

NOVEMBER 1989

RMLA



ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAMA ASSOCIATION

From your President:

ORGLES TO YOU!

During his term as President, Dan Schreiner had his RUMINIZATIONS - and that is going to be a tough act to follow. But, I'll do my best with my ORGLES.

As I write this my feet are barely wet as President, yet I already feel quite comfortable knowing that there's an excellent Executive Committee behind me (this consists of the officers listed on our stationery). We've had one meeting and are beginning to determine where our focus should be for the coming year. We meet again in mid-December, by which time we hope to have our act pretty well together, including committee assignments. If you volunteered for a committee and don't receive a committee assignment, please don't feel slighted. In an effort to get a little more committee action, we've purposely restricted the size of several committees.

Some random thoughts about RMLA:

I feel good about RMLA. It has steadily grown since its inception in 1982. Its members are friendly, caring, participative. They want to help others, particularly new members. They enjoy the camaraderie that develops with time. In reviewing our bylaws, the purpose of RMLA is defined as follows: "The purpose of the Association shall be to educate the members and the public as to breeding, raising, care, and use of llamas." I wonder if our purpose isn't more than the foregoing? I would appreciate input from any of you who might agree.

At our first Executive Committee meeting there was concurrence that the term of Secretary and Treasurer should be two years rather than one, and that the two-year terms should start on alternate anniversaries. This will give both officers time to settle in and should lead to less disruption with "changing of the guard." The foregoing would require a bylaw revision.

Your Association currently has three different years it works with. A calendar fiscal year, a dues year, and a membership year. The Executive Committee is currently looking at this to see whether or not there should be some streamlining.

I've written you separately about the FMD - Free from Chile situation. This is critical and requires attention from all of us. Your Executive Committee recommends that we strongly support everything that ILA is doing, but that any donations be handled on an individual basis direct to ILA. Please lend your support!

I attended both the Hartman Sale and the Celebrity Sale this fall. The Hartman Sale was a mixed bag with some high priced llamas and some good values. Congratulations are in order to Tim Redfern and Alaine Byers for having the Champion show/sale male (KESTREL) and to Kevin and Ann Copeland for the Champion show/sale female (ONNA). RMLA members! How about that? The Celebrity Sale broke records for the highest price male (CATMAN) and highest priced female (MIRABELLE). People seemed to come there to spend money. The sale format appeared to be well accepted.

Donna Glode, who is chairing next year's conference in Longmont, Colorado, is already putting pressure on me to get her materials from this year's Steamboat Springs Conference so that she and her helpers can get to work! Believe me, it takes a lot of work to put on a conference and I'm delighted that she's getting off to an early start. I believe it's imperative that Susie Frye defend her Orgle Contest title in Longmont!

So, with that orgle, enough from me this time. Along with the other members of the Executive Committee and all committee members, we look forward to serving you.

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DEATH OF A FRIEND - GRIEF, CHOICES AND DECISIONS

By: Susan R. Frye

In the joys of owning, and caring for our four-legged, woolly, companions and friends, we generally breeze along, easily forgetting or choosing to ignore a particular "down" side of raising llamas. These are living creatures, like ourselves, and there will be a time when they will die. Whether their death is sudden and traumatic, or prolonged and painful, when it happens or is impending, it will be a time of deeply felt emotions for some of us. Yes, it can be a time of grief and bring on a period of mourning.

Depending on the depth of the relationship and time spent with the llama in its lifetime, there will be different degrees of grief each individual can expect to experience. Acknowledging grief in oneself is varyingly easy or difficult. Should you find yourself feeling the loss acutely, would you have someone to whom you could turn or are there actions which you can take in order to deal with your grief and see your time of mourning through to an end?


So many of us don't even live proximate to another llama owner. Even should you have a neighbor who raises llamas, will you be able to talk about such feelings with them; will they be able to empathize; and if they are, will they know what to say to help you? Well, there is someone you can turn to who will be able to help. Several veterinary teaching hospitals and universities in this country are meeting the needs of grieving animal owners by offering the services of grief counselors.

