

ATAA Newsletter

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ATAA/VNIHK Contract signed! Registration prices lowered.

As promised, we have lowered ATAA and VNIHK prices as of March 31st, 2021! We had to adhere to the VNIHK contract we signed, where 90% of purebred Akhal-Teques in North America were VNIHK registered. We had/have a generous grant from the Whittier Foundation, via Equus Survival Trust, that has helped make this possible. It has allowed us to help people that did not have the funds to do this. We recognize that this is a work in progress and are trying to get the last few horses VNIHK registered, so

their genetics are not lost as 'un-registered'. This has been a many years long project, starting back in the 90s, and our 2019 ATAA Conference in Ontario, Canada was a huge step forward in communication with VNIHK.

Please check online for our new, lowered prices, and thank you to all that have worked very hard to make this a reality!

[Registration - Akhal-Teke Association of America](http://www.akhal-teke.org)



New ONLINE DATABASE is LIVE!

The new, long-awaited Akhal-Teke Association of America registry site and database is now ready for public access! Our new website will be following very soon.

<http://registry.akhal-teke.org/>

The ATAA Registry site is the face of our registry and pedigree database. It includes a dynamic search, horse and profile management tools, favorites system, change requests system, 5-generation tables, and 10-generation interactive graphs. We plan to add prospective breeding analyses, COI/COR/ancestry loss calculations, a notice of sales/leases system, a digital file management system for registrar, ability to download unofficial pedigree certificates, ability to display a list of all horses related to a specific horse, ability to add competition records to horse profiles, and much more.

If you have any questions or issues while using the site, you

can contact support@akhal-teke.org or use the Contact Us page on the registry site. We are still beta-testing the site, so to make the site better for everyone please report any bugs or missing/incorrect information.

If you are an active ATAA member, an account has already been created for you. You should receive an email shortly from support@akhal-teke.org with your unique login information.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our Website and Database Committee Chair, Yorke McGillivray, and Matthew Harris for all the web-development work they have done to make this possible. We also want to give special thanks to our Website and Database Committee members, Katrina Ardiel and Betsy Wandler, as well as to the rest of the ATAA Web Task Force volunteer crew who have been a huge support to this entire project: Jas Shearer, Dean Miller, Cathy Leddy, and Tish Saare. Also thank you to Pat Johnston for continuing to provide a wealth of ideas and feedback.

UCAT (Up and Coming Akhal-Teke) Sponsorship Program OPEN! See page 6

Equitana 2021- Oct 1-3, Kentucky Horse Park. To volunteer, participate or help sponsor, contact either.

Cathy at

c.leddy@frontier.com

Sabine at

skdoasisfarm@aol.com

Deadline for registering your 2021 foals – October 1st!
Info [Here](#)

Thank you to all our volunteers! You make this happen.

Online Database Update:

The online ATAA Database is [LIVE!](#) Thanks to our wonderful volunteer co-developers, Matt Harris and Yorke McGillivray, and our dedicated volunteers, Katrina Ardiel, Betsy Wandler, and to a much lesser degree, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Dean Miller, and Cathy Leddy. New Website coming SOON!

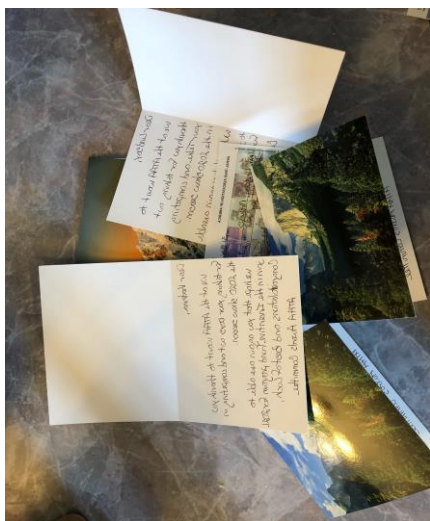
Registration Committee- *Tish Saare, Pat Johnston, Amrita Ibold, Betsy Wandler, Katrina Ardiel and Cathy Leddy.* The registration committee is continuing work on getting all our Akhal-Tekes registered with both ATAA and VNIK.

Change of Treasurer, new treasurer is Jas Shearer-McMahon. Contact her at ataatreasurer@gmail.com

DSLDR Research: The ATAA BOD has voted to put some funds towards DSLDR in Akhal-Teke research. If you think your horse may be affected, please contact Amrita Ibold for more information at lbolds@rockisland.com

UCAT (Up and Coming Akhal-Teke Riders) Scholarships- Open NOW! Watch the ATAA website or go to page 6.

Incentive Fund 2020 (now known as the Case Memorial Competition Fund): Checks have been sent! Go to page 3 for details. Make sure you and your horse are eligible for 2021!



ATAA News

Tekes and Breed Booth at Equitana 2021- We have signed the contract for an Akhal-Teke Breed Booth at Equitana USA, held October 1-3 at the Kentucky Horse Park, Covid permitting. We will be in stall # 212-214 and will have 3 ridden demos in the main ring on Sunday morning. We will have several Tekes participating in the ridden demo and at least one horse being our breed ambassador next to the Breed Booth! If you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact our Equitana Chairperson, Sabine Desper, at skdoasisfarm@aol.com For more information, click [here](#).

ATAA registration for VNIK only Horses:

If you have a VNIK only registered Teke, the Registration Committee has decided to offer [ATAA registration](#) for these horses for \$25 each. This will make you and your horse (if you are an ATAA member) eligible for ATAA Awards, The Case Memorial Competition Awards and the UCAT Sponsorships. See the rules for each opportunity for details.

ATAA AERC Virtual Booth

The ATAA had a 'Virtual Booth' at the AERC (American Endurance Rides Conference) Virtual Convention in February of 2021. We also had two ATAA Endurance Award winners announced at the AERC Awards, Jas Shearer-McMahon, for the Highest Mileage Akhal-Teke and Amber Erickson, for her First 100-mile ride with Ophelia Kkan. They both got embroidered coolers and some towels with Jas' reading "2020 Highest Mileage, MV Patrickhan" and Amber's reading "2020 1st 100 Mile, AT Cross, Ophelia Kkan."



We had a short video as part of our booth, still shots of horses, information and we did a raffle where we gave away a leather halter and DVD to 3 lucky winners. Everyone that visited the 'Booth' received a free Electronic ATAA Friends Membership for 2021, so we added over 100 new Friends Members to our roster! From what I've heard, at least a few of them have bought an AT since then. Congratulations to Jessica Isbrecht, Crystal Esqueda, and Jen McCabe, who received a nice leather halter and an Akhal-Teke DVD from the ATAA!

ATAA 2021 Awards

Categories for the 2021 ATAA Awards are being decided upon now! Keep an eye out on Facebook and Instagram for details...or if you are not on social media contact Betsy Wandler @ betsysee@gmail.com and she can email the information directly to you.

Make sure to note on your calendar: Nominations for Awards will be due November 15, 2021! If you have an idea for a category or award let us know ASAP!

2 Board of Director Openings this year!

Pat Johnston and Jas Shearer-McMahon's terms are up this year. If you would like to run for the BOD, please contact our Nomination Chair: Pat Johnston at deepconsensus@gmail.com

Equitana volunteers – We need volunteers for Equitana, October 1-3rd, Kentucky Horse Park. Contact Yorke McGillivray at yorkenberry@gmail.com

1st Breed Education video is done, thanks to Jon Mays of HorseFlicks and Katrina Ardiel! It will be up on our new website, which is to be live very soon!



2020 Incentive Fund Awards

We didn't have very many people competing last year, (!) so congratulations to those that were able to get out!

We gave Incentive Awards out to 5 people and 6 horses for competitions in 2020.

Amber Erickson and Ophelia Kkan: 5 x 102.38= \$511.90



Jas Shearer-McMahon and MV Patrickhan and Merdan: 6 x 102.38 = \$614.28



Katrina Ardiel and Henrick: 3 x 102.38=\$307.14



Lindsay Jackson Nichols and Thorhastrachan: 2 x 102.38=\$204.76



Mary Curran and Hendrix: 5 x 102.38 = \$511.90



Make sure that YOU and YOUR horse are eligible for 2021's Case Memorial Competition Awards!! Rules [here](#)

Equitana 2021 is October 1-3, at the Kentucky Horse Park in Kentucky.



The Akhal-Teke Association of America is a nonprofit group of dedicated owners, breeders and breed enthusiasts working together to promote the Akhal-Teke horse breed at Equitana USA at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY October 1-3, 2021

[Equitana USA](#) is a 3-day celebration of the horse through education, entertainment, instruction, and shopping! The ATAA will have a breed association booth with raffles, membership drive, educational materials, stallion and sale horse directories, and a live breed ambassador so visitors can meet an Akhal Teke face-to-face!! Ridden breed demonstrations featuring Akhal Tekes trained in different riding and competition disciplines will be held on each day of the event!

