

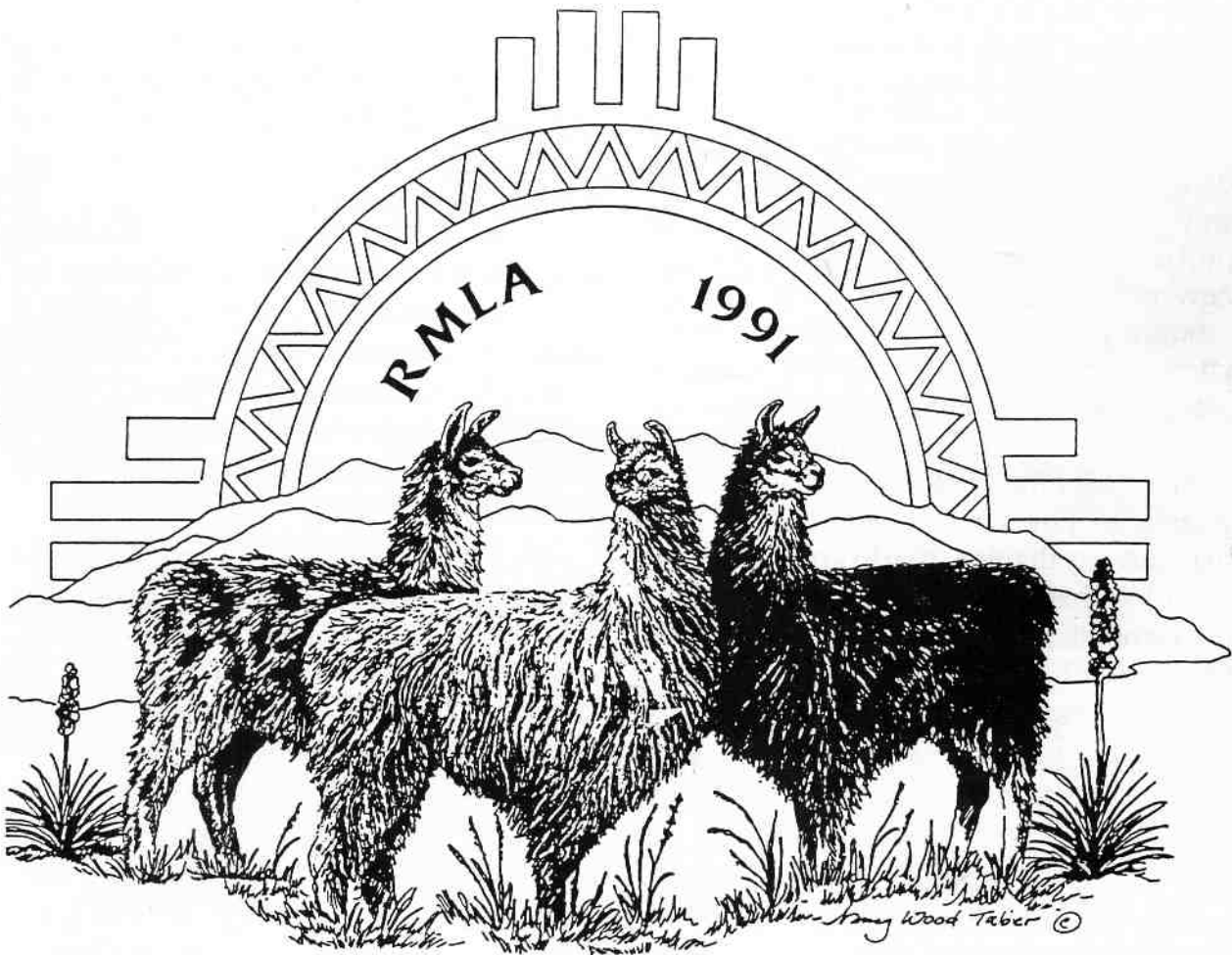
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July, 1991

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAMA ASSOCIATION

GREAT 1991 CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 19-22, 1991



CORRALES, N.M.

Viva la llama

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

What a week this has been! I was trying to get it together for my booth at the ILA Conference when the RMLA Pack Festival arrived. People who know me know that I am always about a day behind, and this was no exception - my family had to go in a day later which brought a considerable amount of flak in my direction. This year's Festival was hosted by Doug Ross in the Carbondale area. About 40 people and their llamas showed up and everyone had a lot of fun. You'll get the details from Doug in the next newsletter. I hope the Wool Festival went as well.

I'm dictating this letter to Alexa (my daughter) somewhere in Idaho on our way to Spokane, and even so it will probably still be about a day late for our new newsletter editor, Jo Riley. We all thought Jane couldn't be replaced, but I know Jo and although I may not be totally competent myself, I'm no ordinary dummy and can recognize competency when I see it. Welcome aboard Jo and thanks for your help. Jane - I wish we could do more than just say thanks. We do appreciate the great job that you've done and all the improvements you've made in our newsletter.

