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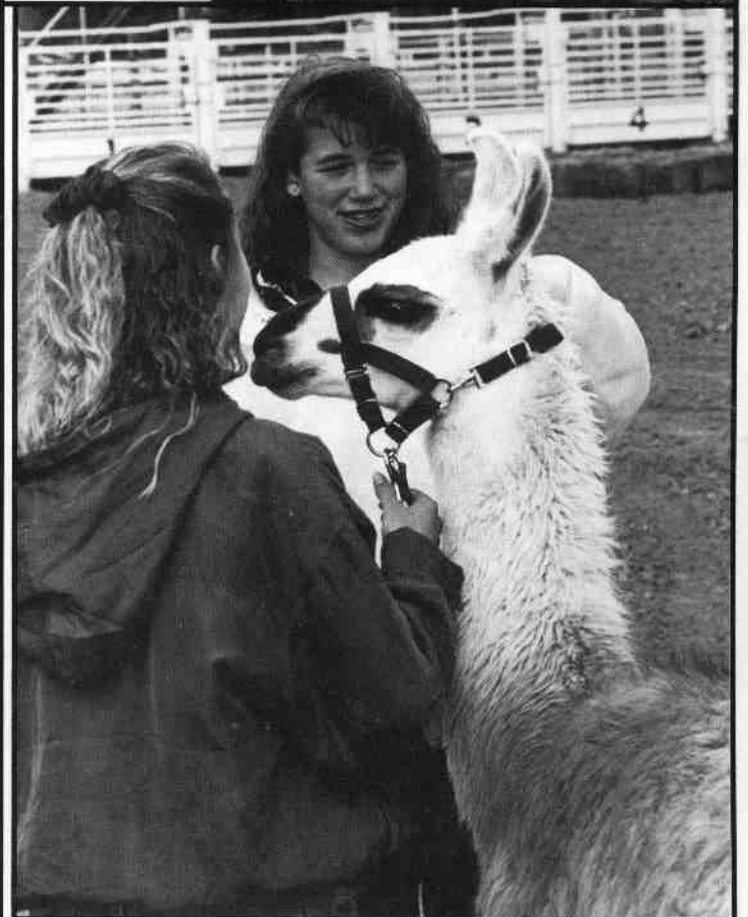


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COVER PHOTOS

Upper Right: Dr. Tim Thompson demonstrating an Ultra-sound machine for use in detecting pregnancies among others things.

Lower Right: Katie German sharing her secrets of Showmanship.

Lower Left: Jerry Dunn teaching Dee Goodman how to train his llamas to pull a cart.



We are using the llama to mark the end of an article plus we think he is cute!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 11, 1994: National Western Stock Show Parade; Denver, Colorado

If you want to have a good time and show off your llamas, contact Dee Goodman, 303-345-2927.

March 2-6: Colorado Boat, Travel, and RV Show; Denver, Colorado

RMLA Booth and Llama Packing Demonstrations, contact Dee Goodman.

March 12: Denver's St. Patrick's Day Parade; Denver, Colorado

A fun, "green" parade showing of llamas. For more information on what to wear and how to dress your llamas, contact Dee Goodman, 303-345-2927.

June 9-12: Estes Park Wool Market; Estes Park, Colorado

A fiber festival in the Rockies. Come and enjoy a fun and educational four days. Workshops are held on June 9th and 10th. The Premium Booklet will be mailed in February. Demonstrations, vendors and fiber animal shows (llamas, alpacas, sheep, and goats) will be on the weekend, June 11th and 12th. For more information contact: Estes Park Wool Market, Fairgrounds, Post Office Box 1967, Estes Park, CO 80517, 303-586-6104.

June 11-12: Estes Park Llama Show; Estes Park, Colorado

A Great Llama Show, that was the second largest in the United States in 1992, will be held on the 11th and 12th. There will be a mixture of halter and obstacle each day. For more information on halter, contact: Alaine Byers, 303-459-3245 or for obstacle, contact: Jo Riley, 303-823-5409. The January Newsletter will contain more information with all the wonderful opportunities for you to get involved!

June ??: RMLA Llama Pack Festival; Somewhere in Colorado

The planning is going on as we read this. More later!

July 30: Fairplay Pack Llama Race; Fairplay, Colorado

A 3-mile llama pack race plus kids events and other llama lunacy. Contact Dee or Karla Goodman, 303-345-2927.

CHRISTMAS IDEAS

As Christmas gets closer, are you trying to get ideas for gifts? How about T-Shirts. They're cheap, and one size fits all . . . if you get an extra large. And the good news: RMLA has T-Shirts for sale. Lots of T-Shirts. All kinds of T-Shirts including '92 conference shirts, Cripple Creek Race shirts, and Fairplay "Llamas, They Kick Ass" shirts. And by buying these shirts, you help the H,C,D,K,B,T, Fund. (**H**elp **C**lean

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends;

The summer seems to be over and fall colors and cooler temperatures have arrived. This is always a time of reflection for me.

What a summer! Chock full of great events and happenings. Opportunities to learn more about llamas, make new friends, see old friends and do things with llamas.

Our summer began with a TTEAM seminar with Marty McGee at the Pettigrew's, quickly followed by the Wool Market at Estes Park and the ILA Conference in Snowmass. There was so much to do and so many choices; Fairplay races, the Pack Festival, the education seminar in Akron, the Gold Rush Sale, numerous county fairs, the State Fair, the Colorado trail trek made by Cindy Ross and family -- the list goes on. A great summer, I think.

It took a lot of effort to put all this together. Thank you to all the organizers, volunteers and participants who made it all possible.

On the subject of thank-yous, a big one goes out to Frank and Eleanor Palmisano for their generous gift of just under \$2500.00. This donation from some of the proceeds of their Gold Rush Sale is the single largest contribution RMLA received this year. Thank you for your generosity.

Having said what I think a President is supposed to say, I would like to open a dialogue about a future event, the National Western Stock Show.

Originally, I had planned to mention that volunteers and sponsors are needed to help make this year's show better than last. If you recall, RMLA sponsored two trophies, donated 2-way radios and paid to rent a "Bobcat" to bulldoze the dung out of the barn prior to the arrival of the llamas.

Five volunteers shoveled from midnight till dawn to create the single biggest improvement for llamas and those who bring them to NWSS in years. I was thinking that a few more volunteers would be nice. We could make it an event for the social calendar, a dung party, if you will. I would feel bad if we had to take a step back from last

year.

The NWSS claims to be the biggest, but has a ways to go to be the best. They are not always easy to work with. As approved at the RMLA business meeting in June, I see the need for an advisory board. As I read the minutes for that meeting, the motion sounds so confrontational. I am disappointed and feel inhibited from doing anything.

Speaking for myself, the NWSS happens at a slower time of year for me. When it is a good show, it draws other ranches from the area, (usually one's close enough to do business with), who bring their best llamas.

