

# ATAA Newsletter

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## 2021...Same Song, New Verse?

As we all know, 2020 took a sharp turn for all of us, making a mockery of all our plans. We took our lumps here and worked on things we COULD work on, bringing Breed related programs farther along, doing virtual Breed Booths, doing ads in several national magazines, and planning for a much more open 2021. Things do seem to be looking up, but we still cannot plan as we are used to doing. Many of our biggest plans included travel, both international and national, which has of course been curtailed. Many of 2020's plans were postponed until further notice, and we still don't know if some will happen or

not. For instance, Equitana. The ATAA has paid for a Breed Booth at the Kentucky Horse Park and we are to have a ridden demo there too. Equitana went virtual last year (and so did we), which was an innovative partial solution. At this point, we are still hoping that we will have Equitana 2021, October 1 -3, but we won't know for sure until much later. We will give you all information as it comes available and if you have ideas that the ATAA could work on while we're on 'stall rest', please contact one of our BOD members!



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The 'Incentive Fund' has been renamed 'The Case Memorial Competition Awards' as of 2021

**ATAA Yearly Conference – October 1-3, either in KY or FL, depending on how things go.**

2021 Grading Tour – dates, TBD, depending on travel. Watch the website and contact [Betsy Wandler](#) for more details.

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

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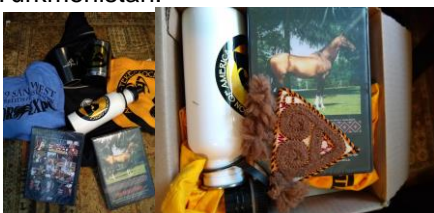
## Online Database Update:

The registry site for the ATAA database and new main website for the ATAA are progressing well in beta testing with limited users. Tools for the database are being improved to make them more user friendly, horses registered after March 2019 are being added to the database, and available fields for horse information are being expanded. The image gallery system is now working to allow for additional photos to be submitted beyond registration photos and we are working on printable pedigree sheets. The website was successfully moved over to BlueHost which will cut upkeep costs and improve loading speed. Huge shoutout and thank you to the continued support, help, and work from the Database and Website Committee to get these projects ready for public launch. Soon we will have volunteers in the committee trained as additional admins for both sites to manage traffic, updates, and user support.

As a small token of our gratitude to Yorke, we had a custom set of horse tack made for her by Shannon Mayfield.



We sent a box of goodies to Matt Harris (who has done the coding), as he doesn't have a horse, including some ATAA T-shirts, two DVDs, a custom-made coffee mug and ATAA logo water bottle, by Sofie's Equine Designs, an older Akhal-Teke coffee mug, a ATAA logo backpack from the 2019 Canadian ATAA Conference, made by Katrina and Giles Ardiel and donated by Cathy Leddy, and to top it off, a good luck charm from Turkmenistan.



# ATAA News

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**Volunteers Needed for some of the Following Committees: If you see one you think you can help with, please contact the Committee Chair.**

### Registration Committee:

Chair: Betsy Wandler

Members: Pat Johnston, Cathy Leddy, Amrita Ibold, Tish Saare, Katrina Ardiel, Responsibilities: VNIK/ATAA registration, VNIK catch up registration. Grant info.

### Nominating and new board member

**committee:** Chair: Pat Johnston Members:

Jas Shearer-McMahon, committee

Responsibilities – BOD nominations and elections. *Looking for volunteers for committee and BOD nominees*

### Instruction video committee

Chair: Katrina Ardiel

Member: Cathy Leddy, *Looking for volunteers.*

Responsibilities: development of educational registration videos.

### Database and Website Committee:

Chair: Yorke McGillivray

Members, "Website Task Force", Katrina Ardiel, Betsy Wandler, Dean Miller, Tish Saare, Cathy Leddy

Responsibilities – roll out and maintain new website and database

### Up and Coming Akhal-Teke Program

Chair: Cathy Leddy

Members: Victoria Tollman, Betsy Wandler, *looking for volunteers*

Responsibilities: Roll out UCAT program and recipient selection.

### Awards Committee:

Chair: Betsy Wandler

Members: Catrina Quantrell, *looking for volunteers.*

Responsibilities: maintain programs and facilitate recipient selection. Come up with Awards.

Please read our latest Conference Call minutes on page 4 for more info.

