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American Azteca Horse International Association
Annual General Meeting **Monday, November 28 2005**
8pm Central Standard Time

This is a teleconference meeting for AAHIA members. For more information on attending this meeting please contact the AAHIA office at (605) 342-2322 or email office@americanazteca.com



From the Editor:

What a summer! Up here north of the border we've been battling floods and unseasonably cold/wet weather that doesn't do much to enhance an already short summer! It's been a challenge to stay motivated working horses in the cold wind and rain and I can't say I've put on nearly as many miles as I had hoped to this summer.

To further our commitment to promoting the American Azteca breed, the AAHIA is developing some updated promotional material. Upon suggestion of one of our members, the AAHIA now has its very own window decal that we can use to proudly promote the breed. See details on page 3.

Hope everyone else has managed to stay dry, safe and sound this season with the frightening weather trends we seem to be experiencing this year.

We are also working on producing a new brochure and info package that can be handed out at fairs & expos across the continent or mailed out to inquiries. To update our materials, we are in desperate need of quality photos of American Azteca horses in action. If you have photos you'd like to share with the AAHIA, please email them to newsletter@americanazteca.com. This is your chance to participate in the promotion of the breed.

Wishing you all the best in the upcoming year,!

Tamara Neufeld -AAHIA Editor-

Your Board of Directors have been hard at work over the summer months updating and revamping some of the AAHIA policies & products in order to better serve our members. The AAHIA newsletter advertising policy has undergone a few changes in order to offer better rates and benefits for members. Check out highlights of the new policy & changes to come on Page 5.

Watch for the Winter/Spring issue of **American Azteca News!**

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Memberships can now be purchased/renewed online through the AAHIA website at www.americanazteca.com with credit card payment of dues through PayPal

Or

Send a completed membership form (back page of this newsletter) with payment to the AAHIA office at

American Azteca Horse Int'l Assoc.
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President's Message:

By Rita Greslin-Ricard

The American Azteca breed and the AAHIA is as always growing. We have welcomed new members and new horses in 2005 and hope for many more for 2006! We also want to thank Tamara Neufeld who is our newsletter editor for all her hard work in bringing out this publication. We'd also like to welcome Darlene Bagley to the position of regional rep and volunteer. Welcome and thanks from all of us to both of you!

Some new developments within the association are the creation of a show or points program, new windshield decals are completed and a new information packet is being prepared now. When completed, members and new members will be provided the information packet which will include for them, information on the registry, the breed, the breeding chart and they will also receive a windshield sticker and membership card if they haven't already received one. New inquiries will be sent the information packet with all they need to know to become involved with American Aztecas.

For our members, I want to thank each and every one of you for being a member and supporting this wonderful breed and the association!

As you have read, we always need you as volunteers. There are lots of things to do and lots of decisions and new things to discuss with us so get in touch with us and become involved. Our growth will depend on those of you who are willing to step up and help.

Also each of you should get out there and encourage and recruit others to get their Quarter Horse/Andalusian crosses registered as American Aztecas. With your continued help we can and will be one of the biggest influences of the horse industry in the future. Good Job and THANK YOU for those of you who recruit new members and horses to the association!

On a personal note I have some news, I was married this year so my name will be changing to Rita Ricard. I'll be making the change gradually to avoid confusion so you may see either or both names for a while until people get used to identifying me with the new name. With that I will also be pursuing new goals and needing more time for those and will not be running for President in 2006.

I have been involved in this registry for many, many years so I will never be far away from it and always be willing and available to help and guide but it's time for some new blood to step up and renew and freshen our goals for this registry.

I'll be more than willing to work with and train a new president so those of you who are thinking this might be something you'd like to do, give me a call. I'll work every step of the way with you until you are ready to fly on your own.

Hope you all have a wonderful Holiday season and a great 2006!

Rita Greslin - Ricard
President

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Registrars Corner

By Joyce Firkus

After many years of involvement in the AAHIA it is now time for me to focus my effort on my horses and family. With that said, I will not be running for reelection for Vice President, Registrar and office manager in 2006. I will be happy to train in who ever would like to learn.