It provides an opportunity to get together and compare notes, evaluate other llamas and plan the upcoming season. The fact that thousands of spectators come to NWSS and some of them see the llamas is just a bonus.

I bring all this up because between NWSS and now, there is probably only one newsletter. I hope to make you think about where RMLA should stand or should do.


If you have a strong viewpoint, why not contact myself or the Ad Hoc Advisory Board and express your feelings.

There is still time to express your feelings to APHIS or your local representative concerning the possibility of unlimited camelid importation discussed in our last newsletter.

Sincerely,

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IN MEMORIAM OF SOME OF THE GREATEST LLAMAS

By Jo Riley

The llama community lost some of the great llamas in the last couple of months. As a tribute to these well-loved llamas, the owners have been asked to tell why they loved them so much.

Miss Peanut Butter

Miss Peanut Butter, owned by Suki Dewey, was residing at Boulder Ridge Ranch.

Peanut Butter was, in our opinion, the "Grand Dame" of all llamas. She was born in 1975 and consistently produced wonderful offspring which included Picasso, Dutch and Zipparina. Dick Patterson originally obtained Peanut Butter. Suki bought her from Beula

Williams in the late 70's.

Peanut Butter's presence was what made her stand out, and lucky for us, she passed that on to her offspring.

Peanut Butter was killed by lightning in July and she will be missed more than anyone will ever know.

Rocky Mountain Handsome

On September 16th, those of us who tended Bobra Goldsmith's beloved stud, Handsome, found it necessary to send him to the peaceful pastures where all good llamas must go.

Through five and a half months, he dealt valiantly with his broken hind leg and the cast and then with the amputation of that leg along with several human errors.

Handsome was my first male llama and my logo llama (probably the most copied logo in the llama world.) He worked in our commercial pack string and did more than his share,

showing all the heart and willingness he demonstrated right up to the end. His conformation was as straight and true as his character. His coat was shiny and flowing. He loved to be brushed. He won his share of ribbons in halter and performance classes.

He accompanied me when I spoke to Lions and Rotary clubs and schools. He sired 64 offspring, 39 females and 25 males. Some live as far way as Connecticut and Alaska. One couldn't ask a llama to be more than Handsome was, and we miss him. He was a star in our herd for 15-1/2 years.

Oscar De La Renta

At the end of September, Tracy and Jack Pearson of Pearson Pond in Georgia lost Oscar De La Renta. Oscar's heart really belonged to Tracy. She always said that Oscar was Jack's only competition. Tracy believed that Oscar had all the traits that a real man should have. I remember when they bought Oscar, he was not the gentleman Tracy developed him into. It was important to Tracy that Oscar was always a gentleman to all of his ladies.

It was always necessary to Oscar that Tracy stay the entire time he was breeding. If Tracy would leave, Oscar would stop "the action" until Tracy would return.

Unfortunately, Oscar died from a copper-head bite. Tracy could not have loved Oscar anymore than she did. It is unfortunate that their love affair could not have lasted longer.



RMLA'S EDUCATION SEMINAR

On September 24th, 25th, and 26th, Akron Colorado hosted the first RMLA "Hands-on" Education Seminar. The seminar included a TTEAM Class with Dale Pettigrew, llama health care by Dr. Tim Thompson with everyone asking all the questions in the world, Susie Frye with Llama 101, grooming and showing with Sally and Katie German, packing with Charlie Hackbarth, driving with Jerry Dunn, wool classes with Ginger Ferris, Sharon Beacham and Karla Goodman, obstacle training with Bobra Goldsmith and even cooking and trailer backing.

Even though Akron is a small town, it has excellent facilities at the Washington County Fairgrounds, great food (the malts at the Drug Store soda fountain were outstanding) in the many restaurants (low cost, too), and hospitality. They really rolled out the red carpet for RMLA.

Some other highlights include some last minute schedule changes (more time for wool), a loose llama chase (now we understand why the whole town knows Dee's llamas!), Dee Goodman's llamas getting trained, and a great scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt included 6 teams with 8 llamas running all over town looking for firewood, bricks, sleeping bags, and canned corn. Many of the teams picked up extra mem-

bers as local kids joined them as they ran through town. Sponsored by Akron Rural Revitalization, each participating house was marked with a sign although Charlie Hackbarth's team was more creative by going to every house they could. Can you imagine going up to a house with a llama asking for a can of corn? They still finished second. Way to go Charlie! All in all everyone had fun, but most of all, we learned so much.



Ginger Ferris teaching many ideas in the Wool Room



Sally German explaining the fastest way to groom your llamas for the Show Ring.

***Editor's Note:** Bob and I had a great time in Akron. It has many pluses . . . first of all there are no traffic jams! There was so much to absorb from all the health information to the latest ideas for wool. Next time RMLA puts on an Education Seminar, we would really suggest you take the time for the family to participate. Even if you are an old-hand with llamas, just getting together with the Llama People makes it all worthwhile. We get so busy in our lives, we forget the best part . . . and that is the people.*



REFLECTIONS ON CHOOSING A VICE-PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF GENETIC IMPROVEMENT (AND FEMALE MORALE OFFICER) (OR . . . HOW TO CHOOSE A HERD SIRE) (OR . . . HOW GANDY DANCER CAME TO BE A PART OF LLAMARAGE)

Editor's Note: This is an on-going column on the Herdsires in our Herdsire Directory .

by Mary Beth Hartsough

Yes, we consider Gandy Dancer to be an integral part of our farm operations. He is what we consider to be one of the most important decisions we have made for our farm. But why, after over a year of looking, did we decide on him? We're not sure that all of the things that made us decide to purchase Gandy can be put into logical terms.

We had visited almost every llama farm within a day's drive and had seen almost every stud prospect available for sale, if not in person, then at least in photographs. And, we must admit, we saw some outstanding animals right here in our own region. But that certain something, that intangible quality, that feeling that we'll know "him" when we see "him" just wasn't there.

We first saw Gandy Dancer as a youngster in April, 1988, as a class winner at Hartman's Futurity. We definitely thought he was an extremely handsome youngster, but considered the best Futurity entries to be out of our price range. The next time our paths crossed was at the 1989 National Western Stock Show when he was shown by owners, Vic and Lori Breeden. Gandy had won his class, won as Champion Long Wool Male, and won Overall Grand Champion (the last year that title was awarded at the NWSS). It was later that day that we were well on our way to purchasing him for our own.

