



## Ambassador Award Winners 2022

The 2022 Ambassador Award winner is Tehachapi Khan (Zamal Khan x Pinata), an 17-year-old Buckskin Half-Arabian Gelding owned by Amanda Waterfield-Gibson and bred by Andy Camacho.



Ty catches people's attention with his beautiful buckskin coat color and his one blue eye that seems to fascinate people and make them ask why it's only one eye with that color. His owner Amanda loves to educate the public with him and Ty loves the scratches and attention he gets from people.

Where he has really shown how great of an Ambassador to the breed the most, is through his work with the San Bernadino County Sheriff's Department and participating in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's day.

Amanda and Ty qualified to ride with the Sheriff's department 6 years ago where Ty had to prove he could go through water and different trail obstacles, but also be around emergency vehicles and helicopters, and other loud noises. The different events Tehachapi Khan has been apart of through the department is the annual National Night Out, and other PR events where he interacts with the public. As well as a parking attendant for the Sheriff's rodeo where they assist parking thousands of cars.

Amanda and Ty are also apart of the Search and rescue team for the department where they help with searches for missing people and/or recovery missions. The mounted unit tends to be used more in these situations as they can cover more ground that may be hard to get to in a car. Amanda is also training him to be scent trained to better help in searches. Amanda is learning and paying attention to how he recognizes different smells that will lead in the direction they need to go.

Now, we all watch the Rose Parade on New Year's Day and we all know about the many horses that walk the parade route. Ty has been one of those horses many times and Amanda has applied for them to ride in the 2023 parade. They ride in their Search and Rescue uniform to show that the Arabian breed can be a working horse with a job. Ty and Amanda have participated in many different parades, including last year's Christmas lights parade where they were decked in lights and bells to celebrate the holiday. Tehachapi Khan loves to show off his best!



They have also represented the breed on the trail, show arena, and in cow competitions!



Tehachapi Khan truly represents a great ambassador of the breed showing the true versatility of the breed and their ability to be a working horse. He also shows off the beauty of the breed in major parades like the Rose Parade and smaller parades, as well as his appearances interacting and educating the public about the breed. Congratulations again to our 2022 Ambassador Award winner Tehachapi Khan and his owner Amanda Waterfield-Gibson!

