

Team Teké Talk!



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Team Teké Issue Two

Welcome to Issue 2 of *Tēām Tēkē Tātk*

We've had a great first year, with three shows, a social and a breeds evening. There has been quite a bit of press coverage (see Mediawatch) and some interest from people who are new to the Akhal-Teke.

This year has seen Akhal-Tekes competing at the Royal International Horse Show, achieving a Gold Award at the Golden Horseshoe Ride, and being placed in British Eventing. (See inside!) There has been one pure-bred foal born this year and three horses imported, and so our UK population continues to rise!

We know that there are people with an interest in Akhal-Tekes, and possibly also a horse, that we haven't been able to reach. Please, if you know of anyone who would be interested in receiving our newsletters, and maybe attending some of our events, let us know or give them our contact details - thank you. Also, we would love to post on the website if you are competing, doing a pleasure ride, or having any sort of outing with your Teke - please let Ruth know.

Tēām Tēkē Tātk would like to thank Giffords and Chase View Veterinary Clinic for sponsoring our Breed Show, and Shires Equestrian and Countrywide Stores for donating raffle prizes for the Breeds Evening.

Best wishes from the Team, and we look forward to seeing you in 2010.

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What's On!

Saturday February 6th 2010

NEW YEAR PUB GET TOGETHER

12.30 PM ONWARDS

The White Hart, Wytham, Oxford, OX2 8QA

www.thewhitehartoxford.co.uk

please let us know by email if you are able to come

Saturday June 12th 2010

SPORT ARABIAN-TRAKEHNER PERFORMANCE EVENT

We are again invited to enter Akhal-Tekes and part-breds in the third running of this immensely varied and enjoyable event, at Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell.

The following is an extract from the website www.arab-trakevent.com:

This event is designed to provide both a 'fun day' and a means of showing the development of performance horses under saddle. The logic is that however hard one concentrates on breeding the best bloodlines, it is the performance of the horse that matters most.

The Sport Arab and the Trakehner horse are closer than many would think. They are both bred in 'closed' stud books, and are true breeds in themselves, but are inter-linked, as the Trakehner stud books have used the very best Arab and Anglo-Arab blood as well as Thoroughbred for 275 years to enhance the performance of the breed.

The event is set up so that both breeds will benefit, and will compete together, and its overall objective is the improvement of training of performance horses.

August 2010 (date TBA)

OPEN DAY at Midoak Stud, Bishop's Itchington, Southam, Warwicks, CV47 2SL

By kind invitation of David Webb.

We will demonstrate and parade Akhal-Tekes/part-breds. David plans to invite other breeds, and to hold a raffle and run teas as fund-raisers. He has held a number of successful Open Days in the past.

Sunday 12th September

VALE OF EVESHAM AUTUMN SHOW

We are again invited to take a ring here for classes. There is a huge parking/riding-in field, and show-jumping classes as part of the Show. We will have a parade of horses accompanied by a commentary.



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MediaWatch

Central Horse News (Dec/Jan 2008/9) Ran a feature on the BHS Herefordshire Equine Extravaganza, including photographs of Aschir and Xanadu, where Team Teke put on a costumed display - our first public outing.

BHS Herefordshire Magazine (winter 2008) also reported the Equine Extravaganza, with the same photographs.

The Hereford Times (Dec 4th 2008) published a follow-up article to Team Teke's appearance at the E.E. in its Horse & Rider section, making the Akhal-Teke the feature of the leading article under the title "The Most Amazing All-Round Sports Horses" with a picture of Roz showjumping Ainur.

All Horse Magazine (July 2009) gave us a column promoting the Breed Show, with a summary of the Akhal-Teke as a sporthorse and a photograph of Xanadu.

Horse Deals (September 2009) devoted nearly half a page to the Breed Show, and printed a lovely picture of Darya with Dominik, winners of the main class.

The Hereford Times (23rd July 2009) and **The Worcester News (Sept 5th 2009)** also reported the Breed Show, with a photograph in the latter.

Central Horse News (Feb/Mar 2010) is about to include the Akhal-Teke in its Stallion Number, featuring Kyzyl Double or Quits.

Other press reports featuring Akhal-Teke horses/people:

Equestrian Lifestyle Magazine (April/May 09) has a 3 page article on Jill Thomas and her Akhal-Tekes.

Endurance Magazine (Mar/Apr and May/June 2009) ran a story spread over two issues of a long-distance ride in Iran with the late Louise Firouz and her Turkoman horses.

Local Rider (Sussex) printed a photograph of Buran and Rohan Cagney-Moon in its October issue.

Horse & Hound, Horse Deals, and doubtless many other publications featured Caroline Baldock's Lady Godiva ride through London to present a petition at Downing Dstreet promoting the Museum of the Horse (see later in this issue). **Worcester News** published an on-line article which can still be seen at www.worcesternews.co.uk - search on Caroline Baldock.

And finally, we would like to think that we might have played some part in directing the aspirations of Richard Dunwoody, who, when asked by **Horse & Hound** to describe his Dream Horse, answered, "an Akhal-Teke stallion"!

Please, if you see an article mentioning Team Teke or Akhal-Tekes in general, let us know and if possible send us a copy.