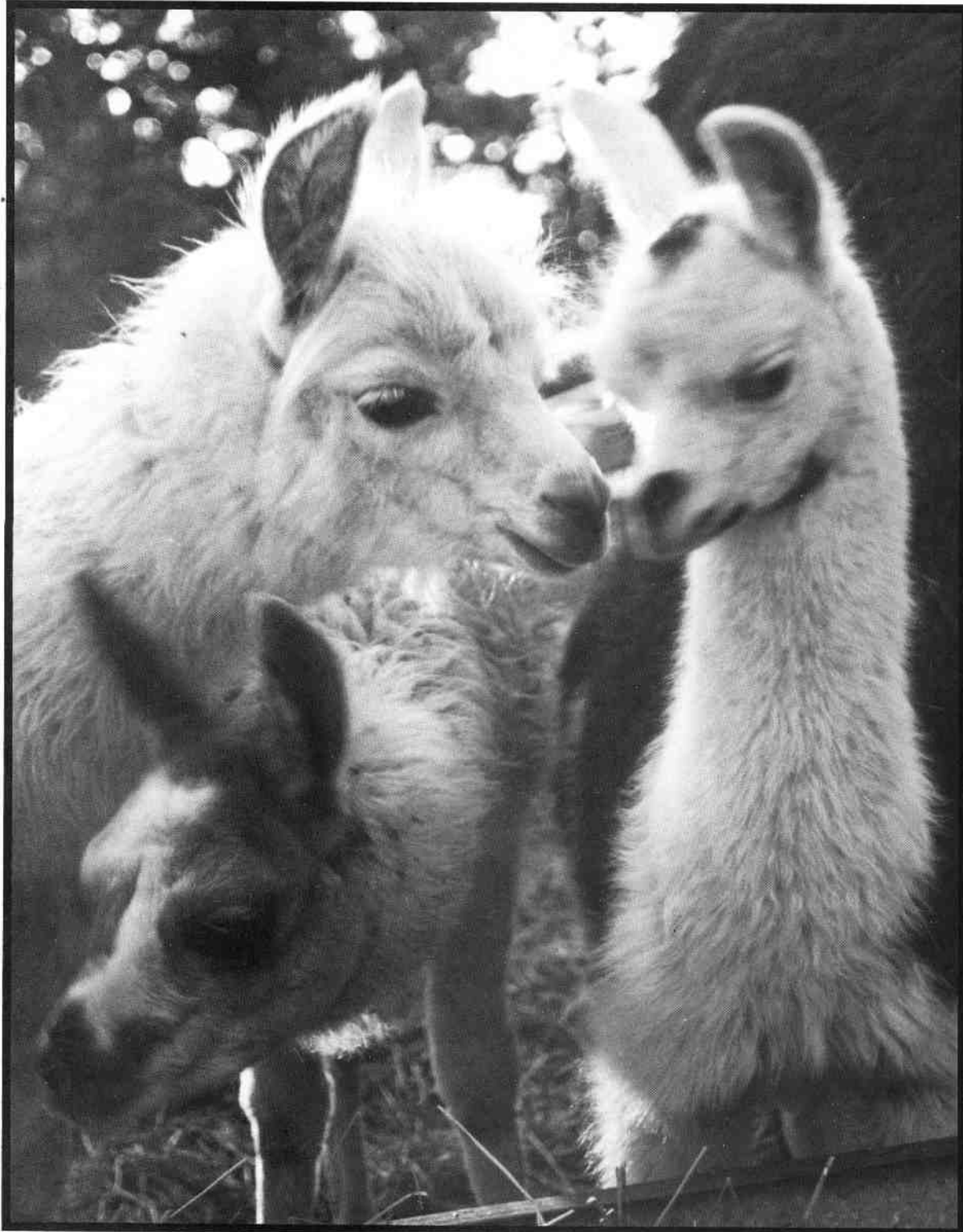


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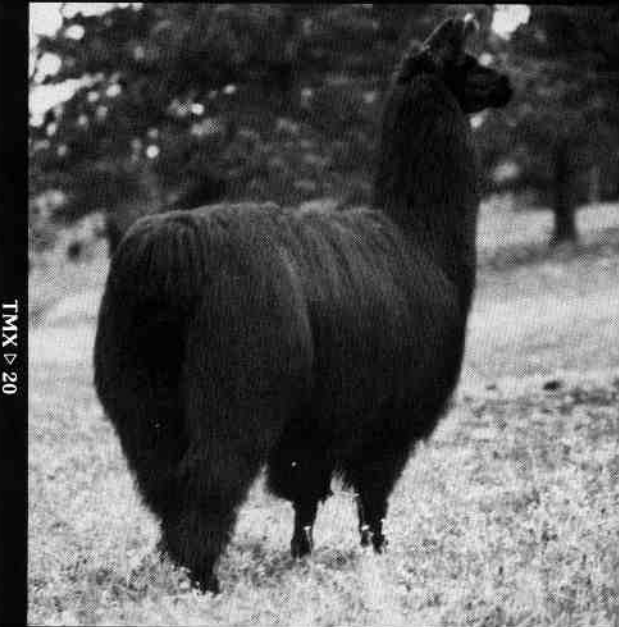
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31

Adult Individual Membership: \$30.00 (One vote, newsletter, directory entry)

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RMLA also provides an extensive lending library of books and videos to members.

For further information please contact Judy Sealy

Deadlines for the rest of 1993 and Half of 1994:

July Issue June 11

January Issue December 10

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dee Goodman

The birds are singing, the sun is shining (when it's not raining), the grass is green, it must be SPRING! It's time to get out and enjoy the llamas in the warm air and it is time for RMLA's summer events. We, as a llama association, have always been known for our special events. I hope everyone can participate in at least one of the events. Most of these activities are for all members of the family. And what a GREAT way to have fun with the llamas. If you have any questions about any of the activities, call the chair listed for that event. If you would like to have RMLA sponsor a event in your area, please give me a call. Speaking of events, 8 llamas along with 9 human companions had a great time in the Denver's St. Patrick's Day Parade. We had fun talking to the crowd as we walked along the route. Next year we hope to have more llamas participating (and they can bring their people friends, too).

Along other Lines

A big THANK YOU!! for everyone that helped with the Schreiner Fund. With your help, there was around \$4,900 raised. This will be sent to Dan and Ellen to help rebuild their barn. A special thank you to Paul and Sally Taylor for the donation of the bred female to the Schreiners. This llama is valued at \$16,000 and is bred to Catman. One of the main reasons Karla and I bought llamas was not just the llamas but because of the people that raise llamas. You are the best people in the world!

Some more Lines

One of the many positive thoughts that came out of the Lama Assembly was the idea of lama associations working together for the good of the lama community. One of those projects was to produce one uniformed Youth Project Manual(s) for all

of North America. This project has been started with 13 people from 10 organizations headed up by RMLA and by Karla. They have a lot of work to do but they have the incentive that this is for our youth. More on this project the next newsletter. Another project that RMLA started and is now being proposed to other lama groups is a National Lama Insurance Group. This program will offer a special llama Farm and Ranch policy, major medical, pack trip liability, llama mortality, accident insurance and general liability for associations all at affordable prices. In states that are having problems getting insurance, there will now be coverage available including 4-H projects, that could not be covered before. By setting up this program, this would be a way to fund research and other projects with any profit generated from the program. More on this in the next newsletter.

If you have any thoughts, concerns, or ideas that you would like to see RMLA do, please bring them up at the RMLA Business meeting at the ILA Conference on June 19th at 7:00 a.m. Come for breakfast and see what RMLA is doing and let us know what RMLA should be doing. Also, don't forget to vote at the conference for YOUR board or if you can't make it to the conference, then vote by mail.

The last Line

As we leave this "l o n g" winter (if I even see a white sale, I think I'll scream), I have one last winter thought. When you hear "ice cold", have you ever seen hot ice? Think about it. Keep on smiling and humming down the llama trail.

Always,

Dee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 28-30: Intermountain Llama Classic, Logan, Utah

Fun, friendly competition, private treaty sale. Sponsored by the Utah Llama Association. *For information, contact Steve or Linda Kyriopoulos, 801-245-3529.*

May 29-June 1: Basic/Advanced TTEAM Clinic, Livermore, CO

TTEAM Clinic with Marty McGee. Register now! At Overland Trail Llamas, Livermore, CO. *Contact Dale Pettigrew, 303-493-2335. See Classified ad on page 37.*

May 29-30: Llama and Alpaca Bazaar, Stamford, VT

Participation is the rule of the day. *Call for details, 802-694-1417.*

June 3-6: Llama Pack Festival, Glenwood Springs, Colorado

A fun-filled weekend getting to know what your llamas can do for you. For beginners and seasoned packers. *Call Jack White, 303-879-1358 for information.*

June 10-13: Estes Park Wool Market, Estes Park, Colorado

Llama Halter and Performance Classes on June 12 and 13. Events include Spinning/Weaving Workshops, Contests, and Vendors. *For information, 303-586-6104.*

June 10-14: Alpaca Owners and Breeders Assoc., Estes Park, CO

Biggest Alpaca Sale and Show of '93. "The Sky's the Limit" *See article on page 18.*

June 19: RMLA Business Meeting, 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

At the ILA conference in Snowmass, CO. Come for Breakfast.