New Business

A New Look for the AAHIA Website

Thanks to the hard work of our office manager/webmaster, Joyce Firkus, the AAHIA website has been reorganized with a new look & user friendly format. Breed info, registration requirements, membership details, forms, newsletters and advertising details are now easier to locate than ever! Check out the new look at www.americanazteca.com



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New Window Decals!

The AAHIA now has their very own promotional window decals. Place it on your rear windshield and help promote the American Azteca breed.

All 2006 memberships will receive one free AAHIA decal. Additional decals are available from the office for \$3/each.

For info contact the AAHIA office
(605)342-2322 office@americanazteca.com

Changes to AAHIA Brochures Are Now in the Works for 2006

We are revamping the AAHIA brochure and are in need of quality photographs of American Azteca horses for this publication so we can effectively showcase the breed.



If you have photographs of your American Azteca horses that you would like to contribute, please send them in .jpg format to newsletter@americanazteca.com or contact Tamara Neufeld (email above) or call (780) 992-9313

Alternative Competition Program (ACP)

The AAHIA is going forward with the Alternative Competition Program proposed in the last issue of American Azteca News. The ACP, which is modeled after APHA's PAC program, will enable AAHIA registered horses to earn performance points for their placings at any show sponsored by an established organization, association or club. These points in turn will count towards certificates of achievement and year-end awards from the AAHIA.

Implementation of the program will begin in 2006. Watch for upcoming information to be posted on www.americanazteca.com

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How To Read Your AQHA/APHA Pedigree

By Joyce Firkus

Although I have touched on this subject before I feel I should again. My goal with the column is to help assist with the registration process, to make it as effortless as possible, and to have a positive outcome for you.

Over the years it has been hard to see the disappointment in folk's voices, emails, and letters that their foal or horse is not eligible for registration because of too much thoroughbred (TB) blood in their pedigree.

...Too much Thoroughbred in the pedigree is still our #1 reason for registry denial...

Many Andalusian breeders who are also crossbreeding are not aware of this or if they are, do not research their AQHA/APHA breeding stock back at least heritage 4 generation. Most folks just assume that if it is a registered AQHA/APHA horse it is a given. This simply is not true.

By merely looking at the registration certificate from either the American Quarter Horse Assoc. (AQHA) or American Paint Horse Assoc. (APHA) will not tell you the whole genealogy story. An AQHA certificate only reveals a 3 generation and the APHA does the same.

You may ask: What is considered a generation? Is the horse it's self a generation or not? We here at the AAHIA follow the same guidelines as the AQHA & APHA. The horse it's self is *not* included. We consider a generation to be as follows: *the parents are the 1st generation, the grandparents are the 2nd generation, the great-grandparents are the 3rd generation and the great-great grandparents are the 4th generation and so on.*

What if you see only one TB blood in the 3rd generation chances are you would think you're safe right?

Not true. The pedigree shown here is

an example of what I have commonly viewed over the years. As I said before the AQHA only provide a 3 generation pedigree on their certificates. If you would cover up the last generation (4th) on the pedigree proved you would assume this horse would qualify? But the last generation shows a whole different story. It is an easy mistake but one you may regret.

A 4 generation pedigree can be attained through the AQHA (www.aqha.com) and (www.apha.com) website provided you are a member of those associations. If you are not, you may have a friend who is or you may consider asking the seller of the AQHA/APHA horse or perspective

American Azte horse/foal to provide you with one (provided the horse/foal is not already registered with us). This will aid you in making a better assessment of the horse/foal you are considering for your goals. You can also contact the AQHA or APHA by phone, mail or email for assistance.

