



The Caspian Breed Show

Wednesday 9th September 2015

TakTaz Riding Club, Anzali

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The international visitors were equally honoured to be welcomed back to TakTaz for such an exciting day. There was a tangible air of anticipation as the coach drew near – and a certain sense of urgency. We were late and two of the judges were on board. *Photo NSP*



The manège had been transformed into a smart show arena, with shaded tables for the spectators, plants for decoration and gentle music. A special ICS flag was supplied by Brenda Dalton.

Photo RS



Co-judges Brenda Dalton and Liz Webster quickly met up with fellow judge Mr Babak Shaki and fellow Assessor Mr Mohammad Ibrahimpour (on left). (The horses were simultaneously assessed for conformance to the Breed Standard and acceptability for the Iranian stud book.) *Photo RS*



First on the Schedule was the Foal class – a lovely way to start the show on the right note as the foals treated us to a show of playful high spirits.

Photos JS (class) TR, HD (foals)

Next it was the turn of the Yearling class, which was well-filled, with some lovely youngstock.

Photos RS. JS, JS



The Winning Yearling was Persian Firouz Toufan, owned by Kamyar Firouz and bred at Louise Firouz's former home at Khordan. *Photo NSP*

There was a notable improvement in show ring presentation, leading and handling since the Judging Seminar held in April.

A musical ride (known there as a Carousel) was performed by the young riders and Caspians of the TakTaz Riding Club.



Riders and horses were beautifully turned out.
Photos JS

These five competent children and their handsome Caspians drew great admiration from Iranian spectators, who look forward each year to this show. *Photo JS*



Fariba Hosseinabadi, able to relax at last, watches the show (below) with Mr Ramin Taleghani, Treasurer of the Equestrian Federation, Mr Morovat, a Caspian fan who helped out at Rasht, and Dr Mohammad Hosein Shahdi Nejad. *Photo JS*



There was a smart finale to their musical ride.
Photo © CF





The 2-3 year old mare class had many entries.

Photo NSP

With nearly 80 horses on the showground we had to keep moving! The points system used in Iran divides the horse into several parts and looks for good horse conformation and Caspian type. Between one and ten points may be awarded per section. Each judge's points are totalled, added together, averaged and placed in order, all while the competitors wait in the ring to hear the results. No pressure!



Mahnaz won the young mare class for Mr Assemi of the Asbris Co.

Photo NSP

Show Secretaries Sahar Norouzmanesh and Amir Meybodi worked hard over a long day. They were assisted by Navid Yousefi-Mashouf, who turned names, scores and places into English script for the ICS registrar. *Photo NSP*



Rosettes and sashes were brought from the UK by Liz Webster. Championship plaques were also awarded. *Photo JS*



By now the female judges (and John Sansome) needed some shade in the show ring! *Photo RS*

The fire engine turned up to dampen the hot sand. *Photo RS*



Ghazaleh Montazam and her dedicated team of helpers gave a touching display with disabled children. TakTaz Caspians again obliged, giving the children a real day to remember. *Photo RS*

It was lunchtime, so the international visitors were whisked away by coach to Bandar Anzali, a popular resort by the Caspian Sea...



Within walking distance of the famed Caspian Sea, we ate lunch in a huge and noisy restaurant, a short walk away. *Photo RS*

After lunch we walked a little further to the Anzali Free Zone, where another treat was laid on for us.

Photo JS



The Shurum Folk Music Band entertained us in an astonishing thatch-roofed barn. *Photo RS*



The Band posed afterwards with Brenda and the Governor of Guilan Province, after presenting her with their latest CD and a plaque to commemorate the Conference. *Photo: RS*

We resumed judging as the sun was beginning to set. Sadly we have few photographs of the later classes, due to dead camera batteries and poor light!



Persian Firouz Rostam won the 4 to 6 year old stallion class. He is owned by Kamran Firouz. *Photo © CF*



Competitors in the 4-6 year old and 7-10 year old mare classes.

Photos JS



By now the mosquitos were biting - hard! Every person and every horse in the ring was jumping about and scratching. Judging was difficult, to say the least.

It was time to move the show indoors!