June 26: 3rd Annual Red Light Run, Cripple Creek, Colorado

A 3-mile Pack Llama Race through historic Cripple Creek plus a parade and youth/adult obstacle course. *Contact Sally German, 719-689-3063.*

July 1-3: Firecracker West Coast Llama Sale, Salem, Oregon

Futurity Show and Sale July 1, Open Show & Sale July 2 & 3. *For information, call Dick or Pat Wickum, 800-876-8816. See ad on page 27.*

July 6 - September 7: 1993 Colorado Trail

Cindy Ross and Todd Gladfelter hike on the Trail. *To help, call Dee Goodman.*

July 24-25: Fairplay Pack Llama Race, Fairplay, Colorado

A 3-mile cross-country Llama Pack Race around Fairplay. *See article on page 32.*

August 6-9: Llamafest at Fiberfest, Kalamazoo, Michigan

3rd Fest includes forums, demos, show and sale. *Call Leah Bird, 616-657-6379.*

September 16-18: Gold Rush '93, Brighton, Colorado

Alpaca Sale on September 17 and Llama Sale on September 18. *For more information, call Frank or Eleanor Palmisano, 303-242-8759.*

September 24-26: RMLA Educational Seminar, Akron, Colorado

A 3-day Hands-On-Seminar covering everything you need to know. *See article on page 30.*

October 2: Llamathon, Fort Collins, Colorado

A new location this year. Dr. LaRue Johnson is chairing the event. More later.

VETERINARIAN NETWORK

By Jo Riley

Patience does pay off! This is the list of lovely people who answered my call. I have mailed out the information forms to all the Vets and will continue to do so forever. When I have the information re-

turned, I will send it out to all the Vets. I will continually update the Vets in the Network on additional information. It is not too late to get your Vet involved . . . just send the name to me.

- Dr. Michelle Behrendt:** Byers, Colorado *by Harold Wilborn*
Dr. Richard Boulette: Lander, Wyoming *by Karla Bollinger*
Dr. Lisa Dawson: Lander, Wyoming *by Karla Bollinger*
Dr. Peggy Ford: Yuma, Colorado *by Dee Goodman*
Golden Animal Hospital: Golden, Colorado *by Bob Hance*
Dr. Lanier Hamilton: Lander, Wyoming *by Karla Bollinger*
Dr. Susan House: Montrose, Colorado *by Erma Hast*
Dr. Harriet H. Howe: Sun Valley, CA *by Gwyn Poor*
Dr. Terry Jantzen: Las Vegas, NM *by Rick Steadham and Karen Sterling*
Dr. Don Kammerzill: Fort Morgan, Colorado *by Jean Price*
Dr. Keith Lund: Park City, Utah *by Junnie Hansen*
Dr. Martin D. McKean: Cortez, Colorado *by Joy Keeling*
Dr. Bonnie McLaughlin: Morrison, Colorado *by Bob Hance*
Dr. James McNutt: West Branch, Iowa *by Kathy Bright*
Dr. Kent Pattridge: Arvada, Colorado *by Judy Cox Sample*
Dr. Eric Perkins: Lander, Wyoming *by Karla Bollinger*
Dr. Kit Schmidt: Cortez, Colorado *by Judi Lawson*
Dr. Karlene Stange: Durango, Colorado *by Wally White*
Dr. Jim Summers: Lander, Wyoming *by Karla Bollinger*
Dr. Steven Tharp: Worland, Wyoming *by Kerby Pfrangles*
Drs. Tim and Paula Thomson: Platteville, Colorado *by Jo and Bob Riley*
Dr. Mark A. Vanderberg: Norwood, Colorado *by Fay Earley*
Dr. John Young: Arvada, Colorado *by Judy Cox Sample*

Veterinarians who submitted their own names!

- Dr. Bruce A. Connally:** Eaton Rapids, Michigan
Dr. LaRue Johnson: Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado
Dr. Jim Soukup: Elizabeth, Colorado
Dr. Jill M. Starcevich: Westminster, Colorado

Thanks Machele! You made our day!

March, 1993

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN LLAMA & ALPACA ASSOCIATION

March 24, 1993

Meeting held at 10:00 A.M. at the Holiday Inn, Frisco, CO

Members in attendance: Dee Goodman, John Fitzgerald, Sharon Beacham & Judy Sealy

Treasurers Report.

The meeting was opened with the Treasurer's report which will be updated and included in the newsletter. 4th printing of the "Caring for Llamas" book will proceed with 2,500 copies printed at a cost of \$7,900. This supply will last approximately two years. The Schreiner Fund results were made available. Contributions and auction items totaled \$4,902.00. The bred female llama, a gift from the Taylor Ranch valued at \$16,000, produced a total of \$20,902.00 toward the Schreiner Fund. A letter will be mailed to Dan & Ellen Schreiner.

Membership Report

To date, the membership totals 431. The cut-off for the Owners & Breeders Directory was March 8th with 424 members listed in the 1993 Directory. The directory will be mailed to the membership March 28th. The membership renewal forms will be mailed first-class next fall to help alleviate late renewals next year.

Newsletter

The newsletter, prepared by Jo Riley, demonstrated confidence in the llama community and RMLA with an exceptional number of advertisers! The newsletter provides a means for our membership to understand llama issues through informative articles.

Herdsire

The Herdsire report was presented by John Fitzgerald. We have approximately 15 responses to date. Information on herdsires and photographs (horizontal or vertical) should be forwarded to John and will be collected by Jo Riley for final assembly. The first edition will soon be available through Chris Switzer.

Research

- A five-member Llama Medical Research Group was discussed at the LLAMA ASSEMBLY '93 for the purpose of setting priorities in medical research; recommend to the Llama community funding of specific projects; coordinate with the MAF; disseminate the results of research supported by the llama community; and to insure that studies are not duplicated. Judi Lawson will be RMLA's representative to work with ILA.
- Bill Franklin Study. The Guard Llama study funded by RMLA and ILA will be finalized and presented at the ILA Conference in Snowmass this June.
- Morris Animal Foundation study conducted by Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine for ILA, RMLA & LANA. Funding has been withheld (\$2,500.00) awaiting finalization of grant "Pathogenesis and Diagnosis of Congenital Defects in Llamas". Due to lack of hard data, most especially the pedigree analysis, the final quarter payment was denied.
- RMLA member Gwyn Poor of Sunland, California, requested RMLA support a project at Los Angeles Pierce College, Agriculture Department regarding the guardian llama. The request was for educational information for the library. RMLA will forward the "Caring for Llamas" books and 4-H Youth Project Books. Complimentary newsletters will also be forwarded to the library.
- Forest Service Study. University of Idaho, with funding, will study the impact of the horse versus the llama in the backcountry of Montana. The study has been tabled at this time. If considered in the future, it would involve ILA, RMLA and LANA funding. Dee Goodman suggested contact be made with each Forest Service to determine the practicality of such a study.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (Con't)

Marketing

- St. Patrick's Day Parade. Eight Llamas participated in the parade to provide fun for on-lookers and walkers! The \$20 entry fee was well worthwhile!
- RV Show. No response at this time; however, RMLA has been invited to provide a packing demonstration in the ring area next year.
- Sportsman Show. The show created lots of exposure and many brochures handed out. The display booth, however, was in the back of the facility separate from the llamas and was not as busy.
- South Dakota Stock Show. The display booth was forwarded to Barb Peterson. The show was very successful and booth space was free!
- National Western Stock Show. The space provided for the RMLA display booth was \$1400. The decision on future use at the NWSS will be discussed at the General Meeting in Snowmass.
- The Marketing Committee is doing a great job with each person assigned an event to coordinate. They are also working on advertising ideas. Advertising for RMLA has been provided in the Fence post and Record Stockman. Sheep publications are being investigated for future advertising.

Events

Plans are being made, under the coordination of Bill Redwood, for the Pack Festival, Cripple Creek Red Light Run, Fairplay Pack Llama Race, and Educational Seminar. The Annual Rendezvous has been cancelled this year. The Colorado State Fair is including a Llama demonstration the evenings of August 21 and 22, 1993 with a parade.

4-H

New Youth Project Books are being compiled for fall completion with ILA and its affiliates, LANA and ALSA who are working with RMLA to produce a uniform 4-H book to gain official state recognition and national acceptance. RMLA will fund the project up to the point of publication. The others will

be asked to contribute back to RMLA to achieve an approximate cost of \$4.00 plus postage for each book.