We here at the AAHIA are members of both organizations and do have access to their online database. ***The AAHIA is willing to pull and review 4 generation pedigrees at no cost to members.***

For non-members, cost of requesting a 4 generation pedigree review is \$15. However if non members can provide us with a 4 generation pedigree and need help assessing the horses eligibility, we will be happy to provide that service **for free.**

I cannot stress enough that if your aspiration is to own a registered American Azteca Horse do your research first before you buy or breed. Not doing so and having too much Thoroughbred in the pedigree is still our **#1** reason for denial into our registry.

Did You Know That...

- Registration requirements criteria & forms
- Membership application & renewal forms
- AAHIA official newsletter **American Azteca News** and
- Fee payment methods

Are all available online at [www.americanazteca.com!](http://www.americanazteca.com)

4 Generation Pedigree of an AQHA horse

1 st Generation 50%	2 nd Generation 25%	3 rd Generation 12.5%	4 th Generation 6.25%
Sire of Horse 'X' AQHA	Sire: AQHA	Sire: TB 25%	Sire: TB 6.25%
		Dam: AQHA	Dam: TB 6.25%
	Dam: AQHA	Sire: AQHA	Sire: TB 6.25%
		Dam: AQHA	Dam: AQHA
Dam of Horse 'X': AQHA	Sire: AQHA	Sire: AQHA	Sire: AQHA
		Dam: AQHA	Dam: TB 6.25%
	Dam: AQHA	Sire: AQHA	Sire: TB 6.25%
		Dam: AQHA	Dam: AQHA
Add each column		0%	12.5% x 1 horse = 12.5%
			6.25% x 7 horses = 43.75%

Column with highest TB percentage = total TB blood for 4 generations.

Total TB blood of this AQHA pedigree is 43.75%

This horse does not meet AAHIA Registration requirements

Free Web-Links For Our Members!

Full AAHIA members are entitled to a **FREE** link to their website on www.americanazteca.com

To have your link posted, contact Joyce in the office at

Email: office@americanazteca.com
or call (651) 462-1949

Interested in volunteering with the AAHIA?

Contact Darlene Bagely to find out how you can help support the operations of the AAHIA.

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The **American Azteca News** is the only publication dedicated to the American Azteca breed and its supporters. Our newsletters are mailed to all AAHIA members, breed inquiries, and potential advertisers. It is also handed out at fairs & expos across the US & Canada and is posted online on our website with the hopes of expanding our membership and promoting interest in the breed.

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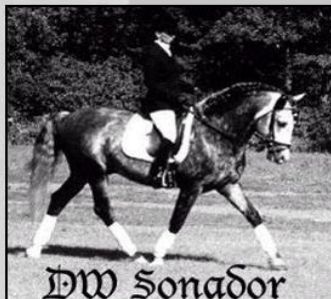
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- Place an ad in **two** consecutive issues and receive the **2nd issue at half price**
- **Full AAHIA members** are entitled to a **10% discount** on general print ad rates for full, 1/2, and 1/4, page advertisements in the **American Azteca News**
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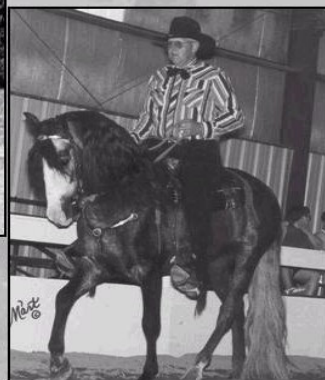
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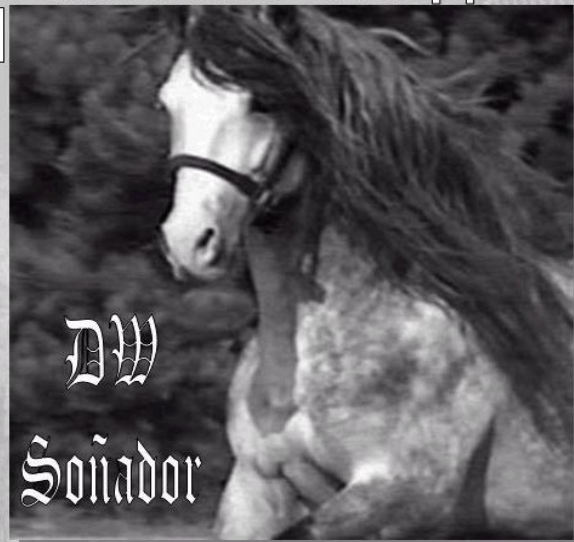


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The Good and the Bad of Superior Intelligence:

Are American Aztecas really different?

