference yet (has always conflicted with an endurance ride) but hope to attend in the future. I think it's a great opportunity for everyone to get together and keep up with what everyone is doing. 2/24/2015 7:27 AM [View respondent's answers](https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/browse/uRyHTtJYlxqDGWbPfc39nVJX0Q1iQb39kaM_2B87ESJ0o_3D?respondent_id=3789613168) have to wait to answer this... 1/20/2015 1:43 PM [View respondent's answers](https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/browse/uRyHTtJYlxqDGWbPfc39nVJX0Q1iQb39kaM_2B87ESJ0o_3D?respondent_id=3703635318) The problem for an owner and not a breeder such as myself is the cost of travel and the cost of missing work to attend. I would like to but probably won't attend for quite some time. 1/19/2015 7:09 PM [View respondent's answers](https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/browse/uRyHTtJYlxqDGWbPfc39nVJX0Q1iQb39kaM_2B87ESJ0o_3D?respondent_id=3701433727) more horses! horses competing 1/19/2015 12:33 PM [View respondent's answers](https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/browse/uRyHTtJYlxqDGWbPfc39nVJX0Q1iQb39kaM_2B87ESJ0o_3D?respondent_id=3700811737) IMHO, moving the hosting means that the valuable experience gained from hosting is lost and new host has to work from scratch. Possibly there should be alternating locations so that it isn't so burdensome, but repeating might save some energy for attracting good speakers. 1/19/2015 12:13 PM [View respondent's answers](https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/browse/uRyHTtJYlxqDGWbPfc39nVJX0Q1iQb39kaM_2B87ESJ0o_3D?respondent_id=3700768091) I don't have an opinion 1/19/2015 11:06 AM [View respondent's answers](https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/browse/uRyHTtJYlxqDGWbPfc39nVJX0Q1iQb39kaM_2B87ESJ0o_3D?respondent_id=3700624540) More mention and support for those of us who own and love our Akhal Teke Sporthorses. 1/19/2015 10:51 AM [View respondent's answers](https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/browse/uRyHTtJYlxqDGWbPfc39nVJX0Q1iQb39kaM_2B87ESJ0o_3D?respondent_id=3700590945) Haven't been yet so it's hard to say  |

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9. What else do you think the ATAA should be doing?  Please let us know.

I think it's on track, doing a very good job considering the size of the membership.

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Find some way to recognize other Sporthorses like my mare. With a breed with so few actively competing purebreds in the US, and an actively competing Akhal Teke cross who would like to just be recognized for what she is and for any interest she can bring to this not well known breed, she needs to be registered with the ATAA. Why can't there be a distinction for a "non-breeding" papers. Since she is technically only half Akhal Teke, any subsequent foal she may ever have would NOT be eligible for ATAA registry, UNLESS it is sired by a purebred Akhal Teke. Then the Sporthorse registration would ONLY be from the purebred sire's breeding! Any TWO Akhal Teke Sporthorse's being bred together would also be I eligible for ATAA as two halves do not make one whole in this case.

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I think ATAA is doing a good job - I've just done a lousy job being as involved as I'd like. Thanks for all of your efforts!

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I would love to see a more vibrant sales list...

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As i wrote, working with the horse from the ground and understanding the horse is important to me. As this breed is so very sensitive among other things, it will be very interesting to work with from the ground too...

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maybe have a picture grading of willing member's horses. It would be a start to the grading idea. And this way everyone can participate no matter of demographics. If this works well, then it could become mandatory and all foals and yearlings and so on could be graded yearly by a professional not involved with the breed.

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Possibly joining forces with other groups so that the conference wouldn't have to stand alone on just Tekes - there are some shared "rare breed" issues.

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Working on getting export rights from Turkmenistan

I think a better job of finding actively selling and breeding owners and showcasing that on the website and in other communications instead of just directing people to Dreamhorse or Equine.com or whatever. I've considered buying/finding another AT, but many of the information I've found on some of those sites and on purported breeders sites are dead ends. It seems there are a lot who haven't updated in a long time.

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Being careful to match horses to riders with the skill levels to have a successful relationship.

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It would be nice if the ATAA could come up with their own inspection process instead of relying on the Russians. Even if it's just a way to recognize and promote the superior stallions. Or implementation of warm blood inspection process (instead or trying to reinvent the wheel).

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Educate people about the nature of the breed. One man horses require a person to be their "man", spending lots of time with them. You cannot just buy one and expect it to love you. You cannot draw a line and make the horse do what u want. You ask and communicate. (My TB was like this so I know; I have had one man horses.) Once u have their trust, they will usually try to work with you. Tell people their spirits are like fine crystal. If treated roughly, they can shatter, and the horse will not trust easily again.

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You need to get another Teke or part Teke back into

At promotions if money allows try to get professionals to set up stalls, it is a tough call because most helpers do the best they can for no pay but it shows.

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On the annual meeting, it would probably be beneficial if they were held in the central USA so coastal members wouldn't have to travel so far to attend.

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Do not know enough about these types of conferences.

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I think utilizing the Kentucky horse park and other venues are the US better get the "word" out about the breed.

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I am very happy with the efforts of the ATAA over the several years. Our numbers are small, but anything that can keep us together helps.

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I'm too new a member to comment.

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I'd like to see more educational content on the website. Things like which lines are considered compatible for breeding. Years ago, I heard there were guidelines somewhere but I never heard the whole story. Also, things like a list of breed champions going back as far as possible.

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Riding more! Thanks for all your work and energy! Maybe a little more publicity or website updates (Tekes in Sports looks pretty empty!)

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Educating novice members and having google hangouts about horses in general. There are a lot of first time horse owners who would like to own a Teke. I have been researching for 5 years now visitng breeders both in the US and Europe to educate myself. Hopefully one day I will get a nice Teke.

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