Insurance

Allen Goetz of Goetz Insurers discussed establishing an insurance program offering farm, major medical, personal liability for Llama related activities, personal accident, llama mortality, pack trip liability and general liability insurance. The information will be shared with LANA, ALSA and ILA and affiliates. The cost of the policy would decrease if more groups participate.

ILA Conference/RMLA Business Meeting

The RMLA General Business Meeting will be a breakfast meeting held June 19th from 7:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. at the ILA Conference in Snowmass. The meeting will open with the Treasurers Report, followed by a Membership Report, Committee Chairpersons discussion, discussions regarding conferences to be held every other year, educational seminar, stockshow booth fees, insurance, new business, announcement of new officers, and an open forum with Stan Lacher regarding concerns of RMLA.

1994 Conference

Stan Lacher, and Dale and Mike Pettigrew are investigating the possibilities of a conference in the Ft. Collins/Longmont or Colorado Springs areas. Details are yet to be worked out regarding speakers, meeting rooms, meals, etc.

Nominations/Elections

A ballot box will be provided at the RMLA library room at the ILA Conference from Thursday through Friday evening to vote on officers. Nominations were discussed among the Board members and submitted to Lougene Baird. Please accept a nomination if you are considered for a position.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sealy, Secretary

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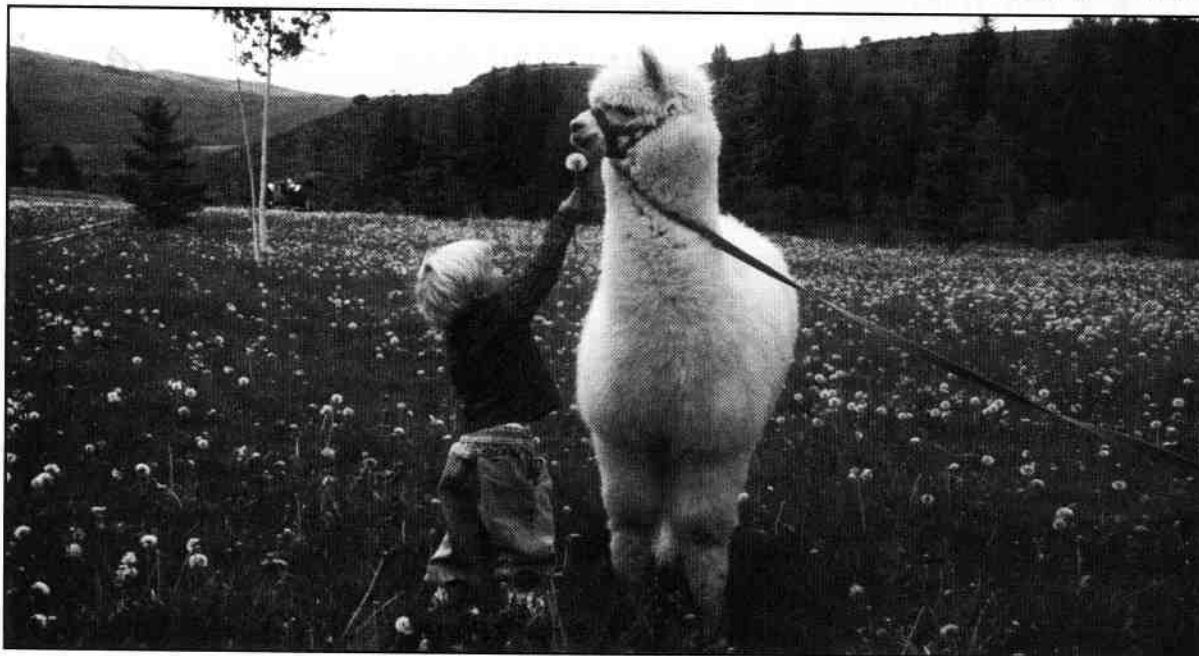


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ROCKY MOUNTAIN LLAMA & ALPACA ASSOCIATION

Public Education Fund Activity

January 1 - April 10, 1993

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| Beginning balance 1-1-93 | (\$2.34) |
| Income: | |
| 15% of membership renewals | 1,375.50 |
| 15% of interest income | 20.30 |
| 4-H Book sales | 1,214.00 |
| Miscellaneous events-NWSS | |
| Stall cleaning | 10.00 |
| Trophy | <u>65.00</u> |
| Total NWSS income | 75.00 |
| Service Directory ads | <u>1,360.00</u> |
| Total income | 4,044.80 |
| Expense: | |
| Breeder/Owner Directory | 975.97 |
| (814.97 printing, 161.00 envelopes & postage) | |
| Brochures (RMLA information) | 732.25 |
| Booth shipment (South Dakota) | 74.08 |
| 4-H Book | 369.41 |
| (243.87-xerox book to fill orders until revision complete) | |
| Miscellaneous events-NWSS | |
| Advertising | 175.00 |
| Booth passes | 60.00 |
| Stall clean-up | 170.00 |
| Mileage | 72.00 |
| Telephone | 306.78 |
| Trophies | <u>195.00</u> |
| Total NWSS expense * | 978.78 |
| Miscellaneous events-Other | |
| Estes Park Wool Market | 250.00 |
| RV Show | 70.00 |
| St. Patrick's Day Parade | 20.00 |
| Sportsman's Show | <u>36.00</u> |
| Total miscellaneous events-other | 376.00 |
| Service Directory (Printing) | <u>855.18</u> |
| Total expense | (4,361.64) |
| Balance 4-10-93 | (\$319.18) |

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MARKETING

by Linda Kyriopoulos

Wow! RMLA members sure are enthusiastic! Following our first marketing article in March, we have had several llama folks contact us with great ideas and comments. It was so refreshing to receive a call from Harold Wilborn, who just wanted to say "keep up the good work!" I received a letter from Sharon Beacham with a different approach on marketing llamas. We all know that advertising strictly in llama periodical limits our base of prospective buyers, and that for the llama industry to grow, we need to attract new buyers. Using llamas as sheep guards is a relatively new use for our llama friends. For those of you with llamas for sale which would be suitable for this purpose, be buyer specific when advertising. Place ads for guard llamas in publications that are read by sheep ranchers. Check with your vet or local sheep ranchers for the best publications to target in your region. Thanks

again, Sharon, for your input and wonderful idea!

Another great way to attract new buyers is to get your llamas out in the public eye, and encourage hands-on experience. You can do this on your own or through the cooperation of your local organization. The Utah Llama Association is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Intermountain Llama Classic on Memorial Weekend in Logan, Utah. It is a FUN, FRIENDLY competition for llama owners, but also a wonderful display of the many attributes of llamas for the public to witness. We encourage onlookers to join in the fun. You could organize an event similar to this in your own area. You'll be surprised at how much interest is sparked!

Enough for this month. Keep your ideas coming, we appreciate your enthusiasm!

CHECKING ACCOUNT AND FUND BALANCES

April 10, 1993

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Park National Bank Checking..... | \$22,006.76 |
| Fund Balances | |
| General Operations..... | 3,367.04 |
| Public Education | (319.18) |
| Member Education | 4,375.72 |
| Research | 5,685.15 |
| Contingency | 3,000.00 |
| Special Events | (5,876.18) |
| Caring for Llamas Book | <u>11,774.21</u> |
| Total Funds Balance | \$22,006.76 |

RMLA FOUNDATION

SCHREINER FUND

January 8 - March 31, 1993

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| RMLA Member contributions | 1,765.00 |
| ILA Member contributions | 265.00 |
| RMLA Silent Auction income | <u>2,872.00</u> |
| Total contributions | \$4,902.00 |

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Lougene Baird

Fifty-one members were nominated.

President-Elect: Reid Langerman

Vice President: Barbara Hance

Julie Messick

Frank Palmisano

Kirby Pfrangle

Mary Summers

Secretary: Judy Sealy

All nominees are members in good standing of RMLA and have submitted their biography for review.

REID LANGERMAN - President-Elect

I have been involved with llamas since 1985 when Mary Summers and I purchased three pack llamas. We have been packing since then and have been operating a commercial llama outfitting business and raising llamas since 1987. We joined RMLA in 1988. We have been a driving force with llamas in our area. We have been deeply involved with the New Mexico Llama Show from its start. I was chairperson for the 1991 RMLA Conference. We have also been strong supporters of other RMLA sponsored events. With my experience in packing, showing, breeding and training llamas, I hope to be of service to RMLA and its members. If elected to the office of PRESIDENT-ELECT, I will guide RMLA in its goals of education and the promotion of the benefits of owning and raising llamas.

JULIE MESSICK - Vice President

I am running because I feel this organization has done a lot to benefit the overall well-being of llamas and the owner's enjoyment of them, and I would like to play a part in the continued success of the Association.

My interests are in raising and training well-bred llamas as packers, companions and fiber producers. I continue to be amazed at the intelligence and versatility of these animals and I enjoy promoting those aspects.