The Mission: To gather the funds, volunteers, and materials to host a professional, artistic, fun, and informational booth on the Akhal-Teke horse breed, worldwide, at the 2021 Equitana USA.

The People: Everyone, worldwide who is interested in promoting the Akhal-Teke, is invited to participate with ideas, information, funds, photos, DVDs, etc. While the ATAA is spearheading the effort, you do not need to be a member to participate. The booth is about the BREED, not any country, organization, or farm.

Everyone is welcome to participate!

The Opportunity: This is one of the largest Equine Celebrations of Horses worldwide, and we will be there representing the Akhal-Teke in a professional and artistically produced booth, along with a representative of the breed in a stall next to the booth and ridden demos each day by some of our top riders and horses - a golden opportunity to build awareness and expand the market for our fantastic breed.

Outreach: Please forward this call to action to anyone you know that might like to help promote the Akhal-Teke this October in Kentucky.

Our fundraising is starting off [NOW](#). We need YOUR help! Our wonderful Akhal-Teke community has been very generous with previous events of this type, and we need your help again! We hope to raise around \$7,000, which will pay all of the expenses for the booth and stalls for the exhibition horses and will help to offset the costs of horse transport and food & lodging for ATAA exhibitors and volunteers. Sponsorships will help with specific purposes such as promotional materials, horse expenses, and digital notifications during the event (see donor/sponsorship information below)



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HOW TO DONATE/SPONSOR:

General Donations/Sponsorship checks, made out to the ATAA (non-Tax deductible) should be sent to: Jas Shearer-McMahon, Akhal-Teke Association of America, 2935 W County Road 82E, Livermore, CO 80536

Be sure to spell out exactly how you'd like your

information to appear on the ATAA's sponsorship materials.

Tax-Deductible Donations can be made to the Equus Survival Trust, who is partnering with ATAA to raise funds for the Akhal-Tekes at Equitana 2021.

[EST - DONATIONS \(equus-survival-trust.org\)](http://equus-survival-trust.org) Make sure that you note that your donation is for the ATAA/Equitana when you donate! This is tax-deductible!

The donations below are PP buttons and do include a PP fee (difference between posted price and price in cart), non-tax deductible.

Dapple Gray Donor: \$50, Mentioned on ATAA's website, on social media and in the ATAA Newsletter.

Copper Chestnut Donor: \$100, Mentioned in ATAA's website, on social media and in the ATAA Newsletter.

Bronze Bay Donor: \$101-250, Mentioned in ATAA's website, on social media and in the ATAA Newsletter.

Silver Perlino Donor: \$251-500, Mentioned in ATAA's booth, website, social media, and in the ATAA Newsletter

Sooty Buckskin Sponsor: \$750, Sponsor a Silver Exhibitor Showroom in the Equitana Online Exhibitor Directory for ATAA, sponsor mention in the directory listing, ATAA's booth, website and social media

Golden Buckskin Sponsor: \$1,000, Sponsors one of our 3 horse demos, Mentioned as sponsor during breed demonstration, in ATAA's booth, website, social media, and in the ATAA

Platinum Palomino Sponsor: \$1,500 - Sponsors 1 electronic "push" notification to event attendees to promote our booth & breed demos, mention in push notification, ATAA's booth, website, social media and in the ATAA Newsletter.

Diamond Double-Dilute Sponsor: \$2,500, Sponsors one of our exhibition horses, includes cost of transportation, care & stabling of one horse for

the duration of the event. Includes listing in ATAA's page in program booklet, banner on stall door and name listed in ATAA's booth.

Volunteer!

We need Teke lovers to help at the booth!!! Maybe you're lucky enough to have tickets to some of the events but could spare a couple of hours to put a face on the Teke breed for people who stop by our booth. Maybe you can commit to helping set up or break down the booth, or if you aren't able to attend, perhaps you could contribute in other ways - photos, artwork, promoting the event, Akhal Teke items to display in the booth? Please get in touch, we need your help!
Volunteer Coordinator Yorke McGillivray
yorkenberry@gmail.com



Booth and volunteers at WEG 2018

If you have a Teke or Teke cross that would represent our breed, please contact Sabine Desper, our chairperson in charge of horses and our demo rides. Skdoasisfarm@aol.com



Tekes at WEG 2018



Booth Display at WEG 2018

The ATAA and EST (Equus Survival Trust), along with the Whittier Foundation, Announce:

UCAT ATAA/EST Sponsorships

The focus of this sponsorship is on the **Purebred Akhal-Teke horse**, to expose and refine the talent and raise the visibility of the breed to the equine public and gain new breed stewards via competitions and high-profile exhibitions showing off the Akhal-Teke.

Sponsorship seed money has been donated by the Whittier Foundation through the Equus Survival Trust.

Sponsorships for UCAT (Up and Coming Akhal-Tekes) will be awarded to competitors with purebred AT horses in sponsorship amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5000. Total amount of the Sponsorship program as of 6/1/2021 = \$31,800 Applications will be accepted starting June 1st, 2021. Decisions will be made on ongoing basis, *first come first served*, through October 31st, 2022.

What:

- Sponsorships amount range may vary as horses in higher profile competitions/exhibitions will have higher expenses.
- Minimum of 5 capable riders and 5 trained horses to be awarded sponsorships
- Disciplines - Eventing, Endurance, Stadium Jumping, Dressage, other disciplines decided by committee.
- Exhibition Event - one high profile exhibition is allowed but the event must be committee approved.

Who:

To be eligible to apply for a sponsorship, one must:

- Have been an ATAA Member for at least 6 months prior to applying for sponsorship, either a Lifetime Member, an Individual Member or Ranch Member (or be listed as part of the Ranch Membership)
- Have a purebred, ATAA registered horse, VNIK registration is a plus. Leased horses, with a contract from owner/agent are allowed.
- If applicant is/was an ATAA/EST BOD member or family member, that member can be part of the selection discussion but must abstain from voting on that applicant.
- If a horse has been bred by or previously owned by an ATAA/EST member, that member can be part of the selection discussion but must abstain from voting on that applicant.
- **Substitutions:** Selection by ATAA Sponsorship Committee with final approval from EST Board. Substitutions are allowed (of horse or rider) if unforeseen circumstances arise. Substitutes must also go through the same application and approval process for transfer of the remaining sponsorship funds.

Obligations of Recipients:

- Sponsorship funds may be spent on entry/exhibition fees, grounds/office fees, drug test fees, stalls, tack stalls, organizational memberships such as USEF, USDA, AERC, braiding fees, shavings at show.
- Sponsorship funds may NOT be spent on person's travel expenses (hotel/gas/food), clinics, lessons, coaching at a show or grooming at a show (braiding is ok).
- Recipients will be provided with a stall plate and various promotional items from the ATAA for the Akhal-Teke or competitor to wear and exhibit at all events.
- Recipients are expected to write articles or provide text and copyright free photos and may be asked to send in a general accounting of the sponsorship's money to the Sponsorship Committee within 2 weeks of each event.

After careful consideration, our committee has approved our first sponsorship to Sabine Desper and Adamek, our second to Kathryn Thode and Kazimir. Congratulations to both! We look forward to the attention these teams will bring the Akhal-Teke breed. Stay tuned to the ATAA website, FB page and newsletter for updates on their journeys.

For more information, application forms, event calendar and budget forms, go [Here](#)

For specific information or to send application in, email us at ATAAUCAT@gmail.com

Turkoman Sires at the Root of Thoroughbred Male Lines

Y chromosome research shows common link among male lines of most modern breeds.

By [Eric Mitchell](#) July 26, 2017 reprinted from *The Blood Horse Magazine*

Traditional Thoroughbred pedigree historians give credit for the modern Thoroughbred's athleticism and speed to the sire line emanating from the Arabian horse, but early research on the Y chromosome shows Turkoman stallions were the true source.

The influence of these stallions originating from the Central Asian steppes thousands of years ago doesn't end with the Thoroughbred, either. All modern horse breeds with the exception of the Icelandic Horse, Norwegian Fjord Horse, and the Shetland Pony, can trace their Y chromosome DNA back to a 700-year-old genetic mutation, sourced in one stallion or a family of closely related Turkoman stallions that found its way into the European horse population. This genetic change, or haplotype, is recent history considering domestication of the horse started about 5,500 years ago.

So, has lore gotten it wrong about the influence of the Arabian in the development of the Thoroughbred? Yes and no, according to Barbara Wallner, co-author of the paper entitled "Y Chromosome Uncovers the Recent Oriental Origin of Modern Stallions," which was published July 10 in *Current Biology*. Wallner is an evolutionary geneticist with the Institute of Animal Breeding and Genetics at the University of Veterinary Medicine in Vienna, Austria.