Colorado State University's veterinary teaching hospital in Fort Collins is such a facility. They have counselors available for their animal patients' owners. They are well qualified personnel with degrees in various fields of therapy and animal behavior. What started out as a voluntary, part-time service initiated just a couple of years ago, has turned into a funded department of the hospital, with a staff of three full-time counselors presently. They strive to educate people about grief; What it is, how it's manifested, how to deal with it. It is perfectly "OK" and natural to know a sense of loss upon the death of loved animal companions. These counselors can help owners to realize this and they offer their support, someone to talk to who will understand. Hopefully, the owners will find a meaning in their loss and a way to grow and be able to go forward from it. Another direction their service takes is to present pet owners with the several available choices they have when their animal dies; choices relative to the decision to euthanize an animal, or to the various details after its death; choices which otherwise might be unknown. They emphasize that there are no wrong decisions, no proper or correct ways of dealing with the loss of a special animal friend.

Grief counselors at CSU are specifically available to clients with animals presently in the care of their veterinary doctors and clinicians, and for them the service is free. They are, however, open to counseling "outside" clients. There is a limit of 4 hour-long sessions, the first of which is free, the second costs \$25.00 and afterward the charge is \$40.00 per visit. They will talk to a person by phone, and can set up a later appointment, but they wish to stress that they are primarily available to CSU's clients in their times of need and crisis.

I learned from Laurel Lagoni, one of the counselors at CSU, that they have been involved in the production of three videos with the American Animal Hospital Association, two of which are directed toward helping veterinary doctors deal with their clients and aid them in their time of grief, and the other tape is designed to assist animals' owners directly. Perhaps sometime soon these tapes will be available for the general public. If I am able to determine when and by what means or outlet, I will pass this information along to you. Also, Laurel has made available to me a brochure about their program at Colorado State University and a bibliography of references on dealing with animals' deaths and the accompanying feelings of grief, which I will pass along to our library.

Grief counselors generally refer to grief felt at the loss of pets such as dogs and cats, and large animals such as horses. Still, the applications and references certainly can be transferred to non-traditional pets such as llamas. Just as we and our llamas are individuals, our relationships with these special creatures are unique. Experiences of loss and grief at their death, and expressions of such will be different and varied. Some will certainly experience it primarily with acute and intense emotion. Some will feel the loss, but not be able to express it. Others will be able to deal pragmatically with the situation. My goal in future article(s) will be to present further considerations upon the death of an animal and hope to assist any llama owner to move positively forward, to deal practically with the situation, and thereby provide a means to grow and learn from the experience.



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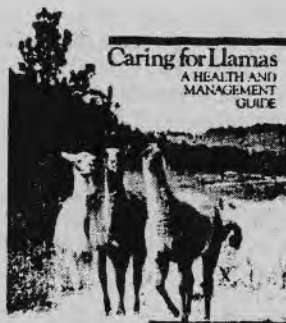
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Premiums will be awarded for halter and performance classes. Halter classes will be divided by age group and either standard or long wool. The entry deadline is December 1, 1989.

For the first time this year there will be a separate obstacle class (no packs) and a pack/trail class (w/ weighted packs).

Also new this year are separate youth divisions for both the obstacle and pack/trail classes. The popular youth showmanship and "My Llama Project" classes will also return. An entry in the "My Llama Project" class does not have to be from a 4-H, Girl Scout, or similar organizational project. This can be any project done as an individual - anything our youth have done with their llamas that can be documented on a display board (i.e. - packing, spinning or other fiber craft, or learning to show, groom, train, etc.). So plan to bring the kids, as there will be plenty of ribbons to be awarded to our future llama owners and breeders.

It is suggested, since this is an ALSA show, that exhibitors be familiar with ALSA rules and regulations. Other classes include open showmanship, get of sire, and costume. This year the llamas will be housed in the lower level of the Hall of Education (horse barn) in horse stalls. Llamas may begin arriving Sunday, Jan. 14, 1990.