**UCAT (Up and Coming Akhal-Teke Riders) Scholarships-** Information coming soon! Watch the ATAA website.

**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. We ended up having a 'Virtual Booth' for 2020 and are still planning for 'The Real Thing' in 2021,

but of course we will need to wait and see what happens. If we do have an in-person booth, there will be a large amount of work to be done in a short time. 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](mailto:skdoasisfarm@aol.com)

### Horse Illustrated 30 Most Popular Breed Profiles.

The ATAA ran a half page Breed ad in Horse Illustrated's Best of Breeds that came out in late fall, 2020. 70,000 copies are available nationwide and you can also see the online magazine here: [https://horseillustrated.com/flipbook/HI/Best\\_of\\_Breeds\\_21/](https://horseillustrated.com/flipbook/HI/Best_of_Breeds_21/)



**Akhal-Teke Cross Damascus and rider/owner Dean Miller** in AERC's "Template for Conditioning Your Horse", which is sent out to new AERC members.



**ATAA Silent Auction:** 2020's Silent Auction was our best one yet, thanks to Gretta Teets for running it and all the donors and bidders! We made approximately \$1500 after the costs for items and hosting. Thank you to everyone!

## ATAA Awards 2020

### Volunteer Awards:

**Community Involvement-** promotes the ATAA and the Akhal-Teke to those outside of the breed (example: local 4-H or Pony Club)

**Recipient- The Akhal-Teke Foundation/Kevin Matthews**

*"I'd like to nominate the new Akhal-Teke Foundation and Kevin Matthews (both are members of the ATAA) for the either the Promotion or Community involvement award. I am not sure which is more appropriate. Kevin's promotion of the Akhal-Teke through this new Foundation has reached over 327,000 people - in a single post! That's huge- look at the statistics on the Facebook page for the Akhal-Teke Foundation. A number of posts have an excess of 10,000 engagements.*

*Kevin's posts have generated 1000 of conversations and brought attention to the breed - to people who've never heard of the breed before. His posts strive to bring to the forefront substantive information- not just eye-candy."*

*Also nominated: Cindy Sither*

**Event Attendance/Breed Promotion-** a member that actively helps the ATAA at one or more horse function(s) (example: exposition or show)

**Recipient- Mary Curran-** *"For competing her Teke cross Hendrix consistently and being featured in magazines and online."*

*Also nominated: Katrina Ardiel, Akhal-Teke Foundation, Kevin Matthews*

**Publicity-** contributes article(s) to one or more ATAA newsletters.

**Recipient - Pat Johnston-** *"for several breed preservation articles."*

*Also nominated: Yorke McGillivray*

**Breed Preservation-** a person or organization that contributes to the preservation of the Akhal-Teke breed. \*does NOT need to be a member or affiliated with ATAA\*- this category had the most nominees and a tie breaker needed to be brought in.

**Recipient - The Case Family: Lori Case, Leslie Case, Peter Macone and John Macone-**

The Case Family, who are mostly not even horse people themselves, generously supported the Shenandoah Farm operation for six months from Phil's estate, to allow for a graceful transition for the 35 purebred Akhal-Teke horses. Those six months stretched into nearly a year, with the funds from a few early sales rolled back to support the operation.

This month Shenandoah Farm will be no more. Older, retired horses found soft landings. A few horses were sold to breeding or performance homes. Of the original resident purebred Akhal-Tekes around 15 horses, including some five stallions, are now in a variety of lease-type situations under the unified management of the nonprofit Akhal-Teke Foundation. This core herd has been strategically placed around the country to meet their individual needs and potentials ranging from breeding to surgery and rehab, to groundwork training, to FEI-level dressage competition.

With the support of the Case Family, a fire sale was avoided of great Akhal-Teke horses, that could have endangered progress for our rare and amazing breed. Instead, the wealth of genetics from Shenandoah Farm has been amazingly preserved. This last year, we were guided by a simple principle, every decision was based on what was best for each individual horse, and for the Akhal-Teke breed.

For their generous support of the Akhal-Teke breed, I'd like to nominate the Case Family for the ATAA Breed Preservation

*Also nominated: Yorke McGillivray and Matt Harris, Range Whitaker, Denis Kay and Bill Miller, Emery Rhodes*

### Horse Awards:

**Competition Award:** A registered purebred or part bred horse that actively competed in recognized show(s)/ride(s) /event(s) in 2020 -

**Recipient- Hendrix**

*Also nominated: Diesel, Merdan, Ophelia Kkan*

**Broodmare Award:** A living registered mare with the most foals produced through 2020.

**Recipient: Aishet** – dam of Azmele, Merdan, Sabyr, Ahmiyetli, Anahita, Azara, CG Azalia, foal to Sephard Shael for 2021

**Stallion Award:** A living registered stallion with the most foals produced through 2020.

**Recipient: Pan Tau** – many foals, still producing offspring.

**Production Award:** A stallion or mare that has offspring that are actively competing.

**Recipient: Adamek-Adamek** was the only horse nominated for this category, and although his offspring are too young to compete, he is competing himself.