Just how did we go about making such a momentous (i.e. scary) decision? We had to consider if this particular male possessed all the qualities we had been looking for. Joe and I went over in our heads and discussed with each other our own observations of the day just finished, at the Stock Show. Frankly, we were surprised that Breedens were selling an

animal of this caliber. He had the correct conformation we knew was imperative for a herd sire; he had the wool length and placement we wanted; he had balance and a smooth athletic stride; he had a beautiful, aesthetically pleasing head and terrific ears. Then we remembered watching the picture taking session for the Champions with our husband and wife veterinary team from Platteville, Tim and Paula Thompson. Paula had been watching the halter classes intently from ringside and commented that she didn't think she'd "ever seen a llama, especially a woolly one, that stood so square and correct and also moved so nicely"; a valued opinion that confirmed our own. We had to choose wisely -- we could not afford to speculate -- but we were definitely beginning to think about this handsome fellow seriously, even though earlier in the day watching him being groomed, we dismissed him as a serious prospect because of his price tag.

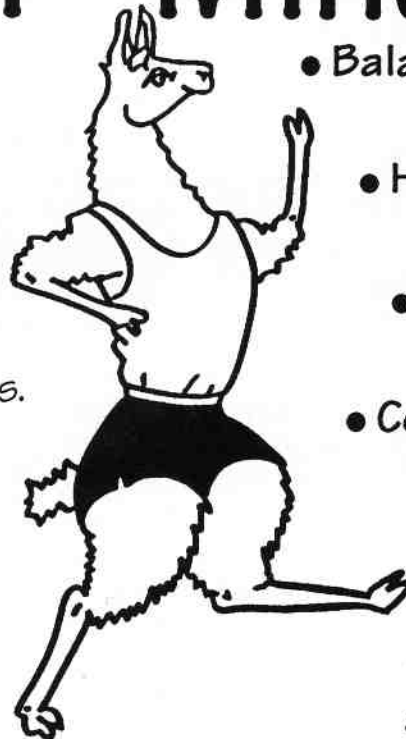
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to consider what the market was doing, what we thought the market might be doing in the next year or so, and how long we thought it would take to recoup our investment (now there's something to ponder!). At that point, the llama market was at the beginning of an upward spiral that was to astound most of us. We were sure the market was sound, that prices would at the very minimum remain steady if not increase some (hah!) over the next two years (the time projected that we hoped to regain our initial investment). Yes, we were sure that he would pay off in great babies from our own females, and some additional income in outside stud service.

But, I think the little pebble that finally tipped the load was that certain something we were looking for that we couldn't really define. It came down to a look in his eye, a style and presence all his own -- his own personality -- that came

through loud and clear out in the show ring. That's what caught everyone's attention, including our own.

To this day we're proud to say Gandy's character and style has given us immeasurable enjoyment not only in the show ring, but also at home on the farm when he's in his everyday work clothes (translation: not groomed) where we've had the pleasure of being able to observe him leaping and bucking at play, snorting and strutting his proclamation of herd sire, and just hanging out and 'talking' with a good friend.

(Postscript: Now that we've been through the process (and ordeal) once, you would assume that it's just that much easier the next time when it's time to choose the new junior herd sire! Right? Oh, sure! It only took us two years this time!)



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EXTRA-LABEL DRUG USE FORCES VETS TO MAKE TOUGH CHOICES

By Eric Grant (National Cattlemen)

Your veterinarian breaks the law every time he or she strays from the specific instructions printed on a medication's label. Your cow cannot be treated if there are no medications available for the specific illness, and you cannot increase the dosage even if the instructions on the label are too weak to do any good.

Well, sort of.

The Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act strictly forbids use of animal drugs in any manner that departs from the specific instructions contained on the label. "Extra-label" is the correct term to describe the forbidden practice. But the Food and Drug Administration, which administers the act, recognizes extra-label use occurs and allows some flexibility for vets to violate the law.

That sets up an ethical quandary for vets: to comply (and ignore an efficacious treatment for a treatable patient) or to disobey the law and risk criminal penalties.

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FDA's compliance guide allows extra-label use if several conditions are met:

- A careful medical diagnosis is made by the attending veterinarian;
- A valid veterinarian-client relationship exists;
- No other approved drug exists that would be effective for treating the disease;
- The dosage printed on the label is not efficacious for treatment of the sickness;
- The veterinarian is available for follow-up in case of an adverse reaction;
- The veterinarian prescribes extended withdrawal periods for the drug if used in increased dosages;
- Proper identification of the animal is maintained to prevent an animal from being marketed prior to the adequate withdrawal period.

Obviously, it's a tangled up mess, says Richard Swanson, a veterinarian from Longmont, Colo. How does FDA administer or regulate a

policy so vague? Furthermore, what about the liability problems for veterinarians? Even more worrisome, says Swanson, "The compliance guide can be removed at any moment with a stroke of the pen. Then we would be in a great dilemma. What would we do to treat these animals for which there are no approved drugs nor effective dosages available?"

Drug labels will never encompass the entire spectrum of diseases or species of animals that they are used upon, says Denise Sofranko of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). And that's the crux of the problem. For instance, there are no drug uses approved for llamas. Very few drugs are approved for sheep. With the exception of possibly one, there are no general anesthetics for food animals.

Worst of all, the cost of getting drugs approved for use in multiple species is prohibitive and too time consuming. The number of drugs approved for use in food-producing animals has decreased from 60 products in 1973 to less than 10 in 1991. "There simply are not enough approved compounds to meet the health needs of all species of animal," says Patrick McCabe of the Animal Health Institute (AHI).

"There are many drugs approved for cows that we use in sheep or goats," Sofranko says. "But you can extrapolate a lot of the information because they're very similar animals with similar systems. The sheep industry is not big enough to warrant having drugs labeled specifically for sheep and goats. Drug companies have no incentive to develop a label for every particular use that is required. That's not cost effective, and they'll never be able to keep up."

That's why veterinarians are pushing hard for two bills recently brought before Congress. Senate bill S-340 was introduced earlier this year by Sens. Howell Heflin (D-Al), Sen. Richard Shelby (D-LA) and Sen. Larry Pressler (R-SD). A similar bill HR. 1423 was introduced by Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Texas).

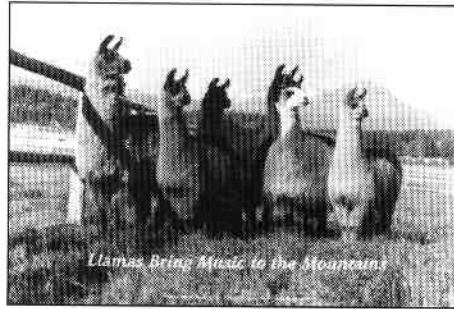
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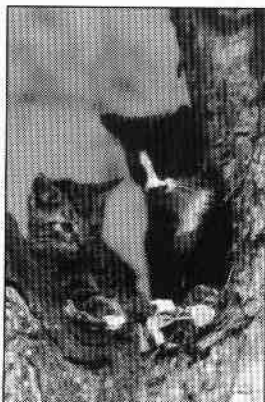
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The bills would do two things: 1) make legal the use of approved drugs in situations not specifically indicated on label directions; and 2) allow use of approved human drugs in animals that are not food producing.

