

14th Classic Performance Championship in Solms

Breeding- and Performance Show for Akhal-Tekes, Arabian and Arasien® horses

On September 15th/16th, 2007 the Classic Performance Stud of Urte Kern and Jost Appel for the 14th time invited breeders, owners and enthusiasts of Akhal-Teke and Arabian horses as well as of Arasien® horses to the middle-German Solms. Not only the recognition of the studfarm with connected insemination-station and the annual tradition of the well-known championship for breeding and sports were a reason for this year's reinforced international influence, but also the participation of the Russian studbook, namely of Tatiana Riabova and Nadjeshda Abramova as judges. Thus, the European breeders had the opportunity of having their horses evaluated through the most decisive persons of the Russian breeding-scene and the MAAK who not only know the breeding stock of studfarms like Tersk or Stavropol from their vest-pocket, but in addition sign responsibly for issuing the Russian breeding-papers.



Dr. Tatiana Riabova, Urte Kern, and Jost Appel with , Aeroflot, receiving the price of hope



Stallion's gala: elite-stallion Daimir ridden by Urte Kern

So Solms found 193 starts all-together, 83 horses from 7 nations, and breeders, owners and spectators from 13 nations. The farthest journey with horses was taken by the Hungarian breeders, the Czeppento-family with 1,300 km. An enthusiast from Senegal had taken the farthest journey without horse - and acquired an Akhal-Teke mare right at the show.

The professional audience unanimously held the opinion not to have seen such a number of highly qualitative Akhal-Tekes at one place in Western Europe yet.

As if God wanted to have the "Golden horses" even more shiny the sun appeared on Saturday morning exactly in time when the first horse entered the ring for the studbook-registration.

Besides the Russian registration the German side of the breeding registration was held by the Arab breeding federation ZSAA with president Achmed Al Samarraie and breeding-director Peter Pracht who carried out the mares' and foals' registrations and –awardings.

Regardless of the later results of the breeding show the Russian MAAK together with the institute of breeding research from Riyasan awarded some honorary-prices on Akhal-Tekes they emphasised to be very important for the breed. The price of hope went to 1-year old very typey dark-buckskin Akhal-Teke colt Aeroflot (Ardon x Arija) of the organizing studfarm. The title for the most promising Akhal-Teke filly went to beautiful Eldrym who was entered and bred by Clara de Vos van Steenwijk from the Netherlands and who is a daughter of the golden Elite-stallion Daimir of the Classic Performance Stud. With the adult Akhal-Tekes one price went to the very sporty dark-bay Altair (Alahrat x Kejki) who arrived from Czechia and was presented by Elena Novotna. Another honorary price of MAAK went to Ovoi (Orlan x Olvija) from Angela Brauer, a powerful mover and jumper who was bred in Stavropol.



Eldrym by Daimir received the MAAK-award



The judges, Andrea Orth, Prof. Dr. Gerriet Müller, Dr. Tatiana Riabova, Nadjeshda Abramova

The overall high quality of the Akhal-Tekes during the whole show was reflected also in the foals' classes. Winner of the Akhal-Teke-foals' class was a bay colt out of the Kara-Burgut-daughter Marahuti from the breed of Sabine Töpfer-Gebert with a grade of 7.92. This colt by Fathyh also later became overall-champion of all foals. Second was a son of Ovoi out of the Stavropol-bred Gulesen.

The highest graded foal of the show in total with the prominent grade 8.5 was the golden Arasien® colt Astrachan, a son of Akhal-Teke Daimir and purebred Arabian Adria, then still owned by the organizing studfarm. As scheduled, however, the organizers resigned all of their horses for the championships.

The biggest breeding classes of the 2-day-event were those of the Akhal-Teke mares with 7 nations at the start. With the 4 to 10-year-old mares the quality was so outreaching that all grades lay only briefly behind each other - and all of them over a score of 7.5. In the end two Czech mares lay in front, Alba (by Alahrat)

from the breed of the Novotna-family who had imported this and other horses from their native Uzbek country and Alsika by Polotlize out of a Gilkuiruk-dam from the proven breeder Jiri Schwarz.

In the competition of the 11-year-old and older Akhal-Teke mares the winner, golden Merchaba by Stiva out of a Melgun-dam was entered by Barbara Illauer from South-Bavaria. Merchaba was the highest graded horse of the show with 8.65 points and later on also won the overall championship of the Akhal-Teke horses.



Akhal-Teke champion Merchaba

The golden Gonurbash (by Kara-Burgut) was also shown by Barbara Illauer and won the big group of the 4- to 10-year-old Akhal-Teke stallions in front of the Czech Altair. In the high-quality group of the older Akhal-Teke stallions the strong moving German Orlan-son Ovoi from Angela Brauer was convincing in his class and held the winner's title with a score of 8.4 briefly in front of golden Daimir (Dorkush x Djungaria) of the organizing studfarm with 8.08 and black Ata Gush (by Ajan 2) with 8.01 who came with his breeder Heloise Ghirardi from France. The winner of the young Akhal-Teke colts was Göv Döl, a strongly inbred sparkling cremello with light blue eyes from the breed of Dr. Ali Serbetci. The reserve-championship of all Akhal-Teke horses in the end went to Ovoi.