**Horse of the Year:**

**MV Patrickhan**, competing with thousands of AERC miles, 1 offspring.

*2020's Horse Awards, original watercolor painting by Jessica Drake of The Painting Pony*

*Thanks to Betsy Wandler for chairing this committee!*





**October 2020 ATAA Board of Directors Conference**  
**Call Meeting Minutes**  
 October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Called to order: 5:35 pm

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

**Old Business**

1. VNIK/ATAA registration – only 3 (now more) foals registered with ATAA/VNIK. What to do about people not following rules? We specifically state from our September 29, BOD Conference call meeting (and it's on the website):

*As of October 1, 2019, the ATAA supports registration of purebred Akhal-Teke horses utilizing and supporting the current VNIK registration process.*

*ATAA will continue to support and build a trusting relationship with VNIK. ATAA will support VNIK registration of purebred Akhal-Teke horses by collecting and consolidating registration forms and submitting them to VNIK. ATAA will act as a liaison to VNIK on behalf of North American Akhal-Teke horse owners and/or ATAA members.*

*The ATAA will continue to provide to Akhal-Teke owners an ATAA registration certificate that remains the same as what the ATAA is currently providing, though we are clear that horse owners will later under separate cover receive their official "closed studbook" registration papers which come from VNIK.*

*The ATAA will no longer offer ATAA-only registration to purebred Akhal-Teke owners, as this has led to confusion and the potential loss of purebred horses being included in the closed Russian studbook. Jas seconds, approved.*

*Discussion ensued with this motion about costs, difficulties. Pat suggests using the table she did up earlier. Gretta asks if parents are both VNIK registered, if foal gets discount. Pat emails table to the BOD, payment should come with registration packet, so we don't get things lost over time. All agreed to this. Pat asks about who pays for DNA – the ATAA does.*

Cathy asks where we are on registration, we know of 3 foals for Tish (registered), 2 for Cathy (registered) Sabine has a cross, Jessica Drake had 2 (registered). What about Amrita's? Cathy also asks about tracking foals using the Google Sheets.

Breeding Reports are important, due by end of year. Betsy suggests a calendar on the website with important dates. Pat talks about fillable PDFs with Nadja, need to ask Amrita to get registration address changed with Nadja (Amrita's to Betsy's). Tish will see if she can edit these, Katrina has a program to edit PDFs, will get together with Betsy for address change. Pat will edit ATAA Website w/ new address and forms.

2. UCAT – send info to Betsy and Katrina. Roll this out first of year, application **dates**, due March 1<sup>st</sup>, Awards announced April 1<sup>st</sup>. Discuss last bits needed to get this finished; BOD decision by December 15<sup>th</sup> – Cathy will resend information about UCAT out again to BOD. We

need to schedule our next BOD meeting soon. Tish needs to do a Grant Report, need accounting from Amrita- we need the old info, Tish and Cathy will find this info? and send out.

3. Incentive Award Committee – Need to promote this- Discussion about name change in 2021 – Pat asks about Budget.

**MOTION: Cathy motions we call the Incentive Fund the Case Memorial Competition Awards as of 2021. Dean seconds. Approved.**

4. Conference for 2021 – Dean Miller and Rachel Stevick have offered to host in 2021, but if Equitana happens, going to both would be asking too much from membership. Decision: Do Conference and GMM at Equitana in 2021, possibly Florida in 2022. Pat asks about doing the 2022 Conference during Teke Camp in February in Florida, could always do a GMM later in the year for elections. Dean brings up ATAA Awards – we usually hand those out during the Conference, February would be very early for this. Tish suggests we table the ATAA Conference discussion until we see what is going on in the world (Covid).
5. Equitana USA – Booth is reserved, it is a go for 2021- need to start working on it.
6. Database update- Working on processes for changing photos/information. Katrina talks about how to request changes, reg info, accomplishments. We need a process to do this, BOD will be the Beta testers. Katrina, Betsy, and Yorke want to help with this process. Pat asks when we can start that. Yorke will be sending out invitations to BOD first.
  - a. Website update- Betsy and Yorke making good progress- teasers sent out to public on FB. The teasers are great, how do we reimburse Yorke for monies put out there. Jas will work on it. Betsy asks about DB cost, the ATAA needs to take this over and reimburse Yorke for it.
7. Grading tour – Pat asks if we could change grading from E. Coast now that Shenandoah Farms is gone. Tabled.
8. Silent Auction: Cathy updates on how that is going. Thanks to Gretta Teets for setting, it up!
9. Video – been on back burner since March – Katrina mostly working on it, Cathy did some, got busy. Tish and Pat say they will help. Target to having one done in February or March of 2021.