The bill would not change the current situation of drug use, says Swanson and will only make permanent FDA's existing compliance guide. "It would not allow indiscriminate use of drugs. There will be restrictions applied to the use of drugs that would protect the consumer from drug residues," he adds.

"The bills do not address drugs that are experimental or that have not been approved at all," says Sofranko. "All these drugs are approved for use in food animals. It's just that we are using them differently than what is specifically indicated on the label."

Penicillin is a good example, she adds. "The dosage on the penicillin bottle by everyone's account is too low," she says. "If you administer it at the levels stated on the label, it's not effective, and sometimes it's even detrimental because the small dosage will just prolong the disease."

The legislation currently has majority backing in both the Senate and the House, but the time frame for approval is uncertain, says Sofranko. The only major opposition to the bills are a few consumer groups concerned about residues in the food supply, she says.

"The effects of the legislation will be positive," says Duane Flack, who oversees Monfort's cattle-feeding division in Greeley, Colo. "It establishes the basis for FDA to hold the practicing veterinarian accountable, and that has not been the case in the past. I think you'll actually have tighter control on the drugs than what you've got today,

and that's where the plus side of the issue lies. You're establishing a legal means for discretionary use, but you're also establishing the basis for the FDA to hold somebody accountable. When indiscreet use of drugs is being practiced, they're going to hang somebody, and that's what needs to happen."

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There are several sources of information on drugs available to veterinarians in cases of extra-label use so that the correct dosage and withdrawal period are administered, Sofranko says. "One source is the Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank in Gainesville, Texas," says Sofranko. "They have a lot of information that they've compiled over the years. So if I were using a drug and wanted to know something about it, I would call them and get whatever information they had."

When and if the bills pass, FDA will work on regulations to expand label instructions and make them more flexible, says Swanson. AHI and AVMA two years ago submitted a proposal to FDA to streamline the drug-approval process and expand the label claims of existing approved animal drugs. Under the proposal, FDA would allow drug manufacturers to label products under a prescription label with a wide range of acceptable doses, without requiring time-consuming and costly tests to determine optimum dosage range. None of the safety requirements would be lifted. Whether the proposal will be approved or not remains to be seen.

"Hopefully, we can decrease that time and money expended in drug approval and increase the drug availability and effectiveness," says Swanson.

But a number of cattle producers are wondering if and when the bills become law, aren't there

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also risks of increased regulation for the industry? And would it mean drugs would be more difficult to acquire and use?

"Definitely not," says Swanson. "This legislation in no way affects the drug distribution system. It in no way addresses the increase of prescription drugs versus over-the-counter drugs. This does not address that in anyway. It's a simple law, and we do not anticipate nor do we want any extra baggage attached to it. If the extra-label drug use bills were approved, then the regulations could be developed that would be very adequate and that could be adequately enforced within the context of the law. So drug-residue violations would be much more easy to follow up on in the way of residues."

One of the great benefits of pushing this legislation through has been the increase of

awareness among cattle producers and veterinarians on proper extralabel drug use, says Swanson. "It's been a tremendous educational tool to get everyone concerned regarding the proper use of drugs. I think it has created a much greater awareness that drugs should be used in a proper and not in an indiscriminate method, and that falls right into NCA's Beef Quality Assurance Program. These programs are developing techniques that are very important, and the indiscriminate use of drugs is also now scrutinized more closely. It all comes together in a tremendous educational program that has been very effective to bring people into the present age for the use of drugs."

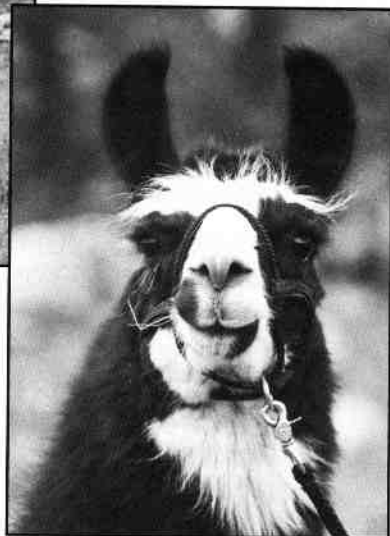


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STARTING YOUR LLAMA WITH T.E.A.M.

by Marty McGee and Linda Tellington-Jones

First impressions . . . the old saying goes, "You'll never have a second chance to make a first impression." What is the first impression our young llamas get from us two-leggeds? What is their first impression of being caught, haltered and led? What must they think as we circle around them, arms out like some sort of predatory bird urging them in a corner, moving in closer and closer for the "kill" and finally grabbing them around the neck? What do they assume about us when we force a frightening, confining, jingling piece of hardware and nylon strapping up over the part of their body that they must protect in order to live . . . their mouth and nose? What do they think of us when we ask them to get into a box that as far as they are concerned is dangerous and unsafe and when they refuse, we pull and push them in anyway. Human beings find out, sometimes the hard way, that trust is easily lost and difficult to regain. What our llamas learn in the process of being caught, haltered and led is as important as the actual mastery of these skills. Training doesn't begin after we catch and halter our llamas; it begins the moment we interact with them. Llamas and all animals are always observing and learning; we cannot turn our training lessons on and off as we wish.

In the course of teaching TEAM clinics, I hear many people say, "He's fine once I get the halter on" or "I can't understand what happened; he was fine until one day he jumped on me" or "He loaded in the trailer until one day he just wouldn't do it anymore." Whether it is a llama, a horse, a dog or a person having behavior problems in later life stem from improper beginnings. The foundation of your training relationship with your llama starts the minute you begin to relate to your youngsters. That includes picking them up to weigh them as babies, schmoozing over the fence, sniffing noses and anytime you find yourself in the field with them.

One of the most important traits to nurture in our llamas is self-control, yet unless we are willing to train our llamas in such a way that they are presented with choices, teaching self control is impossible. When we push our llamas into a corner, force a halter on them, drag them to teach them to lead or push and pull them into a trailer, we give them no opportunity to use their own natural intelligence or self control. We force them into instinc-

tive patterns of behavior, the fight-flight response, that they must rely on to survive in dangerous situations. We know that we mean no harm and that there is nothing to fear in our training lessons, but our llama students do not. There are many valuable reasons to train llamas without the use of force, i.e. it is easier, it is less dangerous for trainer and trainee, it encourages the trainer to use his imagination thereby making the training sessions more interesting and less frustrating for both llama and trainer, and in the case of many women there simply may not be any other way. Most women and many men simply cannot win a battle of muscles with a juvenile or adult llama. Many a llama owner has discovered force begets force. Many llamas that were controllable as youngsters learn as they get older and bigger that they can take control of the situation.

