



HUDSON VALLEY HAPPENINGS

FALL, 2010

HVAHA Members Rock the Region 16 Championships, 2010

Our members did themselves proud at the Region 16 championships this year. By my count three member-owned horses were among this year's winners (let me know if I missed anyone!).

First, showing her trademark combination of brilliance and steadiness, Anne Burke's straight Egyptian mare Achaean Ali Thea+ took the Championship in the Regular Working Hunter

ATR division and the Reserve Championship in the Modified Working Hunter ATR division.

Then, in monsoon conditions, she went Top Five in the Sport Horse Mares in Hand Open class and Champion in the Sport Horse Mares in Hand ATH class, earning perfect 10s in both for Expression and Manners.

Anne met Achaean Ali Thea+ back in 2001 when the mare was a two-day old

foal, and liked her so much that two weeks later she went back and bought her. She has raised and trained her since then, and shown her successfully to many Regional and East Coast Championship wins, and in 2009 added a USEF Horse of the Year award for training level dressage.

Achaean Ali Thea+ also events and is an avid trail horse and accompanies the fam-

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ HVAHA Members Rock Regionals!
- ◆ Have you visited HVAHA.org recently?
- ◆ Email survey results are in.



HVAHA Feeds the Specialty Ring Competitors



This year at regionals HVAHA spon-

sored refreshments for the specialty ring

competitors, since the rings are so far from many people's stalls.

Everyone seemed to appreciate the shade our tent provided, as well as the free munchies and big cooler of ice water. Despite the heat we were able to keep everyone cooled down and fueled up to show.

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HVAHA Members Rock the Region 16 Championships, cont.

ily on vacations in Maine.

GS Ganador also had a wonderful Regionals. The Spanish-bred gelding, owned and loved by Candace Grande, went Reserve Champion Western Pleasure AOTR, and then added to that Top Five Western Pleasure ATR Select Rider and Top Five Hunter Pleasure ATR Select Rider.

Candace has owned him for about a year now, and he has become an integral

part of her life. She had taken a few years off from the Arabian world, but Ganador convinced her she needed to get back into it. He is known to his friends as the “Cookie Monster” for his love of oatmeal cookies, and it sounds like he earned an entire batch after his stellar performance in Syracuse.

Patrick Eldridge’s lovely bay stallion, PTE Independence, went top five

in a very strong Stallion class on the last night of the show.

Patrick not only owns Independence, but he bred him as well. Independence is a four year old by Patrick’s stallion Starspangle Baner and out of his Afire Bey V daughter, SF Afire Fox.

**Congratulation
HVAHA members!**

NEXT YEAR IS THE
 HVAHA’S
 THIRTIETH ANNUAL
 HORSE SHOW—
 COME BE PART OF
 THE FUN!

HVAHA Helps New Animal Shelter Kick Off Its Fundraising



This summer, the Hudson Valley Arabian Horse Association helped out a

good cause while also spreading the word about our wonderful breed. On June 26th, a group of dedicated animal lovers in Dutchess County, NY, including HVAHA’s president, Arlene Westerland, held a Pet Expo as a fund raising event to help

kick off the Safe Haven Animal Shelter and Wildlife Center. Safe Haven will eventually provide not only a shelter for homeless animals, but also a center where the public can bring sick, in-

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Member Survey—The Results are In!

The results of the summer membership survey are in, giving us a much better idea what our current members are up to these days so that we can better serve them.

Did you know that over half of our members (of

those who responded) do dressage? In a three way tie for second most popular activity, with 45% of our responding members participating in each, are hunter/jumper, recreational riding, and A shows.

We are a diverse and busy bunch, it turns out, because at least 15% of our responding members also: breed horses, show English (saddleseat), show western, show hunter pleasure, show in

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Member Survey—The Results are In! continued

halter, event, show in sporthorse, do hunter paces, run boarding facilities, and show at unrated shows. Looks like Arabian horse people are just as versatile as their mounts!

Now that we have up to date information on what everyone's interests are, we can move ahead in our planning for the coming year. Members expressed

interest in all sorts of activities, and while we can't do all of them (unless we win the lottery—then we're all over it!) we will try to offer some of the most popular.

Many of our members also volunteered to help out at both our annual A show, and at club events, showing that they are also a generous bunch. And as anyone who runs an

organization such as this can tell you, members pitching in with their time and expertise is what makes everything possible. It is also a large part of what makes it fun and worth doing.

So, thank you to each and every one of you who responded to the survey, and watch for announcements of upcoming club events.

HVAHA at the Dutchess County Fair

Corresponding Secretary Lizzie Redkey and her gelding, Green Mtn Lutaz+/, set out to represent the Arabian at the Dutchess County Fair's western horse show. "Louie" hadn't been off

the farm in years, but was a trouper, making friends left and right. The stock horse judge who was presiding even pinned him!

He finished off the day giving impromptu pony rides to his new admirers.



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RIDE? LET US KNOW
SO WE CAN INCLUDE
IT IN THE
NEWSLETTER! GOT
PICTURES? SEND
THEM ALONG!

HVAHA Helps New Animal Shelter, continued

jured, and orphaned wildlife.

HVAHA donated a large gift basket to be raffled off to raise funds for Safe Haven, and set up an information table, manned and beautifully presented by our recording secretary and webmaster, Tammy Ferin.

Tammy also handed out pictures of Arabians for the kids in the crowd to color, and HVAHA buttons that she made. Lots of potential new horse people stopped by to chat and to ask questions about Arabians.

The fun-filled day featured a canine parade,

turtle races, falconry demonstrations, pony rides, games, vendors, food, ice cream, and the raffle. It was a great opportunity to show off our horses to the animal loving world, and helping out a great cause made it all the more worthwhile. Good luck on your banquet, Safe Haven!

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