**New Business**

1. Will ATAA would like to continue the MOU with AHA for another 3 years? Also need to know what your qualifications will be for 2021 as well. Great

exposure for breed. Cathy reads from our GMM on this.

**Motion: Jas motions that we continue the MOU with AHA for another 3 years. Cathy Seconds. Approved.**

Do we want any sort of qualifications for our rides? Same as 2020, Cathy suggests we do what other organizations are doing. Betsy asks if someone else can take over for her as liaison, Dean volunteers. Betsy will send info to Dean, next meeting is Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Dean and Thank you to Betsy for what you've done so far on this!

2. Budget- we need end of year info, work w/Jas, shoot for early in 2021. Pat suggests we bring in Laurel Brock to help. Tish will work on rolling Grant money over to 2021. Should have letter done and out by next Quarterly BOD meeting.
3. We officially welcome Katrina Ardiel and Betsy Wandler to the BOD and thank Gretta Teets and Cindy Sither for their service. Betsy will send registration forms that need addresses changed to Pat.
4. Idea of a mid-yearly in person meeting, somewhere central...tabled.

**Motion: Betsy motions to adjourn. Dean Seconds. Approved. Adjourned 6:46 pm**

**2021 ATAA Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting Agenda**

January 15th, 2020 at 4:30 – 6:00 pm PST

Called to order: 4:36 pm Pacific Time.

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

**Agenda**

1. October meeting minutes approval  
**Motion: Dean motions to approve. Betsy seconds. Approved**
2. Treasurers report – As of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Checking: \$11628.65, Savings: 62,618.25. Budget to be discussed in detail in a separate call, Katrina asks if Laurel is helping, Pat suggests we ask her again. Jas will reach out to Laurel for help.
3. Old Business
  - a. UCAT Program – Basics are done, discussion about roll out, try for April this year. Still need more committee members to oversee this. Katrina and Dean both have some outside ATAA possibilities. Cathy (chair) will organize a conference call to discuss specifics of UCAT program and bring results to the BOD.
    1. Tish to request Whittier grant extension done.
  - b. Incentive Award Committee – Cathy will contact Katrina Quantrell and see where we are on this. 8 people have sent in their fees, others want to but didn't know if they could compete, so didn't do this. Ask Yorke about adding a PP button for this on new site. Need to promote this more, will go out in newsletter.

- c. Conference for 2021 – Equitana? Florida? - pending travel
  - d. Equitana USA – Booth is reserved for 2021- need to start working on it.
  - e. Database update- Yorke and Matt found some glitches in DB, will fix and then it's ready for launch. Katrina will check into progress and report back to BOD. Jas reimbursed Yorke for upfront fees; fees are now coming out of ATAA account.
  - f. Website update- Betsy and Yorke making good progress- teasers sent out to public on FB, site and DB to be launched together.
  - g. Grading tour – postponed, cannot do much until we know international travel is allowed.
  - h. Christmas silent auction – Cathy reports – our best one yet, thanks to Gretta Teets, We made approximately \$1500 after costs of items and hosting. Betsy asks where does the money go to anything specific? Dean suggests auction money go to Promotions, will save this discussion for Budget meeting. Shipping of items is getting more expensive, online auction working well though. Discussion of looking for 2021 items now, have combo of 'at conference' and online.
  - i. DSLD research and study- Tish supposed to coordinate with Amrita-Tish will contact Amrita as to specifics.
  - j. Microchipping - need to get moving on becoming a USEF Affiliate. Gretta and Dean to take point. Erika Wyatt volunteers, any movement? Cathy will contact Erika and bring Dean in, bring any updates to BOD.
  - k. Video development- Katrina and Cathy- Katrina chair, did up a great storyboard on first video, sent to Jon Mays, nothing back yet. Cathy has old info from 2019 on next steps, will send to Katrina. Ask membership if anyone wants to help – this is very time consuming. Thank you to Katrina! Jon replied that he is in the middle of a photoshoot and will get back to us when he's home.
  - l. MOU with AHA for another 3 years? 2021 qualifications? Done – Dean to take over as AHA liaison?
4. New Business (1 hr.)
    - a. VNIK/ATAA registration
      1. Progress on Betsy taking over Registrar position.
        - a. Files are all at Betsy's house now, working ok, Cathy asks if Pat's spreadsheet will help keep track of where each registration is. Pat to get together with Betsy and show her how to add stuff to spreadsheet.
      2. Grant spending for VNIK registration- still in progress. Need to separate Grant vs non-Grant horses, hope spreadsheet will help keep track.