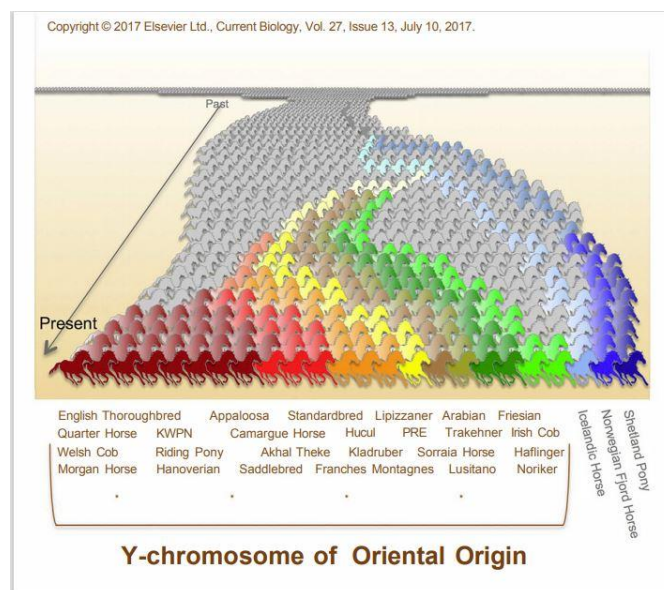
"What the Arabian is today is not the same as the ones that got imported as foundation stallions," Wallner said. "There were Oriental horses imported into Europe to upgrade our breeds here. Within the Oriental horses was two populations, the northern one, which was the Turkoman horse, and a southern one, which was the original Arabian. I assume now that the Thoroughbred founders are from the Turkoman lineage."

Because of the highly selective nature of breeding regarding stallions and even a cursory study of pedigrees, Wallner said she expected a low degree of variability but the degree she saw in her research even surprised her.

"We know from the pedigrees there are the three stallions (Thoroughbred foundation sires), but the variation is so low—that I did not expect," she said. "I also expected a little more variation between the breeds in Europe and North America. We are now including Asian horses and more distantly related horses to look for more variation."

In Wallner's research, she mapped the whole Y chromosome genome of 52 male domestic horses

representing 21 different breeds. Also included were a Przewalski's horse, a once-wild breed that originated in West Mongolia and now exists only in captivity, and a donkey to be samples of outgroups. The DNA sequencing identified 53 variants among the domestic breeds and 284 in the Przewalski's horse alone. These variants were then mapped out and revealed the sharp split between the three Northern European breeds and all other modern breeds 700 years ago.



Two variants defined what was called a "crown group" that encompasses Arabians, Trakehners, Lipizzaners, Warmbloods, Morgans, Thoroughbreds, Standardbreds, and Quarter Horses.

Ubiquitous in Thoroughbreds is the Whalebone haplotype, which is named after the great-grandson of Eclipse, a descendant of the Darley Arabian, whose tail-male lineage dominates modern Thoroughbred breeding.

"The Whalebone haplotype is also very high in the Warmblood and the Quarter Horse; it is everywhere," Wallner said.

Wallner is quick to note the Y chromosome research being done today provides a mere sliver of knowledge compared to what is still unknown. Often the Y chromosome is overlooked in genetics research because of its complexity. This chromosome is made up of about 50 million base-pairs. You'll recall from high school biology that DNA is made up of four nucleic acids—adenine, thymine, guanine, and cytosine. In the DNA molecule, adenine pairs up with thymine, and guanine with cytosine to form base-pairs. Specific sequences of base pairs of chromosomes make up genes that direct metabolic functions, like making proteins.

As of now, researchers can make sense of about 15 million base-pairs on the Y chromosome and much of that genetic coding is repetitive—very repetitive. Researchers have to meticulously scan through a lot of genetic coding **continued on page 8.**

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in the Y chromosome to find variants that could be tied to effects on traits like fertility, performance, or body structure.

"Between the donkey and the horse, there is a difference every 100 base-pairs," said Wallner. "But between two horses, it is always the same. You compare an English Thoroughbred with a Lipizzaner, and you find six differences in six million bases."

The challenge is even greater trying to discern if our traditional method of sorting the Thoroughbred into sire lines is warranted and if there is a true genetic difference in the Y chromosome between breed-shaping stallions like Northern Dancer and Mr. Prospector.

"These two we cannot distinguish yet. They are both in the Whalebone haplotype, so they are in this big red bubble," Wallner said. "So, when you look at variation between Northern Dancer and Mr. Prospector, we would have to look at six million bases and would probably find two differences."

Finding those differences is the equivalent of having two couples in London switch homes with two couples in Chicago, then scanning an alphabetical listing of all the residents to find who swapped and on what street they live.

"It's like the hay and needles," Wallner said.

The graphic with this story is reprinted from Current Biology, Volume 27, Issue 13, July 10, 2017, "[Y Chromosome Uncovers the Recent Oriental Origin of Modern Stallions](#)," pages 2029-2035.e5.

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2021 Case Memorial Competition Fund

*This Year's Competition
Fund will be similar to
2020's Incentive Fund, with
an amount put in by the
ATAA and fees to have
your horse take part in it.
The ensuing pot will be split
between all the recipients.*

*All other rules are the same.
If you would like to
DONATE specifically to the
Case Memorial Competition
Fund, contact our Awards
Committee at [Incentive
awards - Akhal-Teke
Association of America](#)
(akhal-teke.org)*

*If you paid 2020 fees and
DID NOT compete, you can
roll that over to 2021. Just
contact the Awards
Committee! 2020 Awards
will go out in the next
several weeks.*

Teamwork Leads to Successful Posthumous Collection of an Akhal-Teke Stallion

by the Akhal-Teke Foundation

Koublet (Doublet x Kushka) was a retired Eventing stallion owned and bred by Phil and Margot Case of Shenandoah Farm in Staunton, Virginia. The horse suffered from a slowly degenerative, non-treatable medical condition and died in 2020 at the age of 24 years. His semen had never been collected or preserved, yet his contribution to the rare breed lives on, thanks to a very important book.

Phil and Margot Case imported the first Akhal-Teke horse to the U.S. in 1979. At the time that Phil passed away in December 2019, the thirty-four Akhal-Tekes at Shenandoah Farm represented the largest herd of registered purebreds in the United States. His family enlisted Kevin Matthews and Pat Johnston to manage the farm through transition and sale, with a few selected horses getting sold to good homes, and the majority being gifted to the non-profit Akhal-Teke Foundation, to be managed for breed preservation.

Akhal-Tekes descend from the raiding horses of Central Asia, described over 3,000 years ago. This living remnant of the fabled Turkoman horse, co-evolved with alfalfa itself and going back to the dawn of athletic horse domestication, is the original athletic root stock for most of the world's modern sport horses.

The name "Akhal" means pure and is also the name of a remote oasis associated with the nomadic Teke tribe. The nomadic life of the Tekes required horses of high endurance that could travel long distances swiftly and reliably. These traits resulted in animals keenly adapted for both war and racing. Recent peer-reviewed research using DNA analysis has added to the strong evidence that Akhal-Teke, not Arabian, is the breed of foundation stallions of the modern Thoroughbred.

Known for the metallic golden sheen on their coat, the Akhal-Teke breed is listed as Threatened on The Livestock Conservancy's Conservation Priority List. Fewer than 20 foals are born in the United States each year, and the global population is less than 5,000. Perhaps the most famous Akhal-Teke was the Russian horse Absent, who won the Olympic gold medal in dressage in 1960, and had a career total of six medals, among the most ever earned by an individual horse.

Due to Koublet's health, he was closely monitored by farm staff. The team had also begun planning for his eventual death. So, when barn manager Sabine Desper

texted on the morning of Friday, May 24, Koublet's condition was not a surprise to Kevin Matthews, farm manager for Shenandoah Farm.

Desper had served as both trainer and rider on the stallion for several years, competing in Eventing. She knew the horse and the urgency of the situation.

"Koublet was in trouble," explains Matthews. "He had gone down in his stall, and under the circumstances, we knew he was not going to get back up."

Shenandoah had already considered the possibility of an end-of-life semen collection of the stallion. And Matthews had raised the possibility with farm veterinarian Dr. Hannah Plaugher of the Westwood Animal Hospital in Staunton, Virginia. Dr. Plaugher's veterinary interests include end-of-life care. Still, semen collection from a downed horse was new to her.

"I'd be interested, but I've never done anything like that," Plaugher responded to Matthew's question. "I'd be happy to take a look at the manual." End-of-life semen collection is a procedure most vets have never done in their practice.