By Rita Greslin/Ricard

As a breeder and marketer of American Azteca Horses I always try to provide as much insight about the horse as I can to a new buyer.

One of the first and most important things I tell buyers, particularly those new to the breed, is about the intelligence of the horse and how that can work for or against you.

Are these horses really different? In my experience, yes most definitely! These horses are extremely intelligent and can think for themselves. They can turn any situation into a learning experience as any horse can, but the difference is that they never forget! If it is a good situation that is great, but if it's not it can be picked up and can become a bad habit in just one time.

In working with these horses over the years I have discovered that you cannot be as casual with them, you must provide consistency in your handling, discipline and training and learn to think ahead and don't inadvertently teach them something undesirable.

Spoiling any horse with treats or, on the opposite end lack of discipline, is never a good idea but is particularly bad



Balancing trust with discipline results in a willing & respectful partnership with this yearling filly.

with these horses. They can and will sum up the situation very quickly in order to take over and become the boss before you realize what is going on...not because they are bad horses, but because they are so keenly intelligent that they quickly learn what's easiest or best for them without consideration of their human partner. I hesitate to say this, but never the less it is often true, they sometimes are smarter than their owners.

Any trainer will tell you that every time you handle a horse you are training it. The difference is that other breeds often need much repetition to teach them something. With the American Azteca it can take ONCE.

That is extremely valuable when the horse is actually in training.

They can learn and advance more quickly than some of the other breeds. It is wise to talk to perspective trainers who will be working with your horse, about that.

Some trainers have a schedule that they stick to. The horses in their program all progress according to the time that the trainer "thinks" it takes to train for a certain thing or to a certain level.

For instance they do ground work for one month, then ride only in a round pen for one month, then start to learn basic moves for one more month and so on and so on. No matter what horse they are training it's the same schedule. They won't progress the horse or even start something that the majority of their horses didn't achieve in that length of time. When they do this every day with every horse they tend to forget that horses are individuals.

With open-minded trainers who train according to each horse, these horses often can progress so quickly that it



Challenge your horses to prevent boredom & unwanted behavior. This 2yr old filly has never been ridden or saddled, yet prior groundwork has given her the confidence to accept new challenges.

baffles the trainer. I had one trainer tell me that my American Azteca was farther along in one month than most horses are in four months!

The other problem with this scheduled training is that these horses will often get very board if held back and asked to do repetitive tasks...sort of like a gifted child being held back in school. If American Azteca horses cannot progress when they've "got it", they will start to get board, defensive and mischievous.

When working with these horses, I often get the impression they are saying "Ok I've got it lets move on". Pay attention to that if you hear it from your horse's mouth, so to speak, so you can both move on to other things.

"Other breeds often need much repetition to teach them something. With the American Azteca it can take ONCE"

If you or your trainer start to have problems with the horse, chances are the horse is bored and needs to move on.

Always try to think ahead about what you might be teaching your horse when handling him and try to avoid situations where the horse can "get away with" something, because he just might learn it forever.

Remember, these horses are very smart. Use consistency with manners and handling, teach them right from wrong and educate others about your horse's intelligence. Your horse will become a star student and performer as a result.

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- 2. Payments via VISA & MASTERCARD are accepted online only through the AAHA website at www.americanaztecas.com

We are a member driven association and depend on our members for continued support and growth. Since we are a newly formed association, there is much to do and it takes a lot of people to make this association grow. We need volunteers to help us. If you have time or a talent to contribute, please check the box below.

We need you!

Yes! I am interested in helping. Please contact me with more information on volunteering with the AAHA