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2024 EQUUS SURVIVAL TRUST™, SANA & BREEDERS SYMPOSIUM AT THE VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER

June 27—30, 2024

2024 EST SANA Rare Steeds Show

June 27th—30th 2024: The Akhal-Teke Association of America (ATAA) is sponsoring the Akhal-Teke Day Classes, Open Jumping and Open Dressage at the Equus Survival Trust's Rare Steeds SANA and Breeders Symposium. The ATAA and EST will be looking for participants to exhibit their rare equines, volunteers to work at the show, class sponsors, show sponsors and more. All breeds listed on the EST website's [Conservation list](#) are welcome and of course all Akhal-Teke and Akhal-Teke crosses are welcome, ATAA registered or not. Check out the ATAA website for more [details](#).

You want to bring your horse!

Yes! The more horses that come the better. So far, we have Akhal-Tekes (of course!), Canadian Horse, Corolla Bankers, Firouz-Caspian Horses, Lippitt Morgans, Mountain Pleasures, Suffolks, Shires, and a plethora of ponies: Dartmoors, Gotlands, Dales, Fells, Highlands, New-foundlands.

For the horse show component there will be Akhal-Teke, Caspian, & Pony breed halter and ridden classes, plus discipline competitions, including dressage, jumping, driving, and arena obstacles.

There will be ribbons in each class, classes with donors may have additional donated prizes.

Classes are listed on pages 2 and 3.

Donate

We can't do this without your generous donations! Donate to help [sponsor](#) the entire show or sponsor a specific [class or clinic](#). We estimate that this show will cost us around \$12000 to put on. Please help us show off our lovely Rare Breeds!

What Else?

There will be clinics for Obstacles and Driving going on during the show—a great way to get more exposure for your horses with great clinicians, and Friday all day is the Breeders Symposium with lectures and workshops! There will also be Drill Teams, Historical Costume Classes, Breed Demos and a Youth Tour.

Volunteer

If you would like to volunteer, contact one of the [organizers](#), who will direct you to the right place.

Events (not complete list)

Wednesday, June 26th

Move in, Meet and Greet

Thursday, June 27th,

Akhal-Teke Classes

Friday, June 28th,

Symposium

Teke get-together

Saturday, June 29th,

Obstacles

Open Jumping

Sunday, June 30th

Open Dressage

Monday, May 13th

Move out

[Schedules by day](#)



12 year old Hailey Estevez on Akhal-Teke mare Pri at Western States Horse Expo, June 2018

Thursday, June 27th Reel Arena

Akhal-Teke Costume Class

Class **: Akhal-Teke Costume—**Sponsored by Arcana Akhal-Tekes, CO**

Akhal-Teke In-Hand Classes:

Class **: Get of Sire—**Sponsored by Horse Dreams Farm, VA**

Class **: Produce of Dam— **Sponsored by Gail Darlene Frame in memory of Delphi**

***1st and 2nd in each class below qualifies for Junior Championship**

Class **: AT Foals of 2024 (with or w/o dams) * - **Sponsored by Joel Mer-tes, IN**

Class **: AT Yearlings, born 2023*-

Class **: AT 2-year-old fillies born 2022*- **Sponsored by Rhapsody Stables, VA**

Class **: AT 2-year-old colts and geldings, born 2022*- **Sponsored by Billy Pope Horseshoeing**

Class **: **AT Junior In-Hand Champion, 2 years and under – 1st and 2nd qualify for AT In-Hand Championship, Class **- Sponsored in memory of Phil and Margot Case.**

Class **: AT Cross Colts, fillies, and geldings, under 3 years, born 2021 and after— **Sponsored by JF Lakeside Akhal-Tekes, Alberta, Canada**

Class **: AT Cross Mares and Geldings, 3 years and up, born 2021 and before.—**Sponsored by JF Lakeside Akhal-Tekes, Alberta, Canada**

***1st and 2nd in classes below qualify for Akhal-Teke In-Hand Championship**

Class **: **AT Top Ten Best North American Bred, born 2021 and before* Sponsored by Silver Hills Akhal-Tekes, MT**

Class **: AT Geldings and Stallions 3 years and up*- **Sponsored by Dark Prince Equestrian, FL**

Class **: AT Mares, 3 years and up* - **Sponsored by Akhal Valley Farms, Canada**

Class **: **AT In-Hand Championship**

Akhal-Teke Ridden Classes:

Class **: AT cross Ridden mares and geldings, 4 years and up— **Sponsored by Gail Darlene Frame in memory of Delphi**

***1st and 2nd in classes below qualify for Akhal-Teke Ridden Championship**

Class **: AT Ridden Stallions and Geldings, 4 years and up* - **Sponsored by Golden Ride Akhal-Tekes, VA**

Class **: AT Ridden Mares, 4 years and up*- **Sponsored by Eve Deering, GO RIDE YOUR MARES, MT**

Class **: **AT Ridden Championship—Sponsored by Oasis Akhal-Tekes, N.C**

Equus Survival Trust:

What is SANA?

SANA is the Stewardship Awards of North America, a competition format created by the Equus Survival Trust to promote and preserve EST rare breeds. SANA's primary goal is conservation through education. The competition component was created to help conserve endangered historical breeds of equines by encouraging breeders to retain traditional type, movement and the inner qualities that historical usage honed for centuries.

Unlike mainstream competitions, SANA focuses solely on the ponies and horses—not the rider, not the driver, not the handler or the trainer. Fashion trends, sales markets, and politics hold no sway at SANA.

Judges are free to dialog at any time with any exhibitor regarding the entry. The feedback exchange is an important factor of our educational competition. Judges may make public comments following the conclusions of the class to further enhance the learning experience.