The manual Matthews suggested his vet look at is the "Manual of Methods for Preservation of Valuable Equine Genetics in Live Animals and Post-Mortem." https://livestockconservancy.org/images/uploads/docs/Manual_of_Methods_for_Genetic_Preservation_2018_Final.pdf

Published by Texas A&M University and The Livestock Conservancy in 2019, authors Kindra Rader, Charles C. Love, Charlene R. Couch, and Katrin Hinrichs, provide detailed information and emergency protocols for veterinarians and owners to preserve priceless genetics. Sperm, eggs, and tissue samples can be collected from both live animals and post-mortem.

"When I phoned Dr. Plaugher that day, she was able to access the Manual online immediately," describes Matthews. "She was making another farm call at the time and linked to the manual from the cab of her truck." Thanks to the Manual, the path had been mapped, and the vet was ready for Kevin's call. Plaugher re-arranged her afternoon schedule to make the collection happen.

Because it was the Friday before Memorial Day weekend, Matthews was still concerned. He knew equine semen collections needed to be processed within 24 hours to maintain quality. But critical steps in the process came together.

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“And the Manual was key to our success,” adds Patricia Johnston, Kevin’s spouse, and partner at their Swan Farm Akhal-Teke ranch in Oregon. Johnston currently works in the Department of Interior for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) overseeing landscape native plant community restoration projects and a native seed collection program. She also currently serves as Vice President on The Livestock Conservancy’s board of directors.

Johnston reached out to Dr. Charlene Couch, Senior Program Manager for the Conservancy, and co-author of the Manual. And Dr. Couch put Dr. Plaughter in touch with Select Breeder Services (SBS) in Maryland to make the final step of processing the end-of-life collection possible.

The final report on Koublet’s collection shows the quality is below commercial distribution standards, which is typical for the posthumous procedure.

Premium semen collections occur when fresh semen is collected from a tract that has been recently cleaned through multiple ejaculations. But due to Koublet’s age and health, multiple collections were impossible. In the words of Select Breeders Services, who performed the epididymal flush, “based on the amount of semen frozen, post-thaw motility, and this stallion being part of the Endangered Equine Alliance and Livestock Conservancy, we recommend using this frozen semen with intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) only.”

“We’ll be very careful,” says Matthews.

Phil Case left a tremendous legacy for the Akhal Teke breed. Seven stallions with exceptional bloodlines had previously been collected and frozen, including the prepotent Senetir, first Akhal-Teke stallion imported to the United States, and Senetir’s son Sengar, long-listed for the 1996 Olympics in Eventing. Semen from Koublet, a Senetir grandson, will be added to that archive, which the Case family is donating to the stewardship of the Akhal-Teke Foundation.

“The Foundation is developing guidelines for when and how all these stallions will be used in conservation breeding strategies,” explains Matthews. “This is a limited and finite resource, so it’s important to determine the ideal strategy for each one.”

“We knew about this option ahead of time thanks to The Livestock Conservancy. But it still required on-the-spot decision-making,” Matthews further explains. The Shenandoah Farm team was also concerned about the cost of the end-of-life collection. While other procedures such as egg retrieval, tissue sampling, and even cloning are potentially available to horse owners considering end-of-life collection for their rare breed animals, Matthews

determined that semen collection was the most straightforward option with a tight budget.

He counsels other equine owners to consider end-of-life collection as a viable choice, especially from a cost perspective. “It’s not necessarily super expensive,” says Matthews. “All the costs associated with the procedure are competitive with stud fees and cooled semen collection expenses. The total would likely be not much more than \$1,000.”

“I didn’t know the costs upfront, so I was pleasantly surprised at how economical the procedure turned out to be,” he concludes. In addition, the Akhal-Teke Foundation was able to provide a grant to cover the costs of the aspects done by Select Breeders Services, which itself provided an Endangered Equine Alliance discount, altogether saving the Case family about half of the total costs.

Looking back, details made the difference.

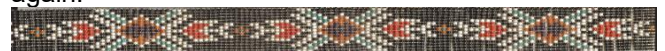
“It was important to have had the preliminary discussion with our vet,” says Matthews. And Johnston adds, “A small percentage of vets deal with rare breeds, so it’s important for owners to know the information and be able to explain the importance of a single horse to the health and survival of an entire breed.”

With Dr. Plaughter and the Westwood Animal Hospital staff in the Shenandoah Valley coordinating closely with the Select Breeders Services clinic in Maryland, the posthumous tissue collection went straight to Fed Ex, just meeting a mid-afternoon deadline for overnight shipping. “At the time, I was not sure services would be available if Koublet had gone down on Saturday, Sunday or Memorial Day,” says Kevin. “We were delighted to learn that SBS was open and able to process collections seven days a week.”

“It’s vital for breeders and stallion owners to be aware that end-of-life collection is a possibility, and that resources are out there,” advises Matthews. “It’s also incredibly valuable for veterinarians to know The Livestock Conservancy’s Manual is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

Johnston is now using this first-hand experience to share their hard-won knowledge with other Akhal-Teke owners around the world. “I’m reaching out to people in my circles and encouraging them to take a closer look at this breeding tool as a resource to help preserve the irreplaceable genetics of rare breeds,” she says. “It was kind of an experiment for us, and it was successful.”

Johnston concludes, “Without a doubt, we’d do it again.”



Featured Artist

Fru Vider

See more works at: [deviantart.com/fruvider](https://www.deviantart.com/fruvider)

In a different take on Akhal-Teke artists, we interviewed an artist who is part of a massive Horse Art Roleplay Game (HARPG) community. In the community, artist members run virtual stables and own virtual horses that they must create art for in order to progress in the game. Fru Vider owns several horses influenced by the Akhal-Teke, with one particularly successful Akhal-Teke mare named Nevriye who has over 2,000 views. Fru Vider has drawn Nevriye primarily in show-jumping, after retiring her from racing in-game, showing the versatility and athleticism of the Akhal-Teke breed through her works. It is through established artists like Fru, who has been in the community for over 15 years, that many other artists discover the Akhal-Teke breed online. As of this article, when you search "Akhal-Teke" on DeviantArt.com it produces 7.4k results, in large part thanks to HARPG and creators like Fru.



Nevriye, Akhal-Teke mare.

How did you get introduced to the Akhal-Teke?

Well, a bit oddly it was my fascination with the Soviet Union that got me interested in the Akhal-Teke breed. Growing up in the 90ties, mostly every book about horse breeds was from the time of Soviet and I always read about the breeds that were supposed to be from there and favored them.

What about the Akhal-Teke inspires you artistically?

Being so unlike most other breeds they have an almost otherworldly feel about them that I think really hits anyones creativity. They also have a very regal and gracious air about them that makes them very pleasant to draw.

What make the Akhal-Teke unique to you, and how do you capture the breed's distinctive characteristics in your art?

The things I tend to try and capture are the shape of the head and especially the eyes as I think this is the thing that really makes them stand out. Usually I draw horses in action, so the body shape and often thin neck can be hard to distinguish from other breeds, but I usually try to make it long and slender, and if the pose allows it I always exaggerate the line of the neck.

How would you describe your style?

I'd probably describe it like a soft western comic-style without the linework. I always incorporate how things work realistic in my drawings, but never aim for realism.

What do you hope to inspire with your art?

Mostly I hope to inspire creativity, and that my art would spark others imagination and be able to read a story through my drawings.



Nevriye in jumping action.



Left: Shegradim, Akhal-Teke cross son of Nevriye.
 Right: Nevriye training for competition.
 Bottom: Real life Akhal-Teke colt Kerkav.



Outside of Fru Vider's engagement in the HARPG community, Fru also does digital art commissions. I had the honor of commissioning Fru to create a portrait piece of my real life Akhal-Teke colt, Kerkav, inspired by his namesake. Needless to say, Fru did a phenomenal job capturing his likeness and painted the whole scene beautifully with great attention to details and light.



Interviewed & Edited by Yorke McGillivray



Distance Horse National Championships

AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA & ASR

AERC/SERA/AHA Big South Fork Open Rides

AHA/ApHC Open CTR & the LD Challenge!