I am a full-time mom and "llama-mama"; therefore, my schedule is flexible enough to accommodate the demands of holding this office. I'm a stickler for details, and would work hard to do a great job as Vice President!

Our family raises potatoes and barley in Colorado's San Luis Valley. Besides kids and llamas activities, my interests include spinning, weaving, and giving programs educating people about the importance of recycling and buying recycled products.

BARBARA HANCE - Vice President

I say my first llama close up at the Boulder County Fair in 1989, later that fall, my husband, Bob and I attended the Gold Rush Sale and were smitten!

We were never into large animals and felt we needed to know more before becoming owners. We joined RMLA and attended conferences in Steamboat Springs and Longmont. Our focus is on alpacas but find everything about camelids of interest.

I worked as a supervisor in bookkeeping and later in a computer center, but spent most of my life as homemaker. If elected, I will try to be fair in decision making and will be as informed as possible.

FRANK PALMISANO - Vice President

As a native of New Orleans, my wife, Eleanor, and I moved to Denver in 1969 because we loved the outdoors. Currently, I am employed at Western Slope Auto as a sales representative.

Since 1983, Eleanor and I have been breeders of Peruvian Paso Horses, doing all our own training and showing. Eleanor first introduced me to llamas in 1990, and I was immediately "hooked." Being from South America, the llamas fit very well into our lifestyle, since we were already familiar with Peru's National Treasure - The Peruvian Paso Horse. During the last year-and-a-half our interest has been concentrated in the area of marketing camelids, which seemed to come naturally to my sales background and Eleanor's years of experience with planning horse shows and llama and alpaca shows. We are currently the promoters of the annual spring and fall Gold Rush Sales. The Gold Rush Sale devoted one day to the sale alpacas. We are extremely optimistic about the auction system as an exceptional vehicle of the marketing of llamas and alpacas.

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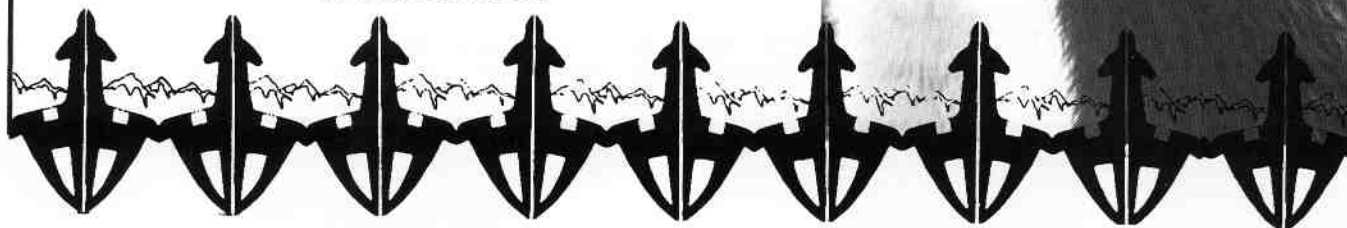
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WELL DONE



NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD (con't)

I think by serving the RMLA membership in the Vice-President position, I will be able to bring new ideas and inspiration to an ever-expanding organization. The future will bring many opportunities to promote the camelid industry in this country. I want the RMLA to play an increasingly important role in this future vision. With strong leadership and a willing and committed membership, we will go to the forefront in our efforts to promote the joys of owning these most wonderful of God's creatures.

I look forward to serving you with the same energy and enthusiasm that I have employed in producing a national sale which is growing stronger every day. Please accept my nomination and elect me your next Vice President. My promise to you is to do everything in my power to earn your respect and to make you proud to be a member of the nation's most progressive organization for llama and alpaca owners.

KIRBY PFRANGLE - Vice President

I am running for Vice President. My husband, Louie, the twins, Aileen and Clay and I have owned and operated Pfour Pfrangle Llama Pfarm for the past 10 years. We have a total of forty llamas. I belong to RMLA, the Wyoming Llama Assoc., ILA and ALSA.

In 1991, Louie and I formed a partnership with Barb Coffman, and started raising miniature donkeys and we call this business Coffman Pfrangle and Ass or CPA for short. We also raise fainting goats.

For the past 10 years my life has centered around my family and the animals. I would like to help educate other potential llama owners to the wonderful lifestyle we have all come to love.

MARY SUMMERS - Vice President

As backpackers and animal lovers, Reid Langerman and I purchased our first llamas in

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD (Con't)

1985. By 1987 we were also breeding llamas and leading commercial pack trips.

Along with a small group of helpful friends and llama owners in New Mexico I produced and coordinated four New Mexico ALSA shows. I worked closely with RMLA and our local group of New Mexico Llama Lovers to arrange the very successful 1991 RMLA Conference in Corrales, New Mexico.

As a science teacher, my interest lie in education and thus education the public about llamas thereby promoting llamas. I have been working with 4-H and county extension agents in Mew Mexico. We also have a good working relationship with the Forest Service through our outfitting business.

It seems like just yesterday that I attended my first RMLA Conference in Montrose, CO in 1988. I remember how friendly llama people

were and how much fun I had at the conference and successive conference. I now feel that I have had enough experience with llamas, knowledge of RMLA, and friendships in RMLA that I would like to help within the organization promoting llamas.

JUDY SEALY - Secretary

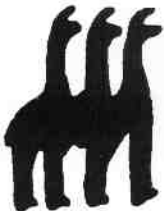
I accept the nomination for Secretary, RMLA for a second term. I have enjoyed being Secretary for the past 2 years. My personal insight of the duties of the Board, the teamwork through committee activities and decisions, and an understating of the issues of RMLA, have provided a strengthening and confidence to serve RMLA in an effective and even more energetic manner. By maintaining this position, RMLA will benefit by a consistency and established "caretaker" of the membership records, inquiry responses and maintenance of minutes and records.

Private Treaty Llama Sale

Estes Park Wool Market
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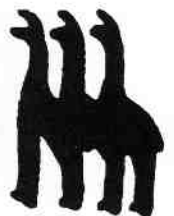
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LIBRARY NOTES

By Chris Switzer

I'm collecting articles on GUARD LLAMAS, so do send me newspaper clippings, magazine articles and farm journal stories. I'll put them all in a notebook.

Camelid Kids (ILA Newsletter for kids), winter '93 came in recently. Also, the winter '93 issue of **Alpacas Magazine**.

Jane Wheeler sent a more complete article than what was in our last newsletter, "**A Measure of Loss: Prehispanic Llamas and Alpaca Breeds**" by Jane Wheeler, Angus Russel and Helen Stanley. Did you see her article in the most recent Llama Life? (Complete with photos of the mummies.) By the way, she and Raul are renting a house in Florida while going back and forth to Peru. They miss Scotland so much. Here's her address: #4 Handicappers Lane, Ocala, FL 34482.

Thanks to Len Henning for a second copy of **Pish-Posh**, children's book. Story is a bit off but the drawings are delightful.

There's a revised **ILA brochure (#9) on Llama Wool**. Linda McNamara, Wool Committee Chairman did the work. It's quite good, even includes shearing a llama.

Fiber Facts by Betty Hochberg (wool) is something I donated. It's good to compare properties and characteristics with other fibers.

"**Antigua - The Rescue Operation**" by Ellen Nodine from *Llama Banner*, February-March '93 along with the **Video on Antigua** that Cutter and Nancy Umback donated.

"**Hand Shearing for the Alpaca**" by Ted Chepolis from *Alpacas Magazine*, winter '93 is also new.

I've just ordered a **video on Fences, Barnes and Feeders** by Betty and Paul Barkman.

Bolded items need to be added to your library list.

CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS

By Carreen Kresal

Is everyone aware that Frontier Days in Cheyenne (July 23-August 1) is NOT just for those of us in Wyoming? This event gets a lot of media attention, including the televised coverage on the last Saturday. It is a very spiffy affair and costumes (preferably western) need to be coordinated.

So far there has been limited interest in

this event and we need to get the application in by the end of May. We need more than 2 or 3 llamas. Also, we need someone in Cheyenne a few hours early to direct people to the right area, etc.

Time is short! Please call me at 7800 Salt Creek #43, Casper, WY 82601, 307-265-5909. Let's not miss the "Granddy of them all!"



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MISTAKES?

If you find mistakes in this newsletter, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!

“THE SKY'S THE LIMIT”

It is with pleasure and anticipation that we are proud to announce that AOBA's Second Annual Alpaca Conference will be coming to Colorado again on June 10-14. There will be great classes, good food and entertainment, the largest alpaca sale of the year and activities galore. The focus this year is **MARKETING**. An exciting list of nationally known speakers will teach us how to succeed as alpaca breeders. There will be a one day marketing seminar by Dan and Marilyn Milton as well as classes on photography by Jim Osterberg, public relations by Scott Halford, marketing fiber by Linda Berry Walker, booth presentation by Julie Pippin and much, much more.