Your board held a telephone conference May 20th. All of our goals for this year are right on track. The By-laws Committee has finished their revisions and you'll be getting a special mailing before the conference. (Please read it so that we can move the revisions smoothly through the business meeting). Reed Langermann and Mary Summers are pulling together what may very well be the best conference RMLA has ever had - and we've had some good ones. The Herd

Sire Committee is trying to organize a Herd Sire Parade to showcase our studs and start the process for a stud exchange. There will be an ALSA show before the conference, a pack race during the conference and plenty of cart-pulling activities - this will be a great conference to bring your llama.

If you would like to include anything in the agenda for the business meeting please get it to me before August 1st.

I have been talking to the presidents of ILA and LANA - the 3 organizations serve to balance the Llama community but we think communication between the organizations would be beneficial to all. In the future the three presidents will talk on a quarterly basis and work together on projects whenever possible. The RMLA Research Committee and the Board have decided to team up with ILA in supporting a predator control research project proposed by Dr. Franklin. You will be getting the details from Judy Lawson soon.

It's time to get your nominations for next year's officers to Lu Williams. I'm sure we will have plenty of nominations, but nominations aren't much good if no one accepts them. If your name lands in the hat, please consider accepting the challenge!

That's all I can think of now - I'm sure I have forgotten something, but hopefully it won't be anything major. Have a good summer and we'll see you at the Conference.

Charlie

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

August 14th-17th

"Llamafest at Fiberfest", Hastings, Michigan. The first annual Llamafest includes forums, displays, show and sale related to llamas. The eighth annual Fiberfest includes forums, displays, shows and sales of most fiber animals. For further information contact Dar Snyder, 616-668-3089 or Leah Bird, 616-679-5361.

August 21st

The ALSA is offering both an **Alpaca Show Clinic and a Llama Show Clinic** as a pre-conference activity at the **LANA EXPO in Estes Park, Colorado**. Each clinic will address their respective show formats judging criteria, class descriptions, showmanship and grooming techniques. Instructors for both clinics are Dr. LaRue Johnson, Jodi J. Sleeper, Chris Switzer, and Darlene Vaughan. Contact the ALSA office for details, Post Office Box 107, Ocate, NM 87734, 505-666-2492.

August 23, 24, and 25th

LANA Conference, Estes Park Colorado.

September 7th

The **RMLA Llamathon Trek**. A performance race in the **LaPlata Mountains** between Mancos and Durango, Colorado. A 16 mile long high-altitude course sponsored by RMLA. 50 pound class. Prize money for first five places. For information, Bill Redwood, Post Office Box 2631, Flagstaff, AZ 86003, 602-526-2883.

September 10th in the evening

Kansas State Fair Llama Show. Sponsored by the Golden Plains Llama Association at the fairgrounds in **Hutchinson, Kansas**. The show will include halter, obstacle and costume classes, a cart-driving demonstration and a parade. GPLA invites any and all members of your organization who are interested in showing their llamas to participate in the event. Anyone interested may contact Brad Hajny, GPLA State Fair Chairman, R.R. 1, Box 114, Esbon, Kansas 66941.

September 28th

LLAMA SHOW, TULSA STATE FAIR. Tulsa, Oklahoma. Short & long wool classes; halter & performance. Deadline August 30th. Contact: Lynda Sontag, Ambleside Llamas, Post Office Box 159, Mounds, Oklahoma 74047 or call 918-827-6171.

GnRH (Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone); MISUNDERSTOOD AND MALIGNED

By: Michael Wallace, DVM., and Howard Kerstetter.

The dramatic growth and popularity of llamas has also been gathering pockets of misinformation, outmoded practices, old wives tales, and just plain ignorance that has been hurtful to informed herd management. One can hear stories about females who are supposedly now sterile because of the use of GnRH, or that GnRH will cause internal hemorrhaging, or GnRH causes a retained CL, or it causes an imbalance in the hormone system, and some say it is ineffective in llamas.

Historically, much of the information regarding reproduction and hormones has come from knowledge or beliefs and practices pertaining to other species, such as horses, cattle, and goats. Unfortunately, along with good information there has come information regarding reproductive hormones which was once thought to be detrimental. For example, years ago it was not possible to obtain pure extracts from pituitary glands. Chemical compounds were less pure than today's compounds. Most of the early concerns came from practices surrounding super ovulation and embryo transfer where practitioners were using natural compounds of Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH), and Luteinizing Hormone (LH). There were legitimate reasons for the practitioners to be concerned about antibody production against those injected hormones. Today however, even in those other species, the use of modern chemically identical reproductive hormones has not been shown to cause any of the problems people were concerned about twenty years ago. The

concerns about GnRH in the llama community have not come from actual facts about llama reproduction but from borrowed and outdated beliefs from other species which have today been alleviated.