3. Registration fees for 2021 – maintain current fees or decrease? - to discuss at Registration Committee Conference call on 1/21. Have easily understood table on new website. Committee will bring proposal back to BOD.
  4. VNIIC grant – good until 2023
  5. ATAA/VNIIC contract – waiting to hear back from VNIIC.
  6. Outside registration issue
  - b. Regular meeting schedule- need regular meetings, more often will be better. Next meeting to address budget. Bring Laurel Gimzo into this for her expertise?
    - a. **MOTION: Cathy motions we have monthly conference call meetings. Pat Seconds. Approved. Second Tuesday of each month at 5 pm Pacific time. Next meeting to be February 9, 5 pm.**
  - c. Budget- we will not have the competed draft budget yet – hoping for income and expenses from 2020 for tonight.
 

**2021 priorities**
  - d. Committees and Committee Goals
    1. Committee goals and meetings – Dean asks if Committee info will be on new website, suggests contact page and stand-alone page for each committee.
    2. Registration committee
      - i. Committee chair – Betsy
      - ii. Committee members –Pat, Cathy, Amrita, Katrina, Tish
      - iii. Committee responsibilities – VNIIC/ATAA registration, VNIIC catch up registration, Grant info.
    3. Nominating and new board member committee
      - iv. Committee chair – Pat
      - v. Committee members – Jas
      - vi. Committee responsibilities – BOD nominations and elections, Pat asks that we consider adding more members to BOD, discussed conflict of interest. Any volunteers besides Jas and Pat?
    4. Instruction video committee
      - vii. Committee chair – Katrina
      - viii. Committee members – Cathy, will ask membership for volunteers.
      - ix. Committee responsibilities – development of registration videos
    5. Database and Website
      - x. Committee chair – Yorke
      - xi. Committee members – ‘Website Task Force’, Katrina, Betsy, Dean, Cathy, Tish
      - xii. Committee responsibilities – roll out and maintenance of new website and DB.
    6. Up and Coming Akhal-Teke Program
      - xiii. Committee chair – Cathy
      - xiv. Committee members – Victoria Tollman, Betsy, outside people good, Katrina and Dean have possibilities.
      - xv. Committee responsibilities – roll out program and recipient selection. Hope to roll out in April this year? Might be a smaller program this year, good to get beta going.
7. Awards Committee
- xvi. Committee chair – Betsy
  - xvii. Committee members – Catrina,?
5. Committee responsibilities – maintain program and recipient selection, Other items to discuss as time allows.
    - a. DAD is same weekend Equitana is. Question was asked: What do we get out of the AHA/ATAA Distance Championships? No Tekes have actually competed there yet. Timing and places haven’t worked for our competitors yet. Answer: Free publicity. Dean suggests we have a new committee for Advertising. Dean to chair committee, Katrina, Cathy, open to members. Other regional championship opportunities, WEC in Florida, where else to publicize Tekes and Teke crosses?
    - b. AERC Virtual Booth – paid for, Dean, Jas, Yorke, Cathy – we have a start from Equitana, but need to slant more towards Endurance.
    - c. Dean to look into WEC advertising, publicity.
  6. Action items
- Action Items:**
- **-Jas to reach out to Laurel for assistance with the budget. Goal is to have 2020 accounting and 2021 budget complete by next meeting (Feb 9<sup>th</sup>).**
  - **-Katrina to contact Yorke for an update on the website and database.**
  - **-Cathy to set up separate meeting for UCAT.**
  - **-Katrina and Dean to reach out to their contacts for assistance with the UCAT program. Goal is to launch by April.**
  - **-Cathy to call Catrina and check on the Incentive Awards.**
  - **-Cathy to talk to Yorke about a button for payment for Incentive Awards.**
  - **-Tish to contact Amrita on DSLD study.**
  - **-Cathy to contact Erika and Dean about USEF and USDA**
  - **-Cathy to send video titles to Katrina.**
  - **-Tish to check in with Nadja on contract.**
  - **-Betsy to set up registration committee meeting.**
  - **-Cathy to do a committee article in the Newsletter. –**

- Need to let Yorke know that we are recommending her as committee chair for website/database.