How do you raise your llama to be a well behaved responsible citizen and teach him the skills necessary to get along with people? To begin with we approach them with respect and expect the same in return. This may be a hard lesson for some who want to cuddle their llamas and treat them as they would the family dog (the family dog is usually more fun to have around if he learns respect for humans as well). Young llamas should learn to respect our space and we should respect theirs. The seeds of obnoxious adult behavior are planted when young llamas are allowed to put their nose in your face, pick at your clothes with their mouths, follow too closely or jump up on you. Bottle fed babies do not have a corner on the obnoxious behavior market. Normally reared babies can become dangerous if raised without firm guidelines and bottle babies raised with a firm hand can grow up to be solid citizens.

Most baby llamas are interested but respectful and a bit frightened of human beings, but there are those babies - male and female - that are born with a preoccupation with people. The conventional wisdom is to leave these babies and all male babies alone and not to handle them at all until they are weaned. If we could truly leave them alone perhaps this would work but the fact is that we have to go out into the field and barn to do chores, we need to give barn tours to visitors and these babies will relate to us even if we do our best to avoid

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LIBRARY NOTES

by Chris Switzer

Remember to check-out our RMLA **HERDSIRE DIRECTORY**. The notebook has 24 pages of color photos with additional information from our own RMLA members (ancestry, number of crias-male and female, stud fee, multi-breeding discount, trade breedings, travel, awards and other info). You'll be impressed with the format. It's a valuable resource.

I've been asked if the library charges overdue fines -- NO. Members, in general, have been prompt. Sometimes I send "reminder post-cards." A letter or phone call is all I need to get your requests mailed or put on the waiting list. Suggestions, donations and ideas are always welcome.

I started the library in 1989 -- this fall marks the **5th year!** Activity is steady with 25-30 check-outs per month.

A special thanks to Allen and Mary Louise McRossie for their monetary donation. Although there is a budget, extra donations help, too.

I'm concerned that very few of the **CHILDREN'S BOOKS** are checked out. Perhaps winter will be a good time. Ask me about titles . . . I've read them all. *Secret of the Andes* is one adults would enjoy, too (120 pages). *The Silver Llama* is a real classic (1939) with wonderful illustrations. (108 pages).

The summer editions of Alpacas magazine and the ILA's Camelid Kids have arrived.

This is the time of year there are usually lots of check-outs and items on the waiting list from the conference gathering. Instead, a lot of the library is "IN." Let me know what you want.



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them. Larger breeders that have many fields and many llamas may be able to successfully ignore an overly friendly baby but for the vast majority of llama owners, if we want to relate to any of our llamas we must relate to all of them. These friendly babies will form opinions about the relationship of people and llamas despite our attempts to ignore them. When they follow us and we keep walking, in their mind they are in charge. Perhaps they think they are chasing us and we are retreating. Out in the field they get to approach us and when they are ready they get to leave and after a while they get the idea that they are in charge of the relationship. In my opinion, friendly babies need to be brought into a training pen along with their moms, worked with in a structured way and learn immediately that we have the power to restrict their movements and that we humans pay the feed bills and therefore we lead the dance. You may be surprised to find that the same baby that was full of bravado in the field is suddenly very insecure when the tables are turned and you are in charge. After a few lessons in the catch pen, his behavior in the field may improve as well. I suggest that when you are touring your fields that you carry a wand (wands are described in detail later in this article). When your baby llamas, particularly your baby males, follow too closely or otherwise invade your space and become pesky, give them a rap on the side of the neck right behind the ears with the butt end of the wand and tell them in a firm voice to stay away. I am not suggesting that mutual nosing is off limits. There is a big difference between a baby reaching out to sniff as you lean forward to meet him, and poking his nose in your face or between your legs. The difference between these behaviors is analogous to shaking hands and grabbing someone by the shoulder. The erosion of respect for human beings may be so gradual that many llama owners may not notice it. A good rule of thumb is to prohibit behavior at thirty pounds that you would not appreciate at 350 pounds and to realize that the old saying. . . "Give'em an inch and they'll take a mile" also holds true for llamas. It is much kinder to be consistent and strict with young babies, than to be forced to change the rules of the game later and have to deal with a confused and angry juvenile that is suddenly no longer able to relate to you in the same old way. Someone wise once said, "Be careful of what you

want; you may get it." The same baby llama that you longed to put in your lap at 30 pounds may decide to climb in to it when he is 400 pounds! You must be very clear about your expectations of your baby and put the long term well-being of your llama ahead of the temptation to encourage overly familiar behavior.

The first requirement and a real must for gentle non-forceful training is a catch or training pen. One or more of these pens should be situated so your llamas can be herded into one from anywhere on your property. An ideal pen is 12 x 12 feet and is high enough that even the most frightened llama will not be tempted to jump out. Five to six feet high should be adequate. It should be sturdy. The spacing of the boards, tubular metal or rails, should be close enough that the llama will not stick his head through the rails. A training pen must have a gate so that you can herd your llama in and close the gate. When you first begin to work with your llama legs, they may kick so solid walls from the ground up to about three feet are ideal. If you wanted to get fancy, you might even pad them.

One of the indispensable tools that we use for TEAM training is the wand. A TEAM wand is made of fiberglass and is about 4 feet long. It is stiff but flexible. The fat end has a hard plastic button. The official item is the best tool for the job but fishing poles, willow branches or fiberglass tomato stakes will work. It is possible to unscrew a screw with a table knife but a screwdriver does it better. Remember you are going to sacrifice effectiveness when you use a substitute.

Bring your baby into a catch pen and use two wands to stroke your young llama all over his body to include his legs and under the belly. You can even use your wands to lightly stroke him on his ears. By clicking the two wands together to make a noise we can use the wands to encourage the youngster to move forward and to stop from this clicking signal with the wands. These signals come in very handy when it comes time to teach your youngster to lead. By gradually shortening up on the wands until we are able to touch the baby with our hands, we can introduce our presence without being overwhelming. If at any point your baby loses his ability to control himself and begins to dash madly around the stall, back off, take a break

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and begin again at a point that feels safe for the baby. Remember, when you take a break don't just stand there and stare at your baby. Think back to grade school ... if your teacher said take a break and stared at you the whole time it would not be much of a break!