We can learn the very latest in medical news with Patrick Long, DVM, Murray Fowler, DVM and LaRue Johnson, DVM, all nationally known veterinarians. Additionally, we've added an extra day of medical classes with a luncheon to make sure you have an optimum learning experience.

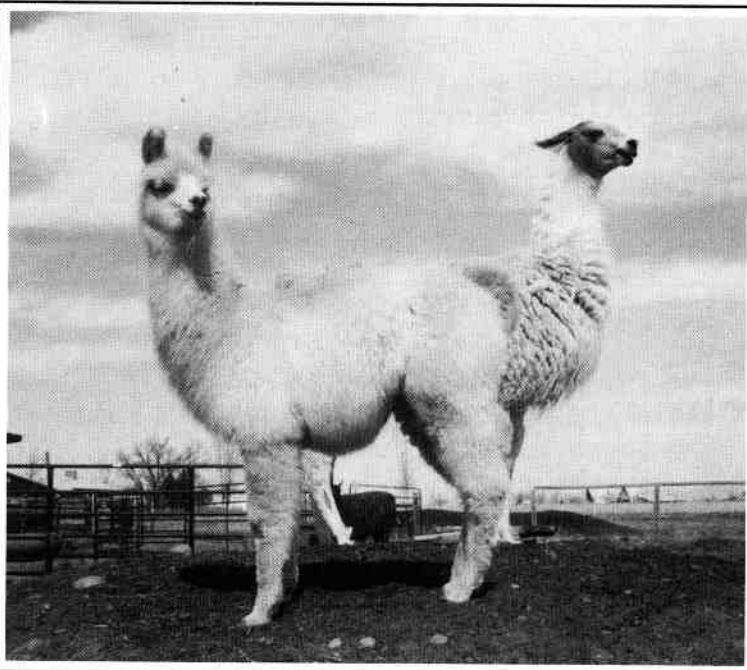
Then at night join us for the Ice-Breaker,

AOBA dinner meeting, Guest Ranch Dinner Theater, and “An Evening Under The Stars”, our Peruvian Festival Dinner. This magical night includes **SURPRISE** entertainment, dancing, raffle, silent auction results and door prizes.

The ALSA sanctioned show will take place which provides an opportunity to see the best animals in the nation. Barn Day offers a chance to attend mini-lectures free of charge to learn some basics about alpacas. The largest Alpaca Sale of the year will be taking place in our tent. This is a great time to see and purchase the best alpacas in the nation. All sales will be by private treaty.

Once again we are proud to join the Estes Park Wool Market which attracts well over 5,000 people. Their enthusiasm for our beautiful alpacas was terrific last year.

This conference is dedicated to the promotion and sales of alpacas because we truly believe that The Sky's The Limit in our growing industry. We're anxious to see you all in Estes Park on June 10!



A TWO HEADED LLAMA!

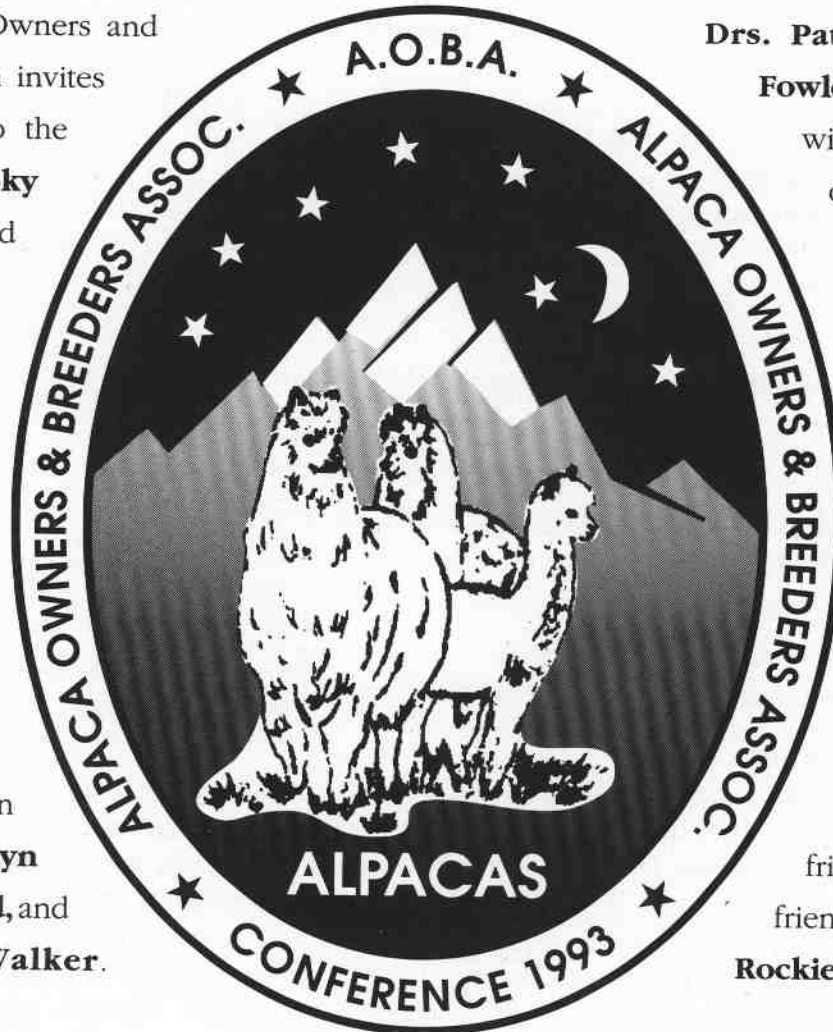
Kerby Pfrangle sent this picture in for the cover. It is a great picture but just not the right dimensions for this issue. Couldn't wait to show it to you. Send in your pictures. Kerby also sent me her Vet!

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will present the very latest on the medical scene for alpacas.

We will also be joining the **Estes Park Wool Market** which attracted 6,000 people last year and promises to be even bigger this year!

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION FINAL REPORT

Department of Pathology and Microbiology
College of Veterinary Medicine
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506

Title: **Pathogenesis and Diagnosis of Congenital Defects in Llamas.**

Names of Investigators: Horst W. Leipold, Dr. Med. Vet. MS, PhD
Distinguished Professor of Veterinary Medical Genetics

Starting Date: October 1, 1990

Completion Date: November 1, 1992

Summary of Objectives:

The project was designed to determine the role of congenital defects in selection procedures by defining the nature, frequency and causes of congenital defects in llamas with the aim of preventing their occurrence and spread.

The specific objectives are to:

- A. Determine the frequency of congenital defects in llamas;
- B. Characterize the nature of congenital defects in llamas;
- C. To establish the various causes of congenital defects in llamas.
- D. To develop diagnostic procedures and tests as needed for specific congenital defects in llamas.
- E. Analysis of pedigrees.
- F. Importance of defect.
- G. Preserve tissues for later DNA studies.

Editor's Note: This report was slightly edited for space. If you would like the complete report, write Jo Riley.

List Major Findings:

A total of 146 congenital defects were reported to us or the dead Llamas were submitted to the Congenital Defects Laboratory at Kansas State University. Please refer to attached table 1 which lists the types and frequencies of congenital defects of Llamas in this study. The listing of the defects follows that used in the past for cattle, sheep and other species and also adopted for llamas.²⁹

The major findings in this study are that the Llamas has a wide range of congenital defects involving all major systems. However, the most important types of defects as recognized by owners and their veterinarians are those of the skeletal system. These defects (small size dwarfism?) to choanal atresia account for 88 cases of the 146 total major defects encountered (table 1). Furthermore, within this group of defects

those involving the head account for a total of 57 cases (facial defects, cleft palate and choanal atresia). This is a very significant finding for the Llama industry. In addition, defects of the head and face are poorly studied and understood in other species including man.' The need to further study embryonic development and fetal growth of the head and neck of these models in llamas is obvious.

Other important findings involve the internal organs such as heart defects which appear to be common in llamas. They should receive also a great deal of attention as to their etiology.

Immunodeficiency ("ill thrift") is certainly underrepresented in this study. It would be difficult to ascertain this defect in the frame work of this study.

MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION FINAL REPORT (con't)

In conclusion, the people who are responsible for the well-being of the llama should institute a reporting program similar to the one used here to assure genetic health of that species. This study confirms again the value of a reporting system of congenital defects.

Publications

A. Seminars

The following major seminars were presented to veterinarians or llama breeders:

- i. Leipold, H.W.: Congenital Defects in Llamas. 53rd Annual Conference for Veterinarians. KSU, Manhattan, KS June 4, 1991.
- ii. Leipold, H.W.: Nature, Cause and Diagnosis of Congenital Defects in Domestic Animals. 71 st Annual Fall Meeting. Northern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association. Rockford, IL, Sept. 18, 1991.
- iii. Leipold, H.W.: Diagnosis and Control of Congenital Defects in Llamas. 2nd Annual Concepts of Llamas Health Care. College of Veterinary Medicine, KSU and Golden Plains Llama Association, June 6, 1992.
- iv. Leipold, H.W.: Nature, Cause and Diagnosis of Congenital Defects in Llamas. Llama Association of North America (Lana) Expo, July 31, 1992, Salem, OR.