MOTION: Cathy motions to adjourn, Jas Seconds, Approved.  
Adjourned 6:08 pm

### AKHAL-TEKE FOUNDATION

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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](mailto:incentiveawards@akhal-teke.org) ([akhal-teke.org](http://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.*



# The Artful Teke

A celebration of the Akhal Teke  
through sculpture

By Amanda Brock

I don't remember exactly when I was introduced to the Akhal Teke breed, but I know that as soon as I was, I was absolutely enamored with them. Their stunningly unique features, metallic coats and personality are something I needed to capture through sculpture. In the model horse hobby, artists like myself can start a new sculpture from scratch and then mold and cast the product in resin, or we can start from a Breyer toy, and customize it in any way we would like. Over the years, I have created a number of sculptures and customs celebrating this ancient breed.



"Anhinga" 2020 Galloping Teke sculpture, shown in progress...



Prior to 2020, Breyer, did not have a model horse of an Akhal Teke, so often customizers like myself would use a similar breed to modify to better suit the Teke breed, such as a thoroughbred, shown below.



In Progress (grey shows modifications)

After, "Icarus" Breyer custom Thoroughbred to Teke, completed 2019



"Ibis"  
2017  
Limited  
Edition  
Bust



"Egret"  
2014  
Limited  
Edition  
Plaque



Then, Breyer released Aldynai (left), sculpted by Heather Puleo, for their Premiere Club line. I was delighted to announce that I was asked to design his initial release color! It was the first time I had been asked to paint for Breyer, and the fact that it was my favorite breed really made my art come full circle.

I plan to continue to express my appreciation for this breed with more Original sculptures and customs in the future. To view more my art, visit [www.RogueHorseStudio.net](http://www.RogueHorseStudio.net). To find more information on the model horse hobby visit [www.breyerhorses.com](http://www.breyerhorses.com)

Featured Artist

Interviewed & Edited by Yorke McGillivray



## Featured Artist

# Fanni Bácskai

See more works at: [bacskafineart.com](http://bacskafineart.com)



### *How did you get introduced to the Akhal-Teke?*

I've been riding from my early childhood. It was love at first sight and led me to look for any chance to get in touch with them. So I started riding regularly, I got my first horse when he was 11 years old, and then I started competitive in showjumping. I was really involved in the horse world but never met an Akhal-Teke until six years ago when one of the owners in the barn brought out her golden silky mesmerizing stallion. From that point I started to get to know as much about the breed as much I was able.

### *What about the Akhal-Teke inspires you artistically?*

Mostly their uniquely dignified behaviour. The fact that they were able to keep their ancient, untouchable personality which requires far more respect from humans than other breeds on this earth. This makes them truly special, this makes me inspired, obsessed. As an artist I am obsessed with those things which inspire me.



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

After their unique personality? Their appearance. Those graceful, defined lines they have, the arc of their neck like a snake, their dandy and strong body like a cheetah, and of course those dragon-like eyes. And the metallic coat is just icing on the cake! In my paintings, I take high attention to their silky-like coat. I use my fingers and very thin layers to reach the smoothest texture on the surface. All above I try to capture those typical movements that characterize them. Also in my sculptures.



**How would you describe your style?**

My paintings follow the traditional line combined with modern surfaces like plexi glasses. I use soft and harmonic colours which highlight their characters.



**What do you hope to inspire with your art?**

Experiences. Each work I've ever made, from my desire, was from experience. A moment, a feeling, a word. I am continuously in touch with the breed, I have the chance to be a part of their world, even riding them. It could not have worked well without that. I try to participate in all the events and appearances which make me closer to the breed, to express all my respect to this ancient breed with my art.





## Copperstone Farms, FL, Rachel Stevick



Caladesi has 2 purebred foals due in Spring, out of Aldura and Kestrel. Both will be for sale. Anticipating palomino or buckskin from color genetics.

Caladesi turns 4 yrs. in May. He is now green broke under saddle WTC. We are planning to start doing limited distance endurance rides in the fall and may also show in the young horse and Materiale classes in dressage. Caladesi is standing at stud for 2021 and can be shipped AI any time of the year.