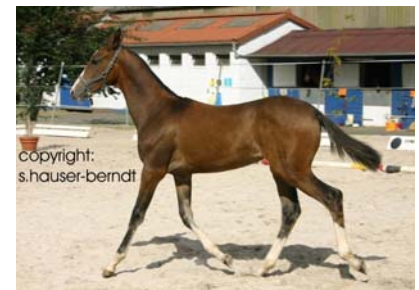
For the first time in the history of the show a free-jumping competition had been scheduled on Saturday evening and was expected excitedly by the enthusiasts. Here, the Akhal-Tekes clearly dominated the Arabian horses. In the finals from 16 entered horses 3 Akhal-Teke stallions delivered themselves an open battle with jumps over 2 meters: Altair from Czechia, Ovoi and Daimir from Germany.



Highest scored foal, Arasien® horse Astrachan

Not only the spectators, but also the well-proven judges' team, Mr. Prof. Dr. Gerrit Müller and Mrs. Katrin Müller from Neu Anspach and Mrs. Andrea Orth from Höchst, were impressed with the technik and sportiness in which these three stallions mastered the huge heights. Thus, not only the winner Daimir from the Classic Performance Stud with the highest grade of the event with 9.5 earned their enthusiastic applause, but also the only briefly behind placed Altair and Ovoi.

Sunday showed again the sunniest weather with shining horses and completely content faces of horses and owners. One of the central events was the horse-musical "The Secret of the Arasien® horse" in which the horses and riders of the organizing studfarm as well as participants of the stallions' gala took part. For the international professional audience the musical combined the history of the performance-breed "Arasier®" with a spectacular stallion's gala.



Akhal-Teke foals' champion out of Marahuti

In the following sales-show the most spectacular sale was certainly the Akhal-Teke mare which was sold to Senegal. Among the foals like in the years before also the highest scored foal of the show, the Arasien® colt Astrachan, was sold. The golden youngster will stay in Germany for starting a breeding- and sports-career within the German sporthorse-breeding and -eventing.

Insofar the high expectations of the buyer have corresponded with the view of the German Performance-Arab breeding association ZSAA that awarded Astrachan and 2 other Arasien® foals by elite-stallion Daimir of Classic Performance Stud the title "premium foal". The golden-bay Gharamat out of the purebred Arabian racing-mare Gharam Bint Naheed was, as only one of three foals in whole Germany, awarded with **stars, a gratification that shows the right way not only of the Arasien® breeding-program itself but also of the organizing studfarm. Hence in the last year's show, likewise with Euowings an Arasien® horse had reached the highest graded of the show in total.

A special highlight of Sunday was the ridden Elite-Championship which had been sponsored for the Akhal-Teke horses with a total of 1,000.00 € by the Passigatti-family and Urte Kern and Jost Appel.

The first place deservingly went to Sabine Töpfer-Gebert with her young stallion Fatyh. Mrs. Töpfer-Gebert who arrived with a total of 5 horses thus won not only breeding-vouchers of the organizing studfarm, but also collected a prize money of 400.00 € for her victory. The second prize went to elite-stallion Parachat, age of 23 years already. Parachat of the Passigatti-family thus is a living example of the durability of the Akhal-Teke horse. In total, also the fifth place still paid off a prize-money.



23-year old Parachat in the elite class

The riding-competitions were entered more weakly than in the years before, however, showed excellent riding. In the dressage the above-named Gonurbash under the saddle of his breeder Barbara Illauer was an



Elma, Anisha and Escada Grey in the awards ceremony

eye-catcher and finished the training-level as second while his mother Priroda (by Donarsabek) was second in the advanced dressage competition – both behind the Anglo-Arab mare Moustique. Priroda was ridden by her owner, Carina Hanke, and both of them also finished in the jumping competition of A-level with the third place as best Akhal-Teke horse behind the Arabian Derby-winner Ganimed and Anglo-Arab stallion Farouche Le Premier. In the Caprilli-jumping-competition the winner was Sara Kemper with the Russian dark-palomino mare Elma (by Mamuk) in front of Kerstin Kaschub who had put her saddle on the golden Anisha (by Melgun).

After 2-days non-stop-horse-show the participants as well as the spectators unanimously agreed that the Solms-event which had become possible only on private initiative of Jost Appel and Urte Kern and was held without any support of the German Akhal teke association has set the measuring-pole for future Akhal-Teke events. Riders enthusiasts emphasised that even the farthest way had been worthwhile to watch the best Western-European Akhal-Teke horses and to use the opportunity to lead conversations with like-minded people from 13 nations. (CC)