Dr. LaRue Johnson of the Colorado State University has clearly stated, "There is no documentation that GnRH has caused any problem in llamas. GnRH is extensively used and I am unaware of any fertility or reproductive problem in llamas that has been caused due to the use of exogenous GnRH."

What is GnRH? Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone. The commercial product brand name is Cystorelin. Cystorelin is a sterile solution containing 50 micrograms of gonadorelin. Gonadorelin is the hypothalamic releasing factor responsible for the release of gonadotropins (e.g. FSH and LH), from the anterior pituitary. Synthetic gonadorelin is physiologically and chemically identical to the endogenous bovine hypothalamic releasing factor. Cystorelin has been shown to be safe.

In the normal cycle of events the hypothalamus produces gonadorelin which is responsible for causing the anterior pituitary gland to release FSH and LH which cause development, maturation and rupture of the follicle, preparing the ova for conception.

There are times when the female system can use some assistance. Since GnRH is one step above the use of the hormones FSH and LH, and is so chemi-

GnRH (Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone); MISUNDERSTOOD AND MALIGNED (Con't)

cally pure so as to carry minimal risk, we have consistently produced excellent results using GnRH in three common situations:

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2. There are times when females develop follicular cysts, thus preventing conception. An intramuscular injection of 2 cc. of GnRH in conjunction with manual rupture of the follicle has been effective in allowing the normal sequence of events to take place.
3. It appears that some older females are not responding as they once did to copulation. Perhaps the

stimulation is insufficient for the hypothalamus to send adequate gonadorelin to the anterior pituitary to release FSH and LH, or perhaps the pituitary has slowed in its ability to provide a sufficient rush of FSH and LH to the ovaries. When we believe this or combinations thereof could be the case, we administer 2 cc. of GnRH immediately after the first breeding to insure ovulation.

We encourage llama breeders to discuss these issues with their veterinarian so as to assuage the fears that have been preventing effective management within some parts of the llama community.

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RMLA MEMBERS QUESTIONNAIRE

The May issue of the RMLA Newsletter contained a questionnaire regarding the special skills, talents and interests of RMLA members. The purpose of the questionnaire is to set up a data base of individuals who would like to offer assistance to new and existing members over concerns that arise on our ranches. There are many talented people who are willing to share their time and knowledge in this "HELP" network. The response to date has been

very good. I encourage those of you who have not returned the questionnaire to do so. If an additional copy is needed, please call or drop me a note. We would like to compile the information as soon as possible.

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Contact Carlos Velaochaga at Explorandes, Av. Bolognesi No. 159, Miraflores, Lima 18, Peru FAX 51-14-454686.

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I am a member of the Rocky Mountain Lama Association YES NO

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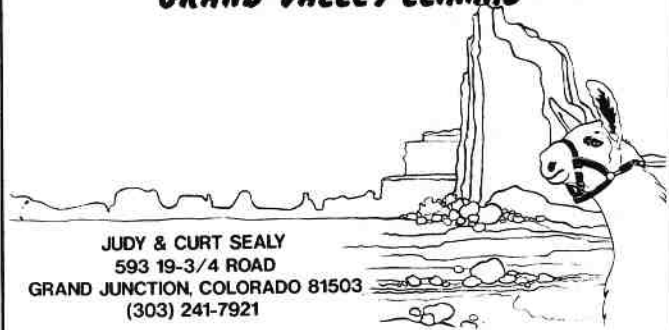
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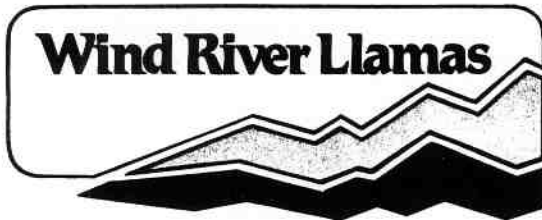
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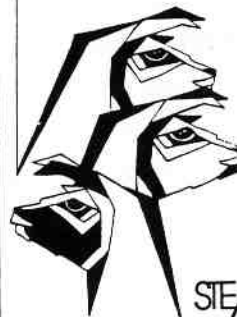
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by Chris Switzer

Good activity for the library -- in and out -- 25 to 30 people each month, some with several items.

It always pleases me when a "new member" writes or calls with their requests. Sometimes I receive a long list of items -- I send what I can and then put the rest on the waiting list and send when possible.

I'd like to see more check-outs for the children's books -- some are really wonderful stories for adults too. (*Secret of the Andes & Silver Llama*)

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