For further information on the Stock Show or for entry forms, contact the following:

Entry forms - National Western Entry Office - 303/297-1166 or 1-800-336-6799

Superintendent - Grace Shaddeau - 303/279-4896

Pack/Trail, Obstacle class info. - Mary Anne D'Agata - 303/776-6781

My Llama Project info. - Mary Beth Hartsough - 303/785-2463

ALSA info. - ALSA, Box 107, Ocate, N.M. 87734; 505/666-2492

WESTON K MAUZ, JR. MEMORIAL FUND

The Fun Auction in Steamboat Springs was very successful, and the Memorial Fund in off to a great start! Auctioning of the donated items resulted in \$14,135. In addition there was \$1,152 in donations of cash and checks. So the Memorial Fund begins with a grand total of \$15,287.

The RMLA Board voted to create the Rocky Mountain Lama Association Foundation in order to qualify these (and future) donations as tax deductible. The application for IRS recognition of the qualifying tax-exempt status is pending, and approval by the IRS is expected.

Contributions to the Memorial Fund are encouraged and will be accepted throughout the year. Please make your check payable to RMLA Foundation and mail to Jerry Boudreaux, Treasurer, PO Box 2777, Estes Park, CO 80517.

The different kinds of donations made so far have various tax status, so please consult your tax advisor regarding your own situation. IN GENERAL, the tax deductibility rules are as follows:

- 1) For tangible property (such as llama-related products) - the cost of the item donated in the deductible amount, plus out-of-pocket expenses, if any.
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- 3) For buyers of the Fun Auction items - the deductible donation, if any, is the amount by which the price paid exceeds the fair market value of the product or service received.
- 4) For cash or check donations - the deduction amount is the full amount of the donation.

For buyers of the Fun Auction items, there may be no deductible donation at all. However, the amount of the purchase price may represent a deductible business expense depending on the circumstances of the buyer.

Presidents Note: The Wes Mauz, Jr. Memorial Fund now exceeds \$17,000. We anticipate holding the Fun Auction again in Longmont next fall to increase the capital of the account substantially. The fund will be administered this year by the President, Vice President and Treasurer of RMLA, and Jerry Dunn, an RMLA member and close friend of the Mauz family. The purpose of the fund is to support youth activities and scholarships.

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- FOR SALE - WEANLING MALE. Doolittle topside, Chief Sitting Bull/Zorro on the bottom; white with black snoot, brown on head & neck; DOB 5/26/89. (303) 882-7126. Dolores, Colorado. Judi Lawson.
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The July nesletter had a complete alphabetical list plus categories. Please refer to this and add the new items listed here. (It's all on computer now, so adding new titles will be easier - another list is planned for January.) Write or call if you need another July list.

Suggestions are helpful. Donations appreciated: books, articles, tapes and \$\$'s. Translations from Spanish to English on 2 items have just been completed - donation money is needed for this extra expense. ("Aspects of Obstetrics of the Alpaca" by Julio Sumar (vet booklet) and MINKA magazine #16 (from Peru) issue on camelids.)

NEW and many thanks

- video 1983 ILA Conference in Boulder, CO. from Wally White
 - The Little Dirt Boy by & from Pat Wegner
 - article, "Ships of the Andes," Pacific Discovery magazine, by & from Eric Hoffman summer 1989
 - ALSA 1989 Handbook from Jodi Sleeper
 - 2nd copy of Llamas: Woolly, Winsome, Wonderful by & from Susan Jones-Ley
 - transcript, "South American Breeders Selection Criteria Alpacas and Llamas" by Julio Sumar (speaker at ILA conference 1989-Salt Lake City) from Ken & Mike Saffley
 - handout, "Llama Herd Management in West Central Idaho" by & from Cutler Umbach
 - Spinning - Your Own Wool Yarn (booklet from American Wool Council from Amber Shook
 - Pastoralists of the Andes by Jorge Flores from Phil & Chris Switzer
 - videos from RMLA Conference 1988 - Montrose, CO. from Erma Hast
- *****HELP NEEDED to look at 6 tapes and edit*****

just received.....Alpacas! fall '89 newsletter

Special thanks to Linda Sontag, Susan Secor and Steve McBors for \$\$'s donated.