## Spring Hollow Farm, KY, Cindy Sither

2020 had 2 sporthorse colts out of Clydesdale mares by Lucero.



2 purebred foals by him due in April 2021 (a 3rd one we can't get the mare registered)

Very little teaching, no competing due to Covid.

## Mary Curran and Hendrix:

Hendrix (AAKTR06) and I competed in 5 recognized USEA horse trials in 2020. His show name is Flying Colors.



## Amber Erickson and Ophelia Kkan

Ophelia was champion HW for endurance in 2020 in UMECRA!



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

We were so excited to be finished with 2020 and roll over into the promising new year. Then tragedy struck on January 13th. We had a "freak wind event" in Montana (and I believe it actually went through several states), and my 3-year-old barn took the brunt of it. So, heartbreaking to lose something that you spent over 15 years saving up the resources to make a reality, then have it gone in a matter of hours.



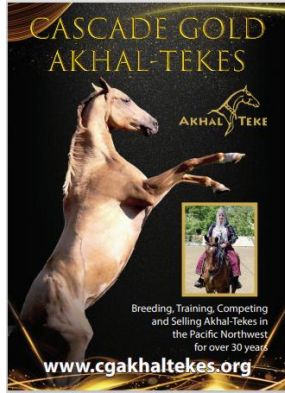
On a positive note, all the horses and other animals are safe (only one superficial cut). We have 2 mares due in June, Amerka (Aliger x Krosna) is due to Joshua American Horse (Durkkhal Shael x Ianka) and Silver Hill Avienda (Amerka x Salamdor) is due to Tarek (Tay Shael x Tulah). Both of those foals are reserved! Silver Hill Aytasi was supposed to be heading to "elementary school" (groundwork, general basics) the end of January, but all our monetary resources are going to rebuild the barn and get a temporary solution in place for keeping the horses comfortable through the remainder of the winter since their only shelter source is gone. So that has been postponed until later in the spring. We hope all other Tekes and Teke owners are healthy and happy, please don't hesitate to contact us with questions about upcoming available horses/breeding leases. We are hoping for the rest of the year to be quiet and uneventful, and filled with beautiful foals!

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

Our 2020 wasn't nearly as exciting as we'd planned – almost all of the horse related travel I was going to do got cancelled or postponed! So, instead, we concentrated on getting mares in foal, and have 3 mares foaling near the end of May, Gerald x Alamet, Sephard Shael x Aishet and for Emery Rhodes, Wepaly Gulki x Nadiyah Shael. We sold 2 fillies for Emery, with the 2021 filly Fiammetta (Wepaly Gulki x Merdjen USA) being sold to Eleana W of WA and Nazenin, 2019 filly, Sephard



Shael x Nadiyah Shael, going to Jean S. in PA. Gala came back home from almost a year with Laura Spear and we're hoping she will be showing this summer with a junior rider. We have big plans for 2021 breedings and continue to work on many farm upgrades and ongoing projects, such as arena footing, run-in sheds and fencing. We added 2 ½ acres to our farm too, bringing our total acreage to 10, which doesn't sound like much, but certainly keeps us busy! We did have a farm ad in the fall issue of Horse Illustrated, with an expressive shot of our mare Alamet.



### Running Bear Tack, ring a bell?

I'm sure many of you remember Running Bear Tack and Teddy Lancaster, our long-time friend and supporter of all things involving endurance riding and horse care. Teddy brought her big trailer full of horse and rider supplies to events across the country. She quickly shared her time, tack, and enthusiasm with so many of us over the decades. She loved to gab and to offer her advice, encouragement, and good humor. Now Teddy can use our help. In 2019, Teddy's dementia reached a point where she needed more specialized medical assistance. She is living in an assisted living facility near her home in Central Florida. Ed Paige, Teddy's longtime companion, is nearby and closely watches over her care. I'm sure most of you were unaware that Parrytack.com fulfilled Teddy's Running Bear Tack orders while she was moving from NC to her new home in Florida. Parry Harness & Tack, established in 1978, and Running Bear Tack, started not long after, were the first tack manufacturers to introduce Biothane to the equine industry. As friends and colleagues, each with our own style and following, we attended many of the same shows, I am thankful for her being a part of my life and hope that we horse folks can help her now when she needs us. I have collected the last remaining Running Bear Tack to clean, catalog, and sell to benefit Teddy. This consists of the remaining inventory from her tack truck (which she sold).