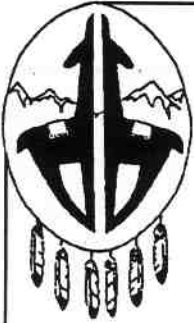
If you are not willing to resort to the old put'em in a corner and grab'em by the neck routine, what can you do when it is time to catch your llama? Once your llama is comfortable with your presence, reach out and drape an eight or nine foot rope over the base of his neck so that one end of the rope falls at about the point of shoulder and the other end is in your hand. Walk around the front of the llama until you are on the same side as the end of the rope. Many times if you simply walk to the front of your llama, he will finish the movement for you by turning away. Reach out slowly and pick up the end of the rope. Resist the urge to grab or lunge at the rope. There is no rule that says you have to accomplish this on the first try. If the llama scrambles away or the rope slides off, just start over. You will now have both ends of the rope in your hands. Back up until you are about three to four feet away from your llama, using up the full length of the nine foot rope. Take a deep breath. When human beings concentrate, we hold our breath. In all likelihood you will have been holding your breath as you reached out to get the rope. It is also likely that your llama will have been holding his breath as well. If you step back and take a breath, you will relax and so will your llama. By backing up and taking a deep breath you will decrease the chances of your llama student overreacting to being caught. Using this method it is possible to catch your llama without physical force and without the need to crowd him. This method of catching llamas is appropriate for llamas of any age or at any level of training. Once you have both ends of the rope in your hands, you can give short tugs on the rope, say the command "STAND" and your llama will very quickly get the idea to stand. The point is not to hold the llama still with the rope but to give a signal and a command and allow the animal to come to a stop and remain standing on his own. Several things happen when you consistently catch your llamas in this fashion. Your llamas will be less likely to run or move away from you when you are out in the barn with them; young llamas will not

buck, struggle and otherwise learn escape and evasion techniques; the llamas begin to see that we two-leggeds can control them without having our arms around them; and your llama will not learn to use force against you. I use a special rope for this catching procedure that I call a training rope. It is nine feet long with a hook spliced into one end and with a ring on the rope. Once you have the rope around your llama's neck, slide to the end of the rope and hook the snap to the ring. With this rope the trainer can fashion a prehalter; one that has an adjustable nose band so that the opening for the nose can be larger and less threatening than a regular halter. This is discussed in more detail later in the article.

Abbreviated lessons with the wands and the training rope can begin in the first days of life when you must catch your baby to weigh him. Put mom and baby in a catch pen and use the wands on the baby for a minute or two. Catch the baby with the training rope and allow the baby a second or two to come to a stand still and then pick him/her up. The lesson we want to teach is self-control and the baby can't learn that if we are holding him still. When your baby has to move, move with him. Take this opportunity to use the wands on mom too who will benefit and the baby learns by watching.

I do not think it is necessary or desirable to work intensively with llamas under the age of five to six months. Work with the wands and the training rope when ever there is a need to catch the youngster. With the exception of overly friendly babies who may need more work, five or six short (15 minute) lessons prior to weaning are certainly adequate. When your young star is ready to be weaned, he is ready to accept a halter. Once you have caught your weanling and he is able to stand quietly in your presence, you are ready to begin working with your llama's head. Don't forget that you can handle your llama and still stand at arms length. Don't crowd your student with your body or he will become fidgety. Begin by making TEAM circles on the llama topline and neck and gradually work up to his head. Support your llama's head under the lower jaw and slowly move your other hand around his head. Lightly brush the ears with your fingers. Gradually bring your hand to rest on the forehead. Standing on the left of the llama, support his head behind the ears with your right

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hand and slide your left hand up his lower jaw to his mouth and massage the entire mouth area. Remember the point is for your llama to control his head, not for you to control it. If your llama needs to move his head, move with him. These exercises will help your young llama develop self-control with regard to his head. It is instinctive for llamas to protect their head and it will take a few lessons to overcome this natural reaction, but they can and they do, quite quickly. It is much easier to teach a youngster to control his head than to retrain a llama that has been forced into a halter. Llamas that have been forcibly haltered are frightened of the haltering process and have learned very effectively how to evade the halter. When your student is able to hold his head still as you do the TEAM circles all over his head, including the bridge of the nose, he is ready to wear a halter.

Begin the haltering process by sliding the training rope up the neck so that it is behind the ears. There should be about three fingers of slack in the rope. Bring up a loop of rope through the ring. This will become the noseband of your halter. Your llama is now used to your hands around his head but the rope is something new. With the loop of rope in your hand, do some TEAM circles on your llama's head to get him used to the rope around his face. Supporting the llama's head under the lower jaw, drape the loop of rope over the bridge of the nose. Open the loop and slide it over the nose forming a halter. Begin with the loop quite large and once it is over the nose, gradually take the slack out. This will feel confining so be prepared for a reaction and move with your llama. The idea is not to force or sneak the rope over the nose. Remember to breathe! Once you have the pre-halter on you can use it to steady your llama's head for the introduction of the real halter. Put the halter in your hand and let your llama look at it. Wad it up and with the halter in your hand, do some circles with it on the llama's head so that he can get used to the noise and the nylon up around his head. If you introduce new things gradually, there is less chance of a panic reaction that will set your progress back. Standing on the left side of the llama, steady the llama's head by holding the pre-halter up close under the chin with your right hand. With your left hand, slip the halter over the nose from the front. Using your left hand, reach under the jaw to flip the strap over the head behind the ears and buckle the

halter. The pre-halter can be removed by loosening the loop over the nose and sliding the loop over the front of the nose. If you put the halter on in this way, you will not have to put your arm around the llama's neck and put him in a head lock. You can actually stand at arm's length giving your llama more space and reducing the stress of the procedure. When haltered in the traditional way, with the trainer's arm around the neck, the llama feels crowded and confined and is more apt to resist. In traditional haltering, the trainer is in a very vulnerable position - one that allows the llama to knock him off balance very easily. If your llama panics while you are in this precarious position, the llama is likely to knock the handler in the head with his head.

TEAM techniques are gentle, effective and they are faster in the long run. You may spend a bit more time initially teaching your llama that the halter is nothing to be afraid of, but it will save you hours of fighting and frustration later on. A weanling llama can be trained using the procedure that I have outlined in 4-7 twenty minute sessions depending on the temperament of the llama and the skill level of the handler. Combine and eliminate steps each time you halter your animal and in a short time you will be able to ask your llama to stand and slip a halter on.

If a llama is frightened and uncomfortable in its halter, it will hold its head stiffly. This means it is holding its neck, shoulders, back and pelvis stiffly. Try this. Stand up and relax with your arms by your sides. Now stiffen one joint of one finger on one hand. What does that do to the rest of your body? Try doing that for a couple of hours and you may begin to see what it feels like for a llama to go on the trail all day in tack it is not comfortable wearing.

Llamas give so much, require so little and try so hard. Surely it is worth some extra time and thought to give them a solid foundation of training at the beginning of their lives. If llamas were 200 pounds heavier and two feet taller, we would be obliged to be more creative in the way that we handle them. Why not do it anyway? Starting your young star with TEAM will give him the best chance of growing up to be a well behaved, well adjusted and relaxed adult that will enjoy his association with humans.



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by Jo Riley

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Ginger Ferris, Chairman of the Wool Committee at this time, is going to head up this column.