B. Scientific Papers

There will be the following scientific papers from this study:

- i. Leipold, H.W., T. Hiragi and others. Nature and Frequency of Congenital Defects in Llamas. (in preparation).
- ii. Hiraga, T., H.W. Leipold, and others. Congenital Heart Defects in Llamas.

C. Popular Article

Furthermore, the major findings as presented in the scientific paper under B,

i will be prepared for a popular article:

- i. Leipold, H.W. and others. Why watch for birth defects in llamas? (in preparation)

Summary of Progress and Results

The results are listed in table 1. The major progress in the understanding of this field of perinatal health of llamas has received a very important finding that the defects of the skeletal system in particular the defects of the structures of the head need to be studied and monitored closely.

Patent Possibilities

None.

Describe any Changes in Scientific Goals.

There were no changes in scientific goals. In the contrary, this field of health of the young llama needs much more attention than it has received in the past.

Accomplish Your Goals? If not, why not?

This has been a very rewarding study since it presents for the first time the importance, nature and frequencies of congenital defects in the llama. I have been able to collect the data for pedigree analyses of at least two major areas such as heart defects and skeletal defects. However, there is no money to analyze these data since payment of the last installment has been withheld. I am trying to secure other funds to complete these studies. (*See minutes of the Board for explanation.*)

Information of Practical Value to Animal Owners.

Yes, this information is of great practical value to Llama breeders and owners.

In my seminars presented to llama owners, I have stressed the significance of good veterinarian-owner collaboration to study congenital defects in llamas. I have stressed that there needs to be a reporting system. I have also stressed the responsibility of breeders to maintain genetic health of that species.

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MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION FINAL REPORT (CON'T)

TABLE 1. TYPES AND FREQUENCY OF CONGENITAL DEFECTS IN LLAMAS.

| Type of Defect | Frequency |
|--|-----------|
| Skin defect | 2 |
| Immunodeficiency ("ill thrift") | 3 |
| Abnormal recess of pharynx | 1 |
| Esophageal defect | 1 |
| Urinary system defect | 3 |
| Reproductive system | 7 |
| Atresia ani | 4 |
| Heart defect | 12 |
| Diaphragm | 3 |
| Umbilical hernia | 1 |
| Schistosomus reflexus | 1 |
| Tooth defect..... | 1 |
| Ear defect | 2 |
| Eye defect | 2 |
| CNS defect | 4 |
| Joint defect..... | 7 |
| Cruciate ligament absent..... | 1 |
| Arthrogryposis | 3 |
| Small size | 2 |
| Polydactyly..... | 4 |
| Monobrachia | 1 |
| Syndactyly | 1 |
| Vertebral column | 6 |
| Tail defect | 17 |
| Facial defect | 18 |
| Cleft palate | 11 |
| Choanal atresia | 28 |
| Number of Llamas with congenital defects | 146 |

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A BIG thank you to Paul and Sally Taylor for the donation of the female llama to Dan and Ellen.

Denver's St. Patrick's Day Parade: Sally German and Michele Abbott and all their kids.

Everyone that has worked on the RMLA events at the ILA Conference in Snowmass: Jack White, Sally German, LaRue Johnson, Susie Frye, and all the people helping them.

Estes Park Wool Market: Jo and Bob Riley, Alaine and Tim Redfern, Dale Pettigrew, and all the helpers.

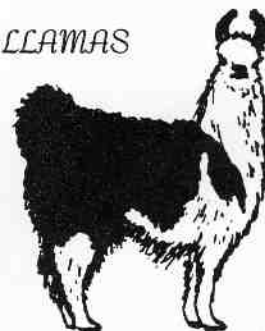
For putting up with Dee: Jo Riley, Karla Goodman, Judy Sealy, Sharon Beacham, Stan Lacher, and John Fitzgerald.



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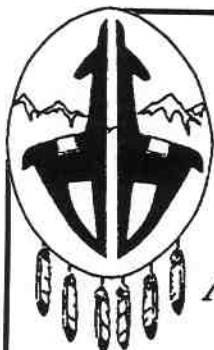


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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CHALLENGE RACE

By Dee Goodman

In 1991 when I decided to run in the Fairplay Pack Llama Race, I had to have a reason to go "run" 3 miles at 10,000'. That year my mother passed away from cancer so I thought there must be a way to raise money for the American Cancer Society using my body in this race.

The idea finally hit me. This same year some friends from a local radio station got me involved in raising money for Easter Seals by using the llamas and doing a walkathon ... 30 miles ... in ONE day. So thinking of a way to get back, I challenged one of the guys to the Fairplay Pack Race. The way it worked is we collected "bets" (pledges) from people with the idea that they wouldn't have to pay their "pledge" if the one they bet on won. We did add

one other runner, Ken Choulber, to our Challenge. Needless to say, we both got beat . . . badly by Ken. But we raised around \$500 for ACS.

Last year we added more challengers (I lost again) and raised \$1000. This year we're back at it again but are looking for more challenge runners. If you think you can keep up with us, then challenge us for ACS. The way it works is simple, sign up for the Pack Race, compete in your division but also be listed as a ACS Challenge runner. In the meantime you collect "bets" for the ACS.

So, come on, meet the challenge, let's help fight cancer and have some fun doing it! For more information, call Dee or Karla Goodman at 303-345-2927.

Dear RMLA Friends,

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to the cards, phone calls, and letters of support we received after our barn fire. Llamas are special, but llama people are really special! Perhaps we had forgotten about the hundreds of friends we had made over the last 11 years in the llama business but we heard from many, many of them.

Today we received a list of contributors to the RMLA Foundation and the silent auction. We are deeply touched by your support and generosity at a time when we needed it most. Although it may take a while, we will repay the llama community for its generosity.

It is still difficult for us to discuss the fire and the loss of our llamas, many of which were our original brood females, but most everyone inquires about the cause. It was

proven to be spontaneous combustion in hay outside the barn which was rapidly fanned by 40 mile an hour winds engulfing the multiple exits in the barn.

A portion of our llamas were insured and we've gained a lot of insight into llama insurance. Grange Insurance settled our claim in an expedient and professional manner. Unfortunately, the barn and its contents were definitely underinsured also.

Llamas are our life and we are rebuilding our herd this year. We look forward with great anticipation to our new llamas and seeing old friends at llama events this year.

Again, thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

Dan and Ellen Schreiner

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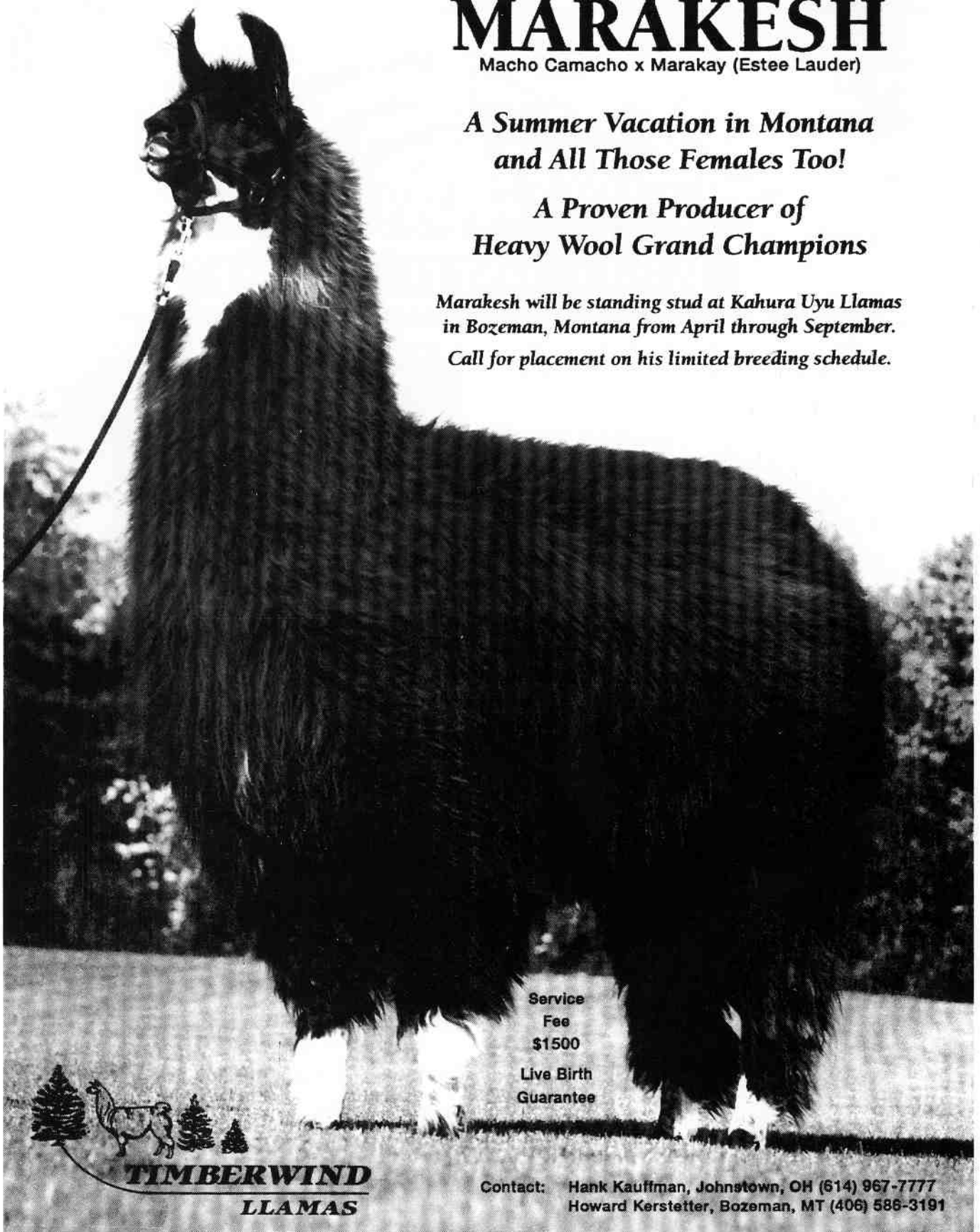
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There are several Sponsorships left for the Llama Show. They range from \$25.00 to \$75.00. Just call Alaine Redfern and she will be happy to explain the specifics.