Those in our circle support each other in so many ways. If you please, help by sharing this post addressed to friends and customers whose passion is horses. Whether that be the sport of Endurance, Distance, Ride & Tie, or Trail riding, the impact of World and National events has taken its toll on us all. We hope that this finds you and your families safe and out of harm's way.

May God bless us all. Own a piece of Endurance History and help an old friend and Endurance Legend. These are all NEW items that traveled with her from ride to ride or were in the making from her shop. I'll be listing them for sale as I clean, replace keepers, and photograph. These items include biothane tack and parts, gloves, stirrups, girths, saddlebags, helmets, etc. I'll put together sets of Bridles, Breastplate & Reins first. In some instances, there are different types of Bridles (Halter Bridles, Trail Bridles, with and without Brows, Noses, or padding) that match a breastplate or rein

set. Please feel free to ask for a specific Bridle, Breastplate, or Rein style, or color-combination that I'll post next.

No reasonable offer refused. Shipping via USPS Priority 2-3 day usually runs \$8 - \$15, depending on box or envelope.

Please go to Parrytack.com, Category: Running Bear Tack - Special Sale In-Stock Items to see these Running Bear Tack items.

Use this Link to Running Bear Tack Special Sale: <https://www.parrytack.com/product->

## Silver Hill Akhal Tekes

Due in June 2021:  
Joshua American Horse x Amerka  
Tarek x Silver Hill Avienda



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## Equitana 2021

Good news from 2020: we have over a year to get ready for Equitana 2021!

We need:

**The Akhal-Teke Association of America is a non-profit group of dedicated owners and breeders working together to promote the Akhal-Teke horse breed at the 2020 Equitana USA**, which is a 3-day celebration of the horse through education, entertainment, instruction, and shopping. The ATAA has negotiated a ridden demo at Equitana and we've received an excellent time and place: 12:15-12:30, Annex Ring, Sunday afternoon..

**The mission:** To gather the funds, volunteers, and materials to host a professional, artistic, and informational booth on the Akhal-Teke horse breed, worldwide, at the 2020 Equitana USA.

**The people:** Everyone, worldwide, that 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. This 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 ridden demo by some of our top riders – a golden opportunity to build awareness and expand the market for our fantastic breed.

**What we need:**

**Donors:** Our fundraising is starting off now. We need YOUR help. Our wonderful Akhal-Teke community has been very generous in previous such events and we need your help again! We hope to raise around \$5000, which will pay all the expenses for the booth and help some with riders bringing their horses too.

**Volunteers:** We need Teke lovers to help man 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 those who stop by the booth. Maybe you can commit for a day or two. If you're not able to attend, perhaps you have skill to contribute, or photos and other Teke items.

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

Sponsorships should be sent to: Cathy Leddy, Akhal-Teke Association of America, 21314 129th Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296, Be sure to spell out exactly how you want your information to appear on the sponsor's page of the website and in our booth information. Make checks out to ATAA.

Any amount is wonderful, \$20 is great, \$100 is awesome and \$500 is amazing. We can also take items that can be auctioned off. The ATAA thanks you in advance! Send your donations now or expect a nice email from Cathy sooner or later 😊.

For more information, you can check out the Akhal-Teke Association of America's website at: [www.akhal-teke.org](http://www.akhal-teke.org)

Contact Cathy at [c.leddy@frontier.com](mailto:c.leddy@frontier.com) or Sabine Desper at [skdoasisfarm@aol.com](mailto:skdoasisfarm@aol.com) to see what you can do to help.



**2021 Akhal-Teke Winter Camp** 🌞

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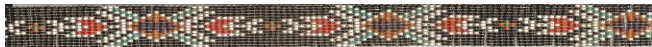


*At Stud, Frozen Semen only*

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

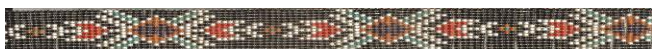


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*WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!*





# Classified Ads

## 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](mailto:jacquemunn@aol.com).



## 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](mailto:saare@zetabb.com)



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Ads due by the end of the month before publishing.



### Gerald

16.1hh Akhal Teke Stallion Born 2006  
 By Arim out of Gekia  
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Parentage 6.5, Typicality 7.0, Measurements 8.5,  
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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.

## Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes

2021 foals expected:  
 Gerald x Alamet




X

Sephard Shael x Aishet




X

*Gurlesmek- Gerald x Merdjen USA coming 2-year-old filly for sale*



More photos and info on [www.cgakhaltekos.org](http://www.cgakhaltekos.org)



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### Pleasant Grove Akhal-Tekes



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

**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.



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

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