While safety is important, traditional presentation is strongly encouraged and entrants must be sound, SANA does not judge: grooming, non-genetic blemishes, tack, equipment, attire, or showmanship. Nor does SANA encourage the One-Size-Fits all that discipline sports tend to reward. We wish to "Celebrate the Differences" encouraging the nurturing of each breed's unique traits.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON EDUCATION, NOT THE PRIZE.

All SANA classes should be viewed as an educational tool to aid in the conservation of your respective breeds. The fact that we have prizes is simply icing on the cake. Also remember entries are being judged by one or two people in an all too brief amount of time.

Summary: Endangered breeds cannot stand the tide of today's modern format without some counter measures. One size does not fit all. We wish to Celebrate the Differences. We hope our format will be the beginnings of a new trend that others will shamelessly copy to aid these breeds.

**Entries for classes and clinics
open: March 1st close: May
24th (tentative)**

Online at: [How to sign up](#)

Classes: \$20 each AT class

**NO POST ENTRIES,
substitutions only**

We reserve the right to combine classes

Costume Classes

Saturday, June 29th

Jumping (timed event): 9 am- 1:00 pm: Northern Arenas (Classes may change)

There will be 2 costume classes, an Akhal-Teke Costume Class and an Open Historical Costume class, through EST

Entries for classes and clinics open March 1st, close May 24th

Online at: [Sign up!](#)

Classes: \$20 each ATAA sponsored class

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Katrina Ardiel and Hendrick



Sabine Desper and Kurizma



Jump Classes Open to all Rare Breeds:

Horses and Ponies compete in the same classes but are pinned separately.
Horses and Ponies are not judged against each other but have their individual divisions.

Each individual round will have placings (ribbons 1st -6th)

Division: Horse/Pony

1. 16" Cross Rail Class
 - a. Optimum Time
 - b. Jump Off
 - c. Classic/Speed
2. 20" (50 cm) Class
 - a. Optimum Time
 - b. Jump Off
 - c. Classic/Speed
3. 2' (60 cm) Class
 - a. Optimum Time
 - b. Jump Off
 - c. Classic/Speed
4. 2'3" (70 cm) Class
 - a. Optimum Time
 - b. Jump Off
 - c. Classic/Speed
5. 2'7" (80 cm) Class
 - a. Optimum Time
 - b. Jump Off
 - c. Classic/Speed
6. 2'11" (90 cm) Class
 - a. Optimum Time
 - b. Jump Off
 - c. Classic/Speed
7. 3'3" (1m) Class - Horse Division sponsored by Mary Baltz Curran and Hendrix
 - a. Optimum Time
 - b. Jump Off
 - c. Classic/Speed

Thank you to our General ATAA Sponsors

Amanda Folson, in honor of Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes, WA

Leith and Dick Negley and Kurizma

Your sponsorships help us pay our judges and provide thank you's to exhibitors and volunteers.



Dressage Classes

**Open to all Rare Breeds \$100 to Sponsor each Class in each Division:
Horse/Pony**

Horses and Ponies compete in the same classes but are pinned separately.

Horses and Ponies are not judged against each other but have their individual divisions.

Each individual Class will have placings for each Division Horse/Pony (ribbons 1st -6th)

- Intro A
- Intro B
- Intro C
- Training 1
- Training 2
- Training 3
- First Level Test 1
- First Level Test 2
- First Level Test 3
- Second Level TOC
- Third Level TOC
- Fourth Level TOC
- FEI TOC – Horse Division sponsored by Kathryn Thode and Kazimir
- Western Dressage TOC

Akhal-Teke Judge: Katharina Jakob



KATHARINA JAKOB is born and living in Germany, married with one daughter.

She has had a life long career with horses including an education as professional trainer titled "Pferdewirt" and riding therapist. She grew up at Gut Ising, Germany and is educated not only in dressage, show jumping and eventing - also in alternative methods like physio riding, Tellington, Academic Riding, Natural Horsemanship,

Franklin or Dual Activation.

Katharina managed her own equestrian center in Germany over 10 years, where she trained horses and riders for dressage & show jumping and established a rehabilitation center and Akhal Teke stud farm. She was one of a few making the Akhal Teke Horses well-known in Europe. Katharina has been invited to judge to Russia, Kazakhstan, France, Iran and Turkmenistan. Between 2015 and 2017 she was national trainer of the Turkmen Show Jumping Team during the Asian International and Martial Games.

Katharina offers worldwide clinics, travels to Akhal Teke Events and started online coaching courses for equestrians to empower horse owners achieving their dreams and train their horses happy

Dressage Judge: Michelle Anderson, info TBD

Volunteers: Akhal-Teke Chair: Cathy Leddy, Committee members: Betsy Wandler, Sabine Desper, Nina Levenduski, Sofie Wohllaib, Monica Bretherton, Laura Spear, Katrina Ardiel, Yorke McGillivray

We need YOU! Sponsor a class, clinic, be a general sponsor or sponsor the entire show!

AT Class Sponsor - \$100—on ATAA and EST website and announced during sponsored class

AT Championship Class Sponsor - \$200—on ATAA and EST website and announced during sponsored class

Copper Sponsor—\$100—mention in Rare Breeds Pavilion and on ATAA website,

Silver Sponsor - \$250 – mention in Rare Breeds Pavilion and on ATAA website.

Gold Sponsor - \$500 – mention in Rare Breeds Pavilion and on ATAA website.

Platinum Sponsor \$750 – mention in Rare Breeds Pavilion and on ATAA website.

Diamond Sponsor - \$1,000 and over – mention in Rare Breeds Pavilion and on ATAA website.