Remember this is the Llama Show that will be great. If you have never shown, just call and we can explain how easy it is. The most important thing to remember is that LIGHT WOOL will be judged by itself. No competition from the Medium Wool folks!

MORE ADVICE FROM DEAR DR. DOODLE

Dr. Doodle is a veterinarian who talks to llamas and also to himself from time to time. The important thing to remember, however, is that llamas talk to Dr. Doodle, which, coupled with his genius and pet-degrees, make him an unparalleled authority on any aspect relating to the llama world.

Although sometimes impatient with people, Dr. Doodle loves llamas and encourages any questions you may have about them . . . as long as they aren't stupid questions!

Unfortunately, this is the last advice I have from Dr. Doodle. Hopefully, he will continue to share his wisdom.

Dear Dr. Doodle,

Some packers turn their llamas loose while on the wilderness trail. Can you advise me on this procedure?

Toloose-Latrek, Ramble, ME

Yes, I can advise you but I would prefer that you talk to one of these packers yourself. There are several scattered across the

United States and in parts of Canada. As luck would have it, the one who lives nearest you has found his llama just south of Gotebo, Oklahoma, and is presumably on his way home. I will forward his address and phone number.

(For all new readers, this is a joke!)

RMLA EDUCATION SEMINAR

By Dee Goodman

How would you like to learn more about llamas, their care, training ideas and classes, their wool and the use of the wool and other fun classes related to llamas? And do all this at a low cost seminar? Now is your opportunity to do just this.

On September 24th, 25th, and 26th in Akron, Colorado will be the RMLA Education Seminar. This seminar is not classes in a classroom setting but a hands-on, bring your llama(s) type seminar. Some of the fees already set include stall fees (in a new 100 stall barn or other inside barns) set at 50¢ a day per stall. RV parking with electric and water hookup plus showers at \$5.00 a day. Lodging at around \$30.00 per couple per day. Meals cost around \$10 to \$12 per couple per meal.

Some classes are free while other classes

are offered at low cost. Some of the classes planned include TTEAM, Driving, Llamas 505 (Technical), Packing, Wool classes and even a trailer backing course (*for women only*). Susan Frye, RMLA Education Committee chair, is now working on getting the teachers and classes set-up.

The lodging includes either local motels or you can stay at one of the "Country Beds", a chance to stay on one of the many local farms or ranches. Some of the many fun things include a kid's camp and a scavenger hunt using the llamas. The town and the county is looking forward to having you come to Northeast Colorado in September!

Registration information will be in the July Newsletter. For more information, call Susan Frye, 303-726-5346 or Dee Goodman.

COLORADO STATE FAIR

August 21st and 22nd will be the third year llamas will be at the Colorado State Fair. Again as in the past years there will be a demonstration type show with emphasis on kids, 4-H, and their llamas with the plan being next year having a official 4-H show for 1994.

If you are interested in being part of this year's show, please call or write Chris Brown at 608 County Rd 295, Wetmore, CO 81253, 719-784-3220.

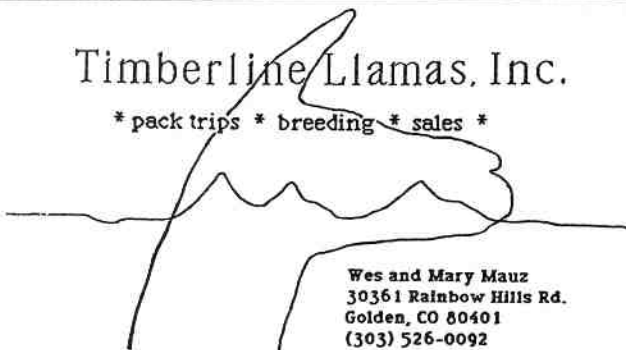
CAMP QUALITY

by Judy Sealy

The afternoon of Tuesday, June 15th has been requested by Camp Quality USA, a non-profit, volunteer organization providing a camping experience and a year around support system for caring for children with cancer and their families. Please bring your llamas or yourself to make this a special day for the kids, families and staff of Camp Quality, Big Spruce Campground, Cedaredge on Grand Mesa, Colorado. We certainly would like you join us!

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FAIRPLAY FUN

By Dee Goodman

It's time again to put on the running shorts, tie the rock jumping, running shoes, put on your water wings, and get ready for the 11th annual Fairplay Pack Llama Race, July 24th, 25th. This year, as in the past 10 years, this is a 3-mile run ... walk ... or crawl down the street, over to the river, around the barrels, across the jumps, through the Mountain Men camp (last one through is lunch), over the Rocks, in the river ... deep river ... COLD deep river, through the willows, up up up up the hill? (more like the mountain), and to the finish (in more ways than one).

But new this year is the llama/burro challenge otherwise known as the llama's challenge (see January Newsletter). Not only on Saturday will there be a burro in the Llama race (hope they can swim) but on Sunday, there will be llamas running in the 30-mile burro race. This will be the first time in 45 years that there has been anything but a burro running.

In the Llama Race as in the past, there will be 5 men divisions and 5 women divisions with the first 3 placing in each division. There will be prizes donated from the local merchants for the winners.

New this year will be a "pro" division. With this class, there are no age divisions, just the top 3 men and women runners with the winners receiving a \$50 gift certificate. The runners chose if they're "amateur" or "pro."

Also this year will be the American Cancer Society (ACS) Challenge Race (see article), Llama Lunacy, and the parade. Everyone will be running at the same time and the entry fees will be the same as last year. \$15 for RMLA members llamas, \$20 for non-members llamas with all runners getting a T-Shirt. The Llama Lunacy is simply put, fun, free llama events held on Front Street after the Race including a kids obstacle course, water bucket race, and other "fun" events. And don't forget the Llama camp above Fairplay on both Friday and Saturday nights at Beaver Creek (just follow the signs north of the city park). This is a large camp with a big area to stake out your llamas. If you prefer, there are motels in Fairplay to stay. Call for names and numbers.

So come on up to Fairplay Colorado and join in the fun. Lets show llamas can really kick "ass"!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

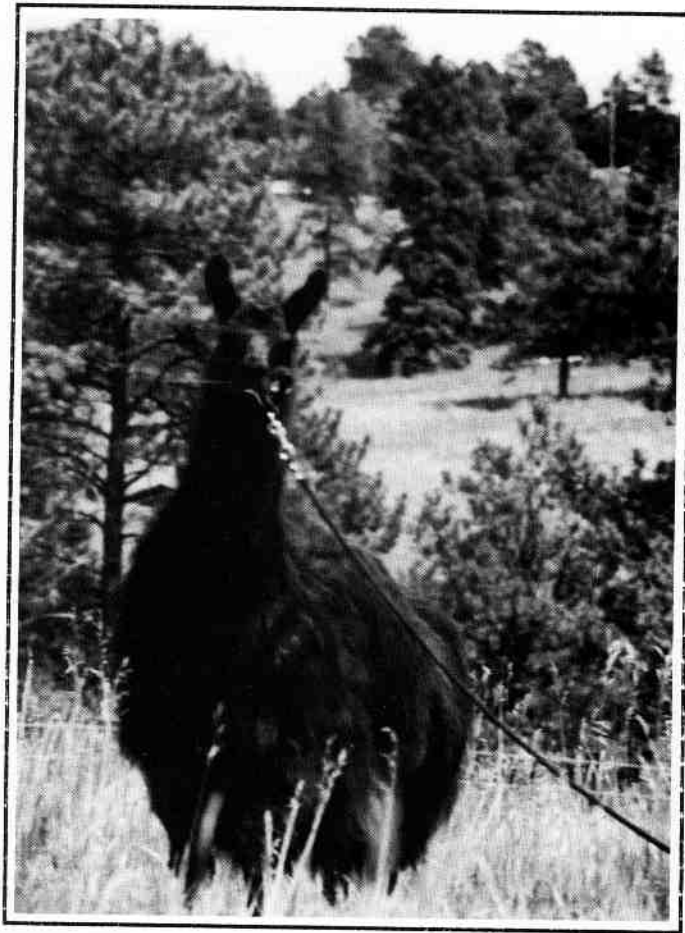
"That's Not My Job"

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

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The Sponsored Events Committee conference call was held on February 17th.