The indoor school displayed posters of previous Champions on the back wall.

Photo HD



The well-deserved Male Championship went to Bayram, 22 years old, who poses with his owner Mr Hooshang Afshari and friends from TakTaz. *Photo EW*



A competitor in the 7-10 year old Stallion class. *Photo JS*



Bridles, saddles and head-collars for the Male and Female Champions were sponsored by the Firouz family. *Photo BD*



Mr Afshari gave plaques to those who had helped with the show. *Photo BD*



Female Champion was the lovely mare Mahnaz, who posed here with her friends and helpers from the Asbris Stud, with judges Brenda Dalton and Liz Webster. Seventy eight horses had been judged by midnight! *Photo BD*

Ruth Staines presented a framed photograph from the Anniversary Calendar to the Federation, on behalf of producer and photographer, Farokh Khorrooshi and Colin Barker. It was accepted on behalf of Mr Masoud Khalili by Fariba Hosseinabadi, Vice President. Holding the photograph is Mr Farzad Mirzapour, a Federation staff member.

Photo JS



All loaded up and ready to drive home through the night. *Photo BD*

We got back to the hotel at around 2.00 a.m.! It had been a very long day, but one of the most rewarding experiences a Caspian Horse lover could ever hope for. Some of us headed for home next day, while others went on to explore more of Iran.

CASPIAN HORSE BEAUTY FESTIVAL

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RESULTS

Judges: Mr Babak Shaki (Iran), Mrs Brenda Dalton (UK), Mrs Elizabeth Webster (UK),

Assessors: Dr Mohammad Ebrahimpour (Iran), Mrs Brenda Dalton (UK), Mrs Elizabeth Webster (UK),

Class 1: Foals – Under 1 year

1 st : Arjang	(Yeganehpour)
2 nd : Darya	(Yeganehpour)
3 rd : Toofan	(Yeganehpour)
4 th : Aarjin	(TakTaz)

Class 2: Yearlings – 1-2 years

1 st : Persian Firouz Toufan	(Kamran Firouz)
2 nd : Sheragin	(Asbris Co.)
3 rd : Shir	(Asbris Co.)
4 th : Maryam	(TakTaz)

Class 3: 2-3 years – Mixed

1 st : Mahnaz	(Asbris Co.)
2 nd : Manouchehr	(Yeganehpour)
3 rd : Mahvash	(Yeganehpour)
4 th : Yavar	(Research Centre)

Class 4: Females - 4-6 years

1 st : Nazgol	(Taktaz)
2 nd : Lalin	(Asbris Co.)
3 rd : Kimia	(TakTaz)
4 th : Asal	(TakTaz)

Class 5: Males – 4-6 years

1 st : Persian Firouz Rostam	(Samira Firouz)
2 nd : Sohrab	(Samira Firouz)
3 rd : Namroud	(Asbris Co)
4 th : Sepanta	(TakTaz)

Class 6: Females – 7-10 years

1 st : Gholazin	(Asbris Co)
2 nd : Nazanin	(TakTaz)
3 rd : Nazbanoo	(TakTaz)
4 th : Golsib	(Yeganehpour)

Class 7: Males – 7-10 years

1 st : Yaal	(Arman Abasi)
2 nd : Gavan	(Yeganehpour)
3 rd : Jangal	(Yeganehpour)
4 th <i>not awarded</i>	

Class 8: Females over 10 years

1 st : Persicus Homa	(TakTaz)
2 nd : Negar	(TakTaz)
3 rd : Mandana	(Samira Firouz)
4 th <i>not awarded</i>	

Class 9: Males over 10 years

1 st : Persicus Bayram	(TakTaz)
2 nd : Syrus	(Gavidel)
3 rd : Persicus Kia	(TakTaz)
4 th <i>not awarded</i>	

MALE CHAMPION: Persicus Bayram (Taktaz)

FEMALE CHAMPION: Mahnaz (Asbris Co)

Other Prizes (Judge Mrs Ruth Staines)

Best Handler: Gavidel (Syrus)

Best Turned Out: Frotan Khan (TakTaz)

Best Behaved: Nazgol (TakTaz)