

The **Akhal-Teke horses**, a national pride of the Turkmen people, have endured many trials throughout history. One of their most difficult periods was the **Soviet Union’s repressive era**, when **Stalin’s dictatorship** inflicted great damage on the breed.



In the mid-20th century, **Akhal-Teke horses** were labeled as symbols of **bourgeoisie and old traditions**, leading to their persecution. Being an inseparable part of **Turkmenistan’s ancient culture and horse breeding art**, these horses faced the **threat of extermination** due to ideological policies.

Many horses were **killed**, while others were **crossbred with inferior breeds**, putting the **pure Akhal-Teke lineage at risk** and causing severe harm to their genetic traits.

Nevertheless, the **deep love and devotion** of the Turkmen people **saved Akhal-Teke horses** from extinction. Skilled horse breeders and guardians of ancient traditions worked tirelessly to preserve this noble breed, ensuring its **survival and lasting glory**.

Today, **Akhal-Teke horses** are not just a **national treasure** but a **global symbol** of beauty, speed, and equestrian excellence. Their legacy is cherished in Turkmenistan and continues to thrive through **modern technology and expert breeding**, ensuring that despite past challenges, their **legend remains eternal**.

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