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LLAMA TRAILS

by Jo Riley

Another great column for the Newsletter is about the trails around the region on which people have taken llamas. We have developed a form which we need people to fill out describing the trail in detail.

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Sincerely,

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I have experience with llamas and alpacas: (About 200 of each)

Clinic Faculties Include: Full Medical and Surgical

Hospital Boarding: Yes **Surgical:** Yes **Neonatal:** Yes

Best time to talk to Breeders and Veterinarians: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central

I have bad experience with the following:

I have worked with birth problems from a torn uterus in a llama to dystocia due to a broken pelvis in an alpaca. I have treated infertility due to persistent infections of the uterus. I do standing castrations in llamas and alpacas.

Dr. Jim Fallen

Large Animal Clinic • 9300 Guadalupe N.W. • Albuquerque, NM 87114

Office: 505-897-3787 Home: 505-897-3787

I have experience with llamas (45) and alpacas (3)

Clinic Faculties Include: Lab

Hospital Boarding: Indoors and Outdoors **Surgical:** Yes/General Anesthesia

Neonatal: Yes

Best time to talk to Breeders and Veterinarians: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

I have bad experience with the following:

Reproduction, Bone Infections, Heart disease, foot problems-pads and toe nails, broken hips, broken legs, dental problems, weight loss problems, blood infections-newborns, colic-gastrointestinal obstructions, toxic plant ingestion, perforating gastric ulcers, peritonitis, chest taps and drainage, internal and external parasites, fluid administration (intravenous), castrations, angular limb deformities-juveniles, tuberculosis/brucellosis testing/health certificates, vaccinations, deworming and feeding.

RMLA VET NETWORK (con't)

Kit A. Schmidt

Montezuma Veterinary Clinic • 10411 Highway 666 • Cortez, CO 81321

Office: 303-565-7567

I have experience with llamas: (50)

Clinic Faculties Include: **Hospital Boarding:** Yes **Surgical:** Some **Neonatal:** Yes

Best time to talk to Breeders and Veterinarians: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

I have bad experience with the following:

Castrations: I do all castrations standing with or without tranquilizers, always with a local block. I also use a ligature in addition to an angiotribe.

Neonatal: failure of passive transfer, intraperitoneal treatment; angular limb deformities connecting some with air splints

Venipuncture: for most samples I am using strictly the tail

Reproductions: dystocias; culture/biopsy/vaginal exams; would rather talk about these areas than try writing; progesterone-good luck with Regumate.

Mark H. Washenfelder, DVM

North Federal Animal Care Center • 1503 North Federal Blvd. • Riverton, WY 82501

Office: 307-856-9669 Home: 307-856-2634

I have experience with llamas (50)

Hospital Boarding: Yes-Limited **Surgical:** Yes **Neonatal:** Yes

Best time to talk to Breeders and Veterinarians: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, Mountain Time

I have bad experience with the following:

Some experience in dystocia; some experience with post partum uterine biopsy and intra-uterine lavage systems for treatment of endometritis; Minor surgical experience-castration, teeth trimming, etc.

Karlene Stange, DVM (Self-employed)

(Part-time at Durango Animal Hospital • 2461 North Main • Durango, CO 81301)

Post Office Box 1062 • Durango, CO 81302

Office: 303-385-7787 Home: 303-385-7787 Mobile Phone: 303-749-0038

I have experience with Llamas and Alpacas (200 llamas and 5 Alpacas)

Clinic Faculties Include: None **Hospital Boarding:** None **Surgical:** field

Neonatal: Field

Best time to talk to Breeders and Veterinarians: Anytime . . . Just Leave A Message

I have bad experience with the following:

Epe-ill Thrift-Immunodeficiency Syndrome; Vaginal prolapse; neonatal infections; Plasma - Blood Transfusions, Skin Problems, Capture Myopathy; Liver disease, Heart Disease, Lameness

Editor's Note: As more Veterinarians complete and return the questionnaire, I will print them in the Newsletter. I apologize about the lateness of running this article. I am over committed and have not kept up with this. I am sending this to each Vet separately. Since all of them said that Breeders could contact them directly, I decided to print all the information for each of you to use as needed.