2021 Tentative Schedule

Big South Fork Site in Oneida, TN (Eastern Time)

Times subject to change due to this being an outdoor event

Thursday, September 9, 2021

11:00 AM-8:00 PM.....Registration

3:00 PM-DARK.....Vet-In

5:30 PM.....Pre-Ride Meeting

Friday, September 10, 2021

7:00 AM.....50 Mile AERC/AHA/SERA Big South Fork Open Endurance Ride Start (Roll Call at 6:45)

8:00 AM.....PShR 25 Mile National Championship & 25 Mile AERC/AHA/SERA Big South Fork Open LD Ride/ 1st Leg of LD Challenge Start (Roll Call at 7:45)

8:30 AM.....AHA/ApHC National Championship CTR & AHA 40 Mile Open CTR Start (Roll Call at 8:15)

11:00 AM-8:00 PM.....Registration

3:00 PM-DARK.....Vet-In

6:00 PM.....Awards Dinner

7:00 PM.....Pre-Ride Meeting

Saturday, September 11, 2021

7:00 AM.....AHA/ApHC/PFHA/PShR/AMHA/ATAA/ASR 50 Mile National Championships & AERC/AHA/SERA Big South Fork Open 50 Mile Endurance Ride Start (Roll Call at 6:45)

8:00 AM.....25 Mile AERC/AHA/SERA Big South Fork LD Ride/2nd Leg of LD Challenge Start (Roll Call at 7:45)

11:00 AM-8:00 PM.....Registration

3:00 PM-DARK.....Vet-In

6:00 PM.....Awards Dinner

7:00 PM.....Pre-Ride Meeting

Sunday, September 12, 2021

7:00 AM.....AHA/PShR/ApHC 100 Mile National Championships & AERC/AHA/SERA Big South Fork Open 100 Mile Endurance Ride Start (Roll Call at 6:45)

7:00 AM.....50 Mile AERC/AHA/SERA Big South Fork Open Endurance Ride Start (Roll Call at 6:45)

8:00 AM.....AMHA 25 Mile National Championship & 25 Mile AERC/AHA/SERA Big South Fork Open LD Ride/3rd Leg of LD Challenge Start (Roll Call at 7:45)

6:00 PM.....LD & 50 Miler Awards Dinner

Monday, September 13, 2021

8:00 AM.....100 Mile BC Judging

8:30 AM.....100 Mile Awards Breakfast



February 2021 ATAA Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2020, at 5:00 – 6:30 pm PST

Called to order: 5:03 pm Pacific Time.

Present: Jas Shearer-McMahon, Katrina Ardiel, Cathy Leddy, Tish Saare, Pat Johnston, Dean Miller, Betsy Wandler

Agenda

1. January meeting minutes approval

MOTION: Cathy motions that we approve the January BOD Meeting Minutes. Jas Seconds. Approved.

2. Treasurer's report: no January statement yet, December same as it was at last meeting, online only statements from bank now. 11,532.35 in Checking, 58,204.19 in savings as of December 31st, 2020. Jas will email \$ statement soon.
3. Old Business

a. VNIK/ATAA Registration

1. Registration committee report out- meeting on January 21st, 90 minutes long, PP links need to be updated on current website.
2. Costs for 2021 registration- Info from VNIK, partbreds are cheaper to register, Betsy will send out info. Committee needs to charge our costs plus about 20%. Tish asks if costs will be easy to understand. Pat wants BOD to incentivize registering breeding stock, i.e., stallion and mare licensing for discounts for foals. Cost for 2021 registration? Pat says we should have single price for registration member or non-member. Pat wants to vote on incentivizing breeding stock, Tish asks if that wouldn't be the cost + 20% we are discussing? Cathy mentions that we need to make sure this 20% covers ATAA costs/registration. Pat asks if all costs are included in registration. Betsy mentions that we will include running DB in cost. Katrina says that we need more info to figure out costs.

MOTION: Betsy Motions that registration from 2021 forward will be cost (VNIK, Postage, DB) + 20% to nearest \$. Dean seconds. Approved.

Approved.

Pat brings up member vs non-member pricing. Our goal is to registers all Tekes whether or not owners are ATAA Members.

MOTION: Betsy motions that we have the same price for member/non-member from 2021 forward. Dean Seconds. Approved.

3. Grant review – Have registration committee look at Grant numbers, continue discussion in registration committee. Videos for instructions should go under Registration grants too. Betsy asks where money paid back from Grant horses go? (registration costs that were initially covered by Grant, but were paid back by owner) Back into Grant? Tish suggests that money paid back should go back into grant.
4. VNIK/ATAA contract – waiting to hear back from VNIK- Betsy has spoken to Nadja, emails for status in progress. Katrina asks if anyone else is contacting Nadja. Betsy should be contact as she has been asking about specific horses.
5. Dual registration terminology- Change ATAA 'registration' to something else. Betsy says to leave as is until contract is settled. Revisit terminology as is until next year? In the meantime, Katrina suggests we look into what other breeds do, call it a 'certificate'? Leave as is until everything is settled. Discuss later. Pat discusses herd book. Tabled. Reg. Committee to come up with cost for registration,
 - b. UCAT Committee report – Katrina's possible member does not have time. Dean is still working on his person. Cathy will set up Conference Call with current

committee, Tish will participate. (FYI, have one more person possible, still in progress).

- c. Award Committee Report – Catrina is working on Incentive Fund for 2020, Feb. 15th Deadline. Betsy will send photo of ATAA Awards to Newsletter. Asks for recommendations for Awards. Horse Jewelry from Shannon Mayfield? Case Memorial Competition Award- Incentive Awards now called Case Memorial Competition Awards.
 - d. Database and website committee report – Katrina is entering new horses into DB, still in Beta, have found some glitches, fixing them. Some VNIK PDF forms are not entirely fillable. Will add on current site when they are. Cathy will look at them again and make suggestions.
 - e. Instruction video committee report – Katrina reports that first video is ready for review, will resend to BOD. Cathy says Katrina and Jon did a fabulous job; Katrina will start working on next storyboard.
 - f. Nominating and new board member committee report N/A
 - g. January BOD action item list review
 - a. Cathy contact Yorke for Case Memorial Fund PP buttons on new site.
 - b. Dean says he has bad internet, Cathy will try Erika Wyatt again.
 - c. Cathy will have committee article in upcoming Winter Newsletter, front page article, "We Want YOU" to volunteer.
 - d. Cathy will let Yorke know she's chair of Website/DB committee.
 - e. Dean says he has bad internet, Cathy will try Erika Wyatt again.
 - f. Cathy will have committee article in upcoming Winter Newsletter, front page article, "We Want YOU" to volunteer.
 - g. Cathy will let Yorke know she's chair of Website/DB committee.
 - h. AERC Virtual Conference- raffle items, 3 days with leather halter (left over from DAD awards), AT DVD raffled each day, all emails entered will get free electronic ATAA Friends Membership for 2021.
 - i. DSLD research and study – Cathy will find list of horses suggested for study and resend. Can someone contact people? Katrina will contact them and will work on phone script.
4. New Business
 - a. How to publish meeting notes now that we meet monthly- New website?
 - b. Any new business? Budget and workplan for year for next meeting.
 5. Other items
 - a. Conference for 2021 – Equitana if happens, if doesn't then at Dean's in Florida. Equitana USA – Booth is reserved for 2021- Come up with time frame, contingency plan.
 - b. Grading tour – postponed.
 - c. Christmas silent auction – results
 - d. Microchipping - need to get moving on becoming a USEF Affiliate. Gretta and Dean to take point. Erika Wyatt volunteers, any movement?
 - e. Budget – postponed until March meeting.
 - f. DAD, Distance Championships, other promotions
 6. Action items and wrap up (5 minutes)

Action Items

- a. Cathy contact Yorke for Case Memorial Fund PP buttons on new site.
- b. Dean says he has bad internet, Cathy will try Erika Wyatt again.
- c. Cathy will have committee article in upcoming Winter Newsletter, front page article, "We Want YOU" to volunteer.
- d. Cathy will let Yorke know she's chair of Website/DB committee.
- e. Katrina working on New video.
- f. BOD review finished video.
- g. Next meeting will be March 9th, 2021, 5 – 6:30 Pacific Time.

MOTION: Betsy motions we adjourn. Jas Seconds. Approved, Adjourned at 6:14 pm

March 2021 ATAA BOD Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Called to order: 5:03 Pacific time.

Present: Tish Saare, Cathy Leddy, Betsy Wandler, Katrina Ardiel, Pat Johnston, Dean Miller, absent: Jas Shearer-McMahon

Agenda

7. February meeting minutes approval

MOTION: Dean motions to accept February meeting minutes. Cathy seconds. Approved.

8. Treasurer's report (2 minutes)

9. Old Business

- a. Treasurer's report: \$12665.02 in checking, \$58205.13 savings. \$70,870.15 Total as of end of February 2021
- j. VNIK/ATAA Registration
 6. Costs for 2021 registration- Pat asks about transfer of ownership and registration for AT crosses price, discussion. These take much longer to add to DB than purebreds.

MOTION: Betsy motions to approve purebred and part bred cost table. Cathy seconds. Approved. Effective immediately.