The sponsored events for 1993 are:

1. **Pack Festival:** June 3-6, Glenwood Springs, CO, Jack White 303-879-1358
2. **Red Light Run:** June 26, Cripple Creek, CO, Sally German 719-689-3063
3. **Fairplay Llama Race:** July 24-25, Fairplay, CO, Dee & Karla Goodman 303-345-2927
4. **RMLA Educational Seminar:** Sept. 24-26 Akron, CO, Dee & Karla Goodman 303-345-2927
5. **Llamathon:** Oct. 2, Fort Collins, CO, LaRue Johnson 303-484-8550

Topics discussed included waiver forms and liability signs that are required for all RMLA events. The waiver forms were written up by an attorney hired by RMLA and the signs are the result of the new law in Colorado which limits liability for llama events.

Insurance: RMLA has a 1 million dollar spectator liability policy and in the works is also a participant rider which should be in effect this summer.

Budgets: each event should submit a budget 30-days prior to the event. Main

ways of raising money for the events include entry fees and T-shirt sales.

It was the general feeling of the committee that RMLA has been a pioneer in the sponsoring of performance events and this is an excellent way in which to promote llamas. We urge all RMLA members to directly participate in this years events.

Also, if anyone is interested in chairing a new event, the Sponsored Events Committee welcomes applications. Please send to Bill Redwood, Box 518, Mancos, CO 81328.



One of Erma Hast's llamas going to school.

Erma Hast on one of her many visits to a Nursing Home to share the love of llamas!



REPORT FROM KATE ON THE CONFERENCE

By Kate Booth-Doyle

In early October, I had the opportunity to present a workshop on Cooperative Recreation at the 20th Annual International Conference for Experiential Education held in Banff, Alberta, Canada. What a wonderful country with friendly environmentally conscious supportive people. The major portion of the workshop revolved around cooperative recreation and camping using llamas as pack animals and companions. So, of course, I talked llamas to everyone I encountered. This included the district ranger of the Banff National Park/Forest system.

I was both shocked and saddened by the fact that llamas are not allowed in the national park system because they are not indigenous to the area and are considered domestic farm animals. I truly wonder why horses and mules are not also considered domestic farm animals? This is totally off my subject, but a Golden Opportunity to encourage llama people to continue with education and research in order to inform the public and professional sectors about llamas as useful working pack stock.

Back to the thank yous to RMLA for providing some funding which helped me get to Banff to show off what llamas can do best. The conference hosted people from Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Canada and the United States. (I may have missed some). My presentation drew attention because of the llamas. No, I did not transport llamas into Canada for the workshop but did have with me the wonderful video of the day and overnight youth llama trips of the past two summers. My program is offered to youth, families and persons in recovery from addictions as well as trips with a spiritual, meditative intent which encourages participants to walk gently and mindfully on this Earth and with one another. All of my programs include the

precious and gentle llama as part of the cooperative team.

Since October, I have been approached by several people seeking involvement and/or employment working with llamas and people in a therapeutic manner. The greatest attraction and responses include: 1. llamas appeal to people because of their beauty and gentle nature; 2. ease of manageability with a wide population and age; 3. low impact on trails and campsites; 4. economical to feed both on and off the trail; 5. llamas have a cooperative nature and intelligence which require people to THINK through a challenge other than using brute force; 6. people just love touching and looking at llamas.

It seems the more people learn about llamas, llama handling and management, the better llamas are represented globally. They are such magnificent ambassadors! All of us in the llama field need to make a sincere commitment to provide adequate (and above) training of PEOPLE who show interest in purchasing llamas . . . especially if the buyer intends to use llamas commercially, therapeutically and with the general public.

What the workshop participants noticed about my llamas and how they interacted with a wide range of children was the llamas were calm, curious, cautious, cooperative, comical and this in turn created consideration and collaboration among participants.

Thank you again, RMLA for believing in those of us working with llamas and the public and making it possible for me to dwell humbly in a friendly, foreign land promoting fun, recreation and love of llamas.

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THE STORY OF YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

By Jo Riley

Since most of you might not understand how the Newsletter is compiled and since I have half of a page leftover, I thought this might be worthwhile article.

I receive the articles typed-double spaced. This is very important since I have a large scanner (birthday present) which I scan in the article and then it turns it into a work processing file. I can then run it through the Spell-Check to catch the majority of errors. This is very important since I have never claimed to be the world's best proofer.

This is a fairly easy process if the typed page is a great copy. Laser copies are best but a good, clean dot Matrix will work fine. Where I get into trouble is when you send me a light copy. It will not scan properly and I have to re-type it. Not only is this very time consuming but I usually have lots of mistakes.

Putting together the Newsletter is getting quicker. I spend all day Friday, Saturday and parts of Sunday fitting it together. It doesn't work to go to the Mail Box on Monday and find something someone wants in the Newsletter. I hope you understand. It takes time to make it all fit and to redo several pages takes the time I don't have. Then is the proofing and the correcting of mistakes. Then I have to paste up all the ads and make the instructions for the printer. This takes a couple more partial days.

I do enjoy putting it together and I will continue for a while. This issue makes two years I have been doing it. I have considered putting together ads for people to make their life easier. If you are interested and have a FAX, call me and we can talk. Hope you enjoy the Newsletter. I always said when I get it right, I will quit.

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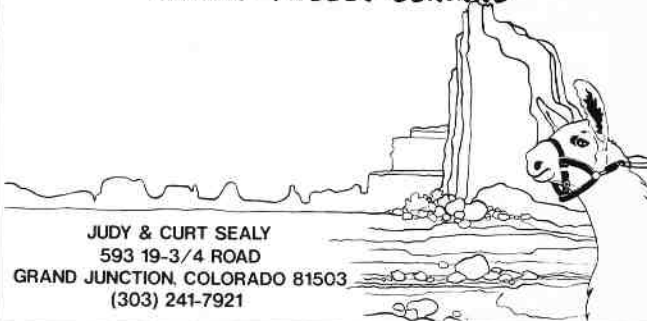


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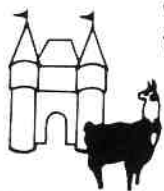
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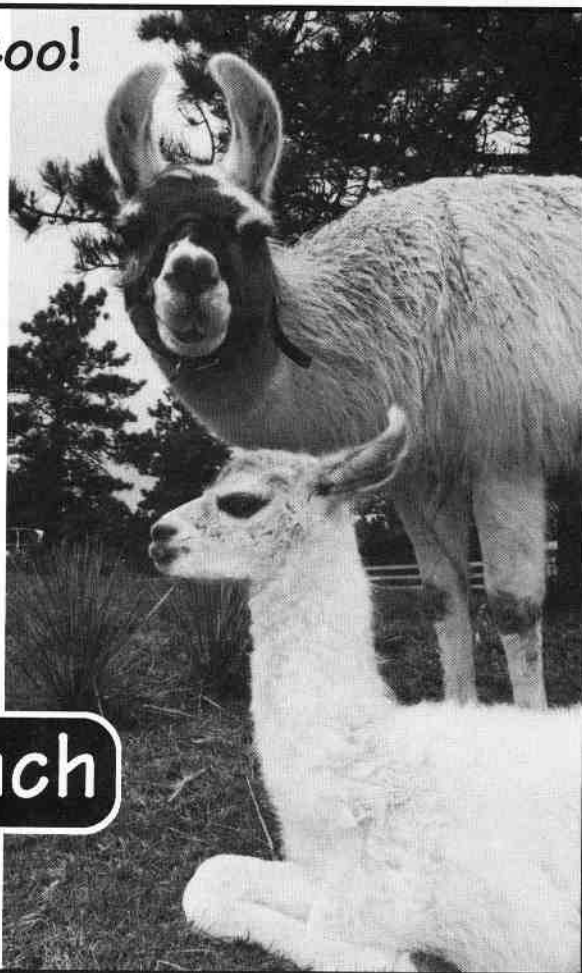
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