With the new budget we'll be getting:

- Medicine and Surgery of South American Camelids by Murray Fowler
(vet text)
- video, Llama Reproduction - a Neonatal Clinic with LaRue Johnson
- video, Five Star Llama Packing (Biggs, Daugherty, Goldsmith,
Greth-Petro & Landis)
- video, Training with Ruth Powers
- The Llama by Gail LaBonte (children's)
- Heat Stress: Prevention, Management & Treatment in Llamas
(Sunshine States Llama Association)
- Llamas in their Formative Years by Betty Barkman

2nd copies: Packing with Llamas
video, #1 Llama Basics

10/26/89

Chris Switzer
for the newsletter

8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Steamboat Springs, Colorado
September 28 - October 1, 1989

Most everyone felt that this was a good conference... fun, informative, different. The Orgling Contest, small class format, ranch visits, general conference (with particular mention of Jane Wheeler's talk on 1,000 year-old mummified llamas) and barbecue and fun auction all met with enthusiastic response. So did the costume parade and performance events. The highlight had to have been llamas riding the gondola up the mountain (and down again, too).

The Steamboat contingent who put on the conference put in many, many hours of preparation. The hard work paid off. They are to be congratulated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 4-5 Sunshine States Llama Association Fall Conference. Contact: Myra Freeman, Rt. 1, Box 279, Williamston, SC 29697. (803) 225-6217
- Nov. 5-8 Four-Day TEAM Training Workshop with Robyn Hood and Marty McGee. Class limited to 16 participants. Class from 9-5 daily. Contact: Carol Landsberg, 38445 Overview Drive, Temecula, CA 92390 (San Diego area). (714) 676-6163.
- Nov. 9 TEAM Training Workshops with Marty McGee. Two one-day intensive hands-on workshops. Limited registration for full participation; unlimited for partial participants. Contact: Emily Klauss, Log Cabin Llamas of Texas, P.O. Box 609, Helotes, TX 78023. (512) 535-4443.
- Nov. 24 Char-Wayne Farms Invitational Chiangus & Llama Sale, Anadarko, OK. Contact: Venable, Inc., Rt. 1, Anadarko, OK 73005. (405) 247-5761.
- Dec. 9-10 TEAM Training workshops with Marty McGee. Two one-day intensive hands-on workshops. Limited registration for full participation; unlimited for partial participants. Contact: Emily Klauss, Log Cabin Llamas of Texas, P.O. Box 609, Helotes, TX 78023. (512) 535-4443.
- Jan 15-17, '90 National Western Llama Show. ALSA sanctioned. Entries close Dec. 1, 1989. Contact: Grace Shaddeau, Show Superintendent, 8089 Hwy. 93, Golden, CO 80403. Request entry form from National Western Stock Show, (303) 297-1166 or (800) 336-6799.
- Jan 19-24, '90 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Ft. Worth, TX. For llama events, contact: Carol Ann Tallmon. (817) 281-5345.
- Feb 9-11, '90 Ski TEAM Clinic with Mary McGee in McCall, ID. Contact: Nany or Cutler Umbach, Box 172, McCall, ID 83638. (208) 634-5318.
- Feb 18, '90 Llama Snow Games, Flagstaff, AZ. Variety of performance events for llama owners and public. Friendly competition & fun; prizes. Held in conjunction with Flagstaff Winter Festival, Feb 16-19. Contact: Vicki Jimenez, (603) 526-2883.
- Feb 21-25, '90 Houston Llama Show and Sale. Halter, performance and costume classes. \$3,000 premiums. Show office (713) 791-9000; Sale information (713) 771-7738.
- Mar 10, '90 Southwest Llama Association's 3rd Annual "Desert Llama Classic," a 3-5 mile run & walking race. South Mt. Park, Phoenix, AZ. Part of the City of Phoenix's Spring Festival. Speakers, workshops on rock climbing, backcountry hiking & search & rescue. Contact: Joyce Bittner, 8549 E. Hazelwood, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. (602) 945-4419.

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