7. VNIK/ATAA contract – Tish has not heard back yet but will work on it.
8. Dual registration terminology-tabled for now
- k. UCAT Committee report: Committee should have something next meeting. We are working on it, have new outside ATAA member. Getting there.
- l. Award Committee Report out
 1. Case Memorial Competition Award
 2. 2020 Incentive Fund- total amount of fun \$2150/21= 102.38 for each event. 5 people entered with 6 horses and 21 events total. Several people that did not compete in 2020 rolled their fee over to 2021.
- m. Database and website committee report – Betsy reports on new DB, Katrina working on putting horses in, glitches are getting fixed. Katrina going through archives, bringing everything up to date. The problem with payment from Yorke was that the database and website fees were still paid by the old payment method Amrita had and had not been switched to the payment form Jas is using. When payment was not received both sites were down briefly. Yorke and Jas fixed this.
- n. Instruction video committee report – Katrina and Jon will bring up bullet points to be positive. Pat wants the importance of registration stressed in videos. Pat will

work on wording; Cathy agrees it should be one screen at beginning of each video. We all need to thank all parties involved, discussion of if it should be in each video (many will only be a few minutes long) or should we put thanks on website? Dean says that everyone involved should be credited. Tish likes the idea of larger acknowledgement on website.

- o. February BOD action item list review
 - a. Cathy contact Yorke for Case Memorial Fund PP buttons on new site. - done
 - b. Dean says he has bad internet, Cathy will try Erika Wyatt again. -done, no response
 - c. Cathy will have committee article in upcoming Winter Newsletter, front page article, "We Want YOU" to volunteer. -done
 - d. Cathy will let Yorke know she's chair of Website/DB committee. Done.
 - e. Katrina working on New video.
 - f. BOD review finished video.
- p. AERC Virtual Conference- happening March 6-7, could use 'staff'. Cathy still working on raffle entrants, all of whom get a Free Electronic Friends Membership for 2021.
- q. DSLD research and study – We got the info from Amrita, Katrina has done up letters and forms, she needs to know who to send list to with questions about horses. Katrina asks if we should revise list as Shenandoah Farm no longer exists? There is \$1000 in budget for this, but prices are estimated quite low. Betsy says we should look at list and go from there.

10. New Business

- c. 2021 Budget- Laurel Gimzo suggests we purchase financial software (i.e., QuickBooks or Quicken) This figuring out the budget for 2021 has become more complicated that it needs to be. Income for membership is much too low, silent auction low. We are still working on 2021 budget, it has been challenging, due to Covid, plans that were cancelled/postponed etc. We discussed if we need to buy Adobe Software to make fillable PDF forms. Katrina already has it, can use it for ATAA. Betsy says that \$500 for awards is enough.
 - a. Grant 1- need actual money sent to VNIK take out NFS.
 - b. Grant 4- UCAT won't be that much in 2021, do we need further discussion?

Motion: Dean motions to readdress the business software question at the end of the year, dependent upon what Laurel recommends and the cost. Betsy seconds. Approved.

- d. Conference for 2021 – October 1-3, either at KHP during Equitana or in Florida if Equitana is cancelled.
- e. Treasurer- Jas is having trouble keeping up with it, anyone else? Betsy, Tish, and Cathy will help out.
11. Action items and wrap up (5 minutes)
 - a. Get cost for registration information up on old site.
 - b. UCAT report for April meeting
 - c. Pat will work on language for Instruction videos on why registering is so important.
 - d. Pat will work on wording for thanking everyone involved.
 - e. Cathy will send email of USEF and USDF info
 - f. Cathy has lists from University of MN, will send to Katrina.
 - g. Pat will work on revamping our Registered (or certified?) Breeder program. This will be an action item for the Registration committee at next conference call.
 - h. Next BOD Conference Call will be April 13th at 5 pm Pacific Time. Thank you to everyone!

April 2021 ATAA Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2020, at 5:00 – 6:30 pm PST

Called to order: 5:02 pm

Present: Pat Johnston, Tish Saare, Cathy Leddy, Betsy Wandler, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Dean Miller, Katrina Ardiel joined at 5:24

Agenda

1. March meeting minutes approval -there were some changes, Cathy read the additions.

MOTION: Pat motions that the minutes are approved with changes.

Betsy Seconds. Approved.

12. Treasurer's report
3/31/21 ending balances: checking - \$12,956.74, savings - \$58,205.63.
13. **Old Business**
 - r. VNIK/ATAA Registration
 9. Costs for 2021 registration- Betsy reports that changes are on old website. We need to do another post to members about new fees and also in newsletter.
 10. VNIK/ATAA contract – signed and sent back to VNIK- Tish will check in with Nadja.
 11. Dual registration terminology- leave terminology as is until next year. Betsy explains that language in contract with VNIK describes our 'certificate of registration'. This explains contract, signed copy not back yet. Any further discussion tabled until contract is signed and back. Cathy suggests using newsletter to roll out new prices and contract with VNIK. wording: "The ATAA has negotiated a better deal for all of us."
 - s. UCAT Committee report – Taking some time – Dean wasn't successful in finding more committee members. Betsy says there is a person at her barn that might work, GP dressage rider. Should have a conference call by the end of April.
 - t. Award Committee Report out- Betsy asks if Jessica Drake sent an invoice for awards, Betsy will follow up with Jessica. Cathy will contact several people we know are competing to make sure they renew by the April 15th Deadline.
 3. Case Memorial Competition Award – deadline extended to 4/15/21.
 4. 2020 Incentive Fund
 - u. Database and website committee report – Katrina reports that Yorke is getting close, discussed info she needs that was in 3/24 email. After all info is in, she will need approximately 2 weeks to go live. Link on old website to VNIK DB is working again. Katrina and Betsy are ok being admins on new DB. Cathy suggests 'goal' of having all info Yorke needs for DB by Sunday night, April 18th. That gives Yorke 2 weeks to get it live. Betsy asks if we need to pass anything on breed standard by VNIK, Tish suggests we just check ours with theirs.
 - v. Instruction video committee report – Katrina says not much to report, Pat will work on language from February Action Items.
 - w. DSLD research and study- Cathy has sent some information to Katrina and send forms from University of MN today. Katrina is working on this. Pat is not sure where several of the Shenandoah horses are, several that could have been tested are no longer at Shenandoah.
 - x. February BOD action item list review
 - a. Get cost for registration information up on old site- done.

- b. UCAT report for April meeting- getting there.
- c. Pat will work on language for instruction videos on why registering is so important. - in progress
- d. Pat will work on wording for thanking everyone involved with video: in progress.
- e. Cathy will send e-mail of USEF and USDF into to Dean- done
- f. Cathy to send lists from University of MN to Katrina-done
- g. Pat will work on revamping our Registered Breeder program. This will be an action item for the Registration committee at next conference call. - in progress

14. New Business

- f. Conference for 2021 – October 1-3, either at KHP during Equitana or in Florida if Equitana is cancelled. Need to start planning. Betsy suggests we plan for Equitana and go full force. Katrina agrees. Tish suggests we do a virtual GMM, Cathy suggests Whova (AERC Virtual Convention 2021). Plan for best case for Equitana and have ATAA Conference, GMM virtually. Betsy suggests we have virtual GMM on October 16th, so it isn't in the middle of Equitana.

MOTION: Betsy motions that we have our ATAA GMM Virtually on October 16th. Dean Seconds. Approved.

15. Other items as time allows.
 - a. Equitana USA – Booth is reserved for 2021- need to start working on it. Betsy suggests that Yorke may be able to help with e-brochure. Cathy talks about 'Expo kits' Pat suggests we use thin black fabric instead of heavy stall drapes. Retractable banners? Equitana Committee: Cathy, chair, Betsy, Dean, Katrina, open up to Membership for volunteers.
 - b. Grading tour – postponed, anticipate in 2022 or 2023, depending on international travel.
 - c. Microchipping - need to get moving on becoming a USEF Affiliate. Gretta and Dean to take point. Erika Wyatt volunteers, any movement? - Betsy asks if we are going to require microchipping with registration. Does being USEF affiliate require this? Good idea to require microchips, need to get info from USEF on microchipping. Pat suggests cross-promotion for registering foals with FEI. Start talking to breeders about what is desirable. Betsy proposes we discuss microchipping with registration committee, have education in newsletter and on website. Cathy suggests we put something in newsletter. Katrina and Pat suggest we concentrate on Equitana for now.
 - d. DAD, Distance Championships, other promotions- Dean has been going to AHA meetings (re: Distance Championships). Keep mentioning this, as sooner or later, someone will go. 2022 Distance Championships will be in Idaho.

16. Action items and wrap up:

- a. Get all items on Yorke's list to her by Sunday evening, April 25th, 2021.
- b. Cathy will get membership names, numbers, and addresses to Yorke for DB by Sunday evening.
- c. Cathy will send ATAA breed standard to BOD, Pat sent VNIK breed standard.
- d. Betsy will work on a short description of each form.
- e. Next BOD meeting will be May 11th, 5 pm Pacific Time.

- f. Equitana committee: Cathy chair, Betsy Wandler, Dean Miller, Katrina Ardiel, open to membership also – contact Cathy if interested.

MOTION: Pat motions to adjourn, Jas Seconds. Approved.

Adjourned at 6:51 pm.

May 2021 ATAA Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021, at 5:00 – 6:30 pm PST

Called to order: 5:02 Pacific time.

Present: Pat Johnston, Tish Saare, Dean Miller, Katrina Ardiel, Cathy Leddy, Betsy Wandler, Jas Shearer-McMahon

Agenda

17. April meeting minutes approval

MOTION: Dean motions to approve April Meeting Minutes, Cathy seconds, approved

18. **Treasurer's report:** Jas: Checking: \$10,057.31 Savings: 58206.11 We have paid VNIK's Animal Genetics bill of \$1900, which will be taken off our VNIK bill. Budget finished but not reconciled. Will put 2021 Budget in newsletter, Cathy will check with Jas and Tish to make sure it is correct.

19. Old Business

- y. VNIK/ATAA Registration
12. VNIK/ATAA contract- Nadja requested a stamped (embossed ATAA stamp) copy of the contract, Tish sent to Betsy to stamp, Betsy has mailed it to VNIK, via certified mail.
13. How are we handling ATAA reg only horses? - i.e., older horses that are only ATAA registered, not VNIK. Betsy reports that there is not very many left, we have registered quite a few through the Grant funds. Pat talks about getting VNIK only horses registered with the ATAA, so our DB is complete. Should be low cost, to cover paper and postage. Cathy suggests more education as to why horses should be registered with both ATAA and VNIK. Cathy will send info to BOD on ATAA history – need to update this to current times so people see what we do. Katrina suggests progressive posts on social media. Katrina suggests we contact people after DB is well known, so they have incentive. Betsy will ask for list of VNIK registered horses, so we can compare with our list. Pat suggests we put this issue on the Registration Committee agenda as to what to charge VNIK registered horses for ATAA registration. Most of our cost is DNA and VNIK registered horses already have this done. Katrina suggests that a really good social media post is 'where the re
- z. UCAT Committee report
1. First conference call to be done by this Saturday, report at next BOD meeting.
- aa. Award Committee Report
5. Case Memorial Competition Award – deadline extended to 4/15/21.
6. 2020 Incentive Fund- follow up on roll over of 2020 Incentive Fund fees – make sure they are listed for 2021. The 2020 checks and notes are sent out. Dean suggests we look for sponsorships for this fund going forward, perhaps a non-BOD member may be interested?
7. ATAA Awards – Betsy will have ATAA Awards out in the next newsletter, she is open to suggestions. We need a special award for Yorke and Matt for

their work on the DB. Cathy mentions that both were sent a goody box of ATAA swag earlier with notes. Bring up to Membership and on social media, ideas for ATAA awards. Betsy could use help on the Awards committee – open to ATAA Members – post in newsletter and social media.

8. Jessica Drake invoice – Jas to send Jessica a check for \$500, no invoice yet.
- bb. Database and website committee report
1. Database is live!! DB went live in May, Pat asks how protocol works for processes on DB, is there one? Betsy says that everything is listed and checked off, Katrina explains the ticketing system to get stuff done in a timely manner. Very nicely set up.
2. Website-Is very close to launch also.
- cc. Instruction video committee report
1. Instructional language – Pat to draft – still in progress. Katrina is close to sending out layout of second video to Jon Mays of HorseFlicks, plan is by end of this week (May 15th?)
- dd. DSLD research and study- Katrina has a list to send out tomorrow, we need to look at all the letters. Pat wonders if we can make a better price estimate once we have a list and it's prioritized. Tish remarks that we could pull funds from one of the Grants if necessary.
- ee. Registered Breeder program update – Registration committee to address at next meeting.
- ff. Conference for 2021 – GMM Virtual Conference on Oct 16, 2021- Cathy asks how detailed do we want to get? Talks? Speeches? Etc.? Virtual stuff online? Cathy talks about things to consider for virtual Conference. Tish can chair, Katrina will help, will rope Yorke in too. Looks for member volunteers.
- gg. Equitana USA – Sabine poked Cathy, Conference call by next BOD meeting.
1. Committee – Cathy, Betsy, Dean, Katrina, Sabine, Nina Levenduski, Yorke – volunteers welcome
- hh. Microchipping
1. Registration committee to discuss at next meeting. Start education for membership on website and in newsletter. Katrina does microchipping already – need an article on why to do this. Brands vs microchips. For FEI competition it is necessary, Cathy will search pros and cons of this for an upcoming article. Cost is insignificant over the life of the animal. Pat asks if there is space in the online DB for microchip numbers? Yes. Add why to microchip in our social network blurbs – need hooks, personal twists on why.
2. Education in newsletter and website
- ii. **April BOD action item list review**
- a. Get all items on Yorke's list to her by Sunday evening, April 25th, 2021- Done.
- b. Cathy will get membership names, numbers, and addresses to Yorke for DB by Sunday evening. Done.
- c. Cathy will send ATAA breed standard to BOD, Pat sent VNIK breed standard. Done.
- d. Betsy will work on a short description of each form. Done
- e. Next BOD meeting will be May 11th, 5 pm Pacific Time.
- f. Equitana committee: Cathy chair, Betsy Wandler, Dean Miller, Katrina Ardiel, open to

membership also – contact Cathy if interested.

20. Other items (as time allows)
- Grading tour – postponed.
 - DAD, Distance Championships, other promotion – Cathy says that at least one Teke cross will be competing at the Distance Championships this year.
21. Action items and wrap up.
- Cathy will send ATAA history (so far) to BOD, done.
 - Betsy will ask VNIK for list of VNIK registered horses.
 - Social Media, Newsletter – ask for ideas for ATAA Awards and volunteers.
 - Jas pay Jessica \$500 for ATAA Awards
 - Send both ATAA and VNIK breed standard to Betsy, she will compare, registration committee can also look at these.
 - Registration committee to discuss ATAA registration prices for already VNIK registered horses and report back to BOD.
 - Cathy will see if we can get volunteers to look for sponsorships, donations.

Next meeting June 8th, 5 pm Pacific Time

Motion: Cathy motions to adjourn, Dean and Jas second, approved. 6:15 pm

ATAA 2021 Awards

Categories for the 2021 ATAA Awards are being decided upon now! Keep an eye out on Facebook and Instagram for details...or if you are not on social media contact Betsy Wandler @ betsysee@gmail.com and she can email the information directly to you.

Make sure to note on your calendar: Nominations for Awards will be due November 15, 2021!

If you have an idea for a category or award, let Betsy know ASAP!

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www.akhal-teke.org

ATAA Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Akhal-Teke-Association-of-America-348256698548515/>

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<https://instagram.com/akhaltekeamerica/?igshid=1wrvdaas05ygb>

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Lauren Irwin, Angie McGhee and Elek, Georgia



Angie McGhee on Elek, photo by Becky Pearson

Angie McGhee on Elek



Lauren Irwin and Elek at Meadow Creek Mingle, Fall 2019, photo by Becky Pearson.



Eron Owens and Gyzyl Godiva, AT-Trakehner Cross mare, Indiana



Sarah Schumann and Midas Touch, Canada



Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes, Washington

3 foals here this year, 2 fillies for CGAT and one colt for a client. All are lovely, healthy and the fillies are for sale. We're now working on 2022 foals, along with competitions, starting horses and never-ending barn and farm chores. We're planning on being at Equitana in October, hope to see you all there!



Extreme Cowboy Racing: Yes it is a blast and great for the horses. There is everything from courses inside to outside. Last weekend was an outdoor course and there were bridges, log piles, rock piles, water boxes, gates, going through gates and going around on uneven ground at high speeds.

And this week we were inside and there was some of the same obstacles and some different ones like roping, jumping, carrying things, and doing a ground tie. There was also a lot more scary fill stuff to look making it more challenging.

You get marked on how you complete the obstacle and it's a timed event.

Last weekend we came in 5 out of 14 people and this weekend we placed 2nd out of 7.

What has been happening 'Down Under'?



Die Kinder Stud had an exciting 2020 even through drought and covid 19!
 On September the 21st our lovely purebred mare Gubilee foaled a super bay purebred Akhal Teke filly. Conceived via imported frozen semen from the athletic young dark buckskin stallion Amadei Geli. Amadei Geli has moved from Julia Schmid where he was successful competing in eventing and show jumping to a new career with the great Classical rider Anja Beran.
 Gubilee foaled on the eve before my Mum's (Adelle), birthday so we named her Die Kinder Amadelle.



Because I had been a good girl, Santa brought an early gift on Christmas Day. What a surprise! Gemma, who is the older full sister to Gubilee, foaled a beautiful palomino filly on December the 25th. Conceived via imported frozen semen, this time from the tall dark and handsome Wepaly Gulki. I had been expecting a black/dark colt from Gemma, as she had foaled colts before. After dumping all colt names, we named the new filly Die Kinder Wieska, which has a Russian meaning of All Glory.



Sadly 2021 has been a bit less joyous with the tragic loss of the young Akhal Teke sport horse Die Kinder Mancini (known as Yazov) and the dam and grand dam of all our purebred



Akhal Teke girls, Gelmay (IU). Gelmay was the first and only purebred Akhal Teke foaled in Australia 17 years ago. Tom & Dawn Thomsen imported her dam Gel-Berri in foal to Almaz. Gelmay was Gel-Berri's only surviving foal.



However, we now have had some rain and the girls are all looking wonderful! They are very excited, as in May, Bill and I are travelling over 4,000 kilometres to Western Australia to visit the only other purebred Akhal Teke Horse breeders, Khan Tekes Australia and D'Haran Tekes.



They are insisting we meet the tall and handsome smoky black gentleman Mansur, from the Netherlands. They heard he has impressed a few ladies and loves the weather, beaches, and new home at D'Haran Tekes! They are jealous of Kenar of Khan Tekes who has a date booked for this year with Mansur.



The Akhal Teke Sport Horse Girls! Khan Ajarha and Die Kinder Zina are both maturing into lovely ladies, as is Khan Atesli. Die Kinder Jasabelle will foal to Kambarbay this year.



The Akhal Teke Sport Horse Boys!



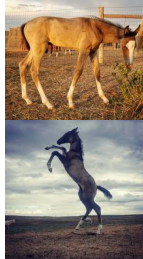
Die Kinder Zhenya wants to know the moves from Khan Sadyk. Zhenya is still waiting!



Die Kinder Khanh can't wait to be a big boy!

Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes, Billings MT, Betsy Wandler

Happy foaling season to all! We are excited to announce our 2 gorgeous foals that were born in June:



"SH Jump'n Jax" buckskin colt
 JoshuaAmericanHorse x Amerka

"Silver Hill Arriety" smokey black filly (Tarek x Silver Hill Avienda)

Both foals were sold in utero, so their new "human moms" (one from the east coast, one from the west coast) are very pleased! A mare that we bred and raised, Silverhill Kizarmak (Salamdor x MV Kiyasa), (owned by Moriah Kraft) had a gorgeous golden bay filly "Kali" by Joshua American Horse.



Kali – Joshua American Horse x SH Kizarmak

New news: we have 2 new Akhal-Tekes that will be joining our herd! The 10-year-old mare "Soudjie", out of Khiva (Gargantua x Hmra) x Ak Syrgym (Patrikhan x Almaty), bred by Sandra de Blois. We are very excited and anxiously awaiting her arrival from Canada!

And a brand-new black colt that was born July 3rd will be joining us late winter, "Adlumia Altair" Anduma (Agades x Goldka) x Ahmiyetli (Salam x Aishet). We hope everyone has a Teke-filled year, please contact us if you have any questions or will be coming through the Billings, Montana area and would like to visit!

Golden Ridge, Virginia, Sabine Desper

We made it thru the winter!! After moving from Shenandoah Farm to Cedar Creek Stables (located in Staunton, VA) in the fall, I am happy to say the stallions Adamek and Indyka have settled in nicely. Adamek is being leased by me from the Akhal-Teke Foundation, to continue our quest for FEI dressage competitions. Both stallions are standing at stud. Indyka spent a little time at the Equine Reproduction Concepts clinic and was trained to be collected off the phantom. Since then, he had one request for semen and the mare has been confirmed in foal for a 2022 baby. Spring also opened up the show season. Adamek made his debut at 3rd level dressage at the VADA/Nova Spring Dressage competition. We had a positive experience, placing 2nd and 4th. In May we went to the Lexington Spring Dressage show, competing at 3rd level placing 1st and 2nd, and 4th level placing 3rd. Finally in June we went to the Culpeper Dressage show, for a very hot weekend. Again, earning scores in the 60's, Adamek won both his classes at 4th level and placed 2nd at 3rd level. I would like to take this opportunity to send a huge "THANK YOU" to all that have supported me and Adamek, to make it this far!

At Stud:

Wepaly Gulki



2013 16 hand black Akhal Teke stallion, double registered, NFS negative. Sephard Shael x Pekhimli



Stud fee \$1500 US

Frozen semen eligible for anywhere in world.
Frozen semen also stored in Australia and U.S.

Contact: Janine Esler esler.arabians@gmail.com

At Stud, Frozen Semen only

Merdan – Metman x Aishet, 2012 purebred Buckskin, competing in Endurance in 2021



For more information, contact Jas Shearer-McMahon at endurintekes@gmail.com or at 970-493-1773

Pleasant Grove Akhal-Tekes



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

Kevlin (photo right) is a stunning palomino and is available for cooled and frozen shipment.

We are proud to stand three excellent purebred stallions. We have quality purebred horses for sale.

Gallo (photo right) is a metallic bay stallion from the Skak line. Available for cooled shipment.



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Please see our website for more photos and information.



Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes



Silver Hill Arriety, 2021 smokey black filly, Tarek x SH Avienda



Silver Hill Jump'n Jax, Joshua American Horse x Amerka



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LOOKING FOR HELP!!!!

The ATAA Newsletter needs some help – our fearless editor is a bit overwhelmed right now and could use some help (or you had better get used to every once in a while newsletters!)

You could:

Take over the whole thing: it usually takes me 40-80 hours to do one newsletter.

Take over a part of it: Farm ads perhaps? Classifieds?

We have a few dedicated people that are helping out, THANK YOU Nina Levenduski!!!!

But, I could use more help. My life keeps getting busier and I'm not getting younger.

I've been doing the ATAA Newsletter for 10 years now and would love to step down, someday.(really, I'd like to ride my Tekes!)

Contact: c.leddy@frontier.com

PS: YOU GET TO KNOW ALL THE GOSSIP FIRST!!!!



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without
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Ads due by the end of the month before publishing.

Horses For Sale

For Sale: For Sale: Giana (Magaryf X JBK Gulkusi), 2018 Purebred Ak Sakal line filly. Blindingly metallic golden bay. Already 15.2 hh. Details on Dream Horse or Equinenow.com. Photos on Facebook. Email: jacquemunn@aol.com.



Classified Ads

Horses For Sale

- Kevlin (Arin x Kamiah) 2013 palomino stallion, 15 h, \$25,000
- Koda (Gallo x Kamiah) 2018 bay colt, \$4,500
- Anden (Kevlin x Alyeshka) 2018 chestnut colt, \$4,500.

All are registered with ATAA and VNIIC or have registration pending. Contact Tish at (530)400-9909. saare@zetabb.com

Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes

2021 Buckskin filly, Sephard Shael x Aishet, for sale



2021 Chestnut filly, Gerald x Alamet, for sale



2020 Bay filly, CG Azalia, Metman x Aishet, for sale



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Gerald



16.1hh Akhal Teke Stallion Born 2006
By Arim out of Gekla
Bred by Akhal Texas (Tito and Natasha Pontecorvo)

Parentage 6.5, Typicality 7.0, Measurements 8.5,
Conformation 9.0.

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If you are looking for a proven stallion then look no further. Gerald is the epitome of a modern accomplished Akhal Teke. From the show ring to his progeny Gerald is an excellent example for his breed and his sport. He will capture you with his undeniable presence, and hold your attention with his refined uphill build, and beautiful copper coat. Gerald brings excellent Akhal Teke bloodlines with proven success in both the jumper ring and the dressage ring.

As a two year old, Gerald won a gold medal and red preferred status at an American Warmblood Inspection. He went on to win the 1 year old division, at the first Akhal-Teke championship in America, at the Kentucky Horse Park. Finally, at one United States Dressage Federation in hand class, Gerald's score earned him 8th place in the nation, for sport horse suitability. However Gerald's career did not end in the hand ring.

Gerald started his career at Akhal Valley Farms in Eventing progressing from entry level to Preliminary level in three short years of competition. Although he showed promise in Eventing it became apparent that he enjoyed dressage more.

Gerald started his dressage career in the spring of 2014 and progressed through the levels and made his debut at Prix St George in Spring of 2016. Gerald has had great success at Prix St George level and is currently working on moving up the levels.

Gerald's offspring show all promise talent, beauty, and reliability. They all possess their dad's excellent work ethic, intelligence, as well as his great conformation, and natural athleticism. They are beautifully balanced with excellent uphill movement, and they have already been winning ribbons in conformation classes, dressage, and in the jumper ring.

At stud: Alabahar 2013 Alp x Dogoni, 15.2hh



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