HOPELESS CREW

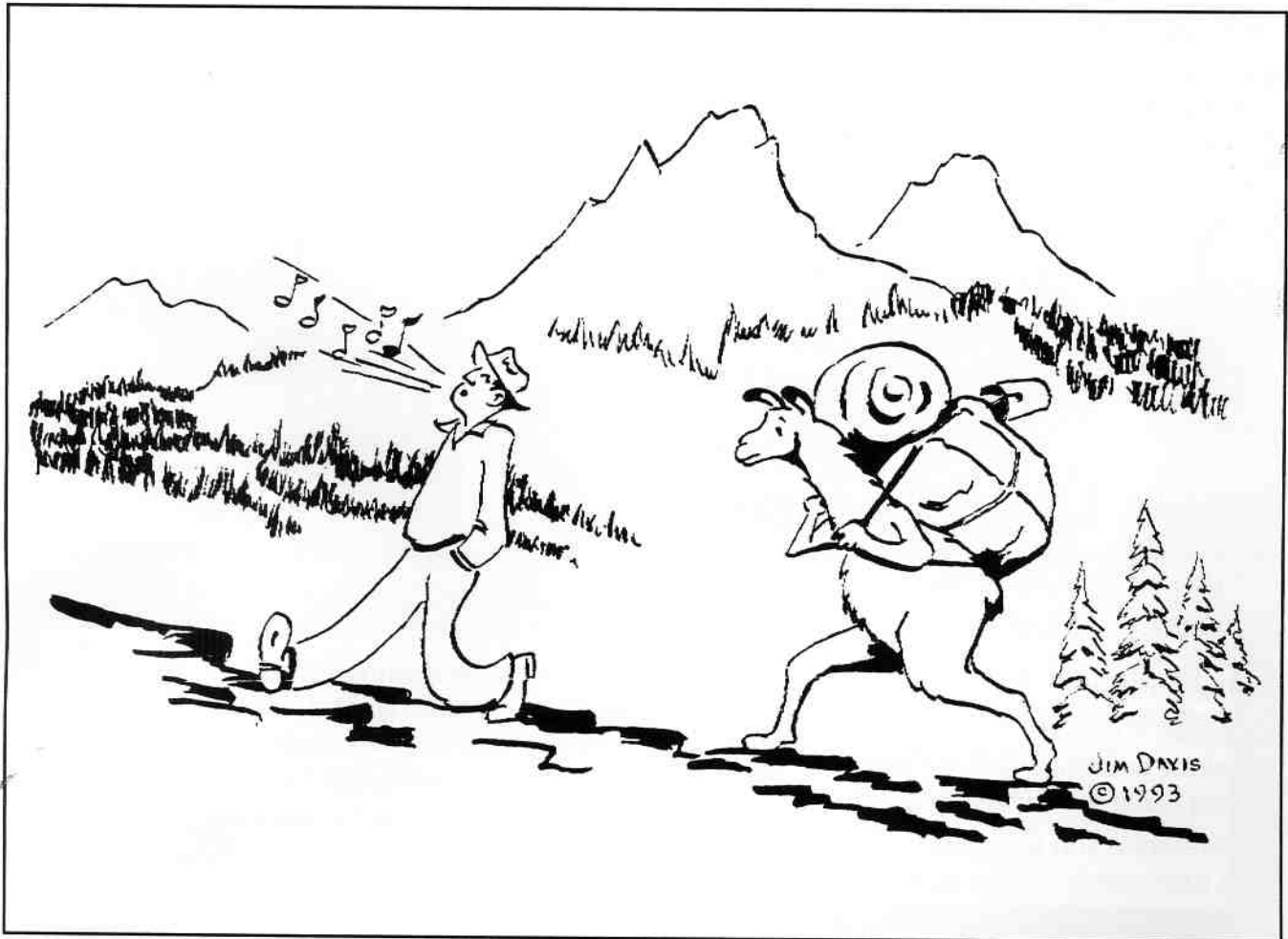
By Dee Goodman

Picture this: 6 adults, 2 kids & 15 llamas hauling over 1000 lbs. of gear including O₂ tanks, medical equipment, food, water pump and an 8-man tent, all going up a steep trail in the rain. Hopeless you say? Well you're right! It's the "Hopeless Crew" once again heading up to the 12,100' Hope Pass aid station for the 11th Annual Leadville Trail 100. What is the Leadville Trail 100 you may ask? Simply put, it's a 100 mile footrace mainly across the Colorado Trail ... run in 30 hours ... or less ... at elevations 9200' to 12,600'. This year they had their limit of entries of 350 runners by March.

300 started the race and 141 finished. The winning time was 20 hours, 45 minutes. The funny thing about this race, the top 3 finishers ran in sandals ... made 2 days before the race ... out of old car tires. (Maybe next year Goodyear will

sponsor the race.) But the real news is the llamas on Hope Pass for the 4th year. They have tried horses, burros, people, and even helicopters but nothing is better than the llamas. Even the runners will stop at the aid station and go pet some of the llamas.

Most runners say without the "Hopeless Crew", especially the llamas, it wouldn't be the same. In fact, this crew has saved some runners lives. The weather this year was the same old Hope Pass weather: sunshine, rain, wind, fog, and snow. The kids enjoyed getting up Sunday morning to an 1" of snow on the ground, on the tents, and on the llamas. But, as always in Colorado, the sun came out and we came down before the next change. All in all, it was a good trip and another way to use our great animals and friends, the llamas!



RMLA FOUNDATION: SCHREINER FUND

The funds donated by individuals and companies to the Schreiner Fund during 1993 totaled \$5,652. Recently these funds were distributed to Dan and Ellen Schreiner to aid them in their efforts to rebuild their llama business activities.

Their uninsured losses from the barn fire in 1993 were substantial, and these generous donations will certainly be put to good use. Thank you, donors, and best of luck to the Schreiners in their recovery efforts

RMLA FOUNDATION, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 1 - AUGUST 31, 1993

Jerry Thorson-Boudreaux, Treasurer of the Foundation

Balance of funds, January 1, 1993		\$ 48,235.41
Receipts in 1993:		
Interest earnings	\$ 1,213.28	
Loan repayment - Lloyd Wamsley	70.00	
Miscellaneous donation	<u>100.00</u>	
Total		1,383.28
Expenditures in 1993:		
Stipends	50.00	
ILA registration fee	10.00	
Scholarship to Joy Hernbrode	250.00	
Scholarship to Kimberly Hartsough	250.00	
Total		(560.00)
Other items		
Schreiner Fund receipts/donations	5,652.00	
Schreiner Fund disbursed to Schreiners	<u>(5,652.00)</u>	
Net		0.00
Balance of funds, August 31, 1993		<u>\$ 49,058.69</u>
Fund assets, 8/31/93		
Money Market Account	\$ 3,292.93	
Certificate of deposit (due 11/8/93)	5,075.58	
Certificate of deposit (due 11/8/93)	<u>40,690.18</u>	
Total funds as of 8/31/93		<u>\$49,058.69</u>

LLAMA LOST IN YOSEMITE

A llama was lost in Yosemite National Park the night of September 10, 1993 from a campground on the Illouette Creek three miles south of Glacier Point.

James Crossnoe, of Sacramento, was camping alone with Shawnee, a 7-year-old, 300 pound brown llama with a white diamond on his nose.

Crossnoe and the park rangers searched the area extensively for the next two days.

The weekend of September 25, Bill Kibler,

Crossnow and Lou Hanke went out with two packers but could not find him.

A bear or mountain lion could have frightened him causing him to head for the high country and he may reappear as winter arrives which would deny him food in the high country.

Please report any sightings of Shawnee to the rangers in Yosemite National Park, 209-372-0211 or to James Crossnoe, 916-442-5302.

Many thanks for your help.





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GOLD RUSH '93

The Rocky Mountain Alpaca Sale and Llama Sale
September 17-18, 1993

Waymire Dome - Adams County Regional Park Center - Brighton, Colorado

Alpaca Sale Results

LOT	SEX	NAME	CONSIGNOR	PURCHASER	PRICE
1	F	UBERIS MONTERI	STEWART	ANCE	\$11,500
2	M	CUSI'S BUCKEYE	MOON	ELSER	2,100
3	M	LLAMA LANIS LORENZO	NEWCOMB	JENKINS	250
4	F	PRINCESS Z/male cria	FOX	HANCE	11,500
5	F	ROSETTE	STEWART	DEWALD	15,500
6	M	CGS PIERRE BEAUJOLAIS	GOSSEN	HANCE	2,500
7	F	PANTI	MOON	JOHNSON	5,500
8	OUT OF SALE				
9	M	SIR LYNWOOD	ELSER	ELSER	2,000
10	M	DR. PAT	SAULSBURY	HINDS	1,000
11	F	VENUS	STEWART	DEWALD	17,750
12	F	PLUM BLOSSOM	NEWCOMB	ELSER	9,100
13	M	SIR SILVER NIGHT	STEWART	STEWART	800
14	M	CGS FRANCOIS PUMPERNICKEL	GOSSEN	GOSSEN	800
15	F	CUSI	MOON	ELSER	9,900
16	F	LADY TAMBIE	STEWART	DEWALD	11,500
17	OUT OF SALE				
18	F	CHANTILLY ROSE CODI W926	MOON	DEWALD	14,250
19	M	N. THOR	NEWCOMB	HINDS	700
20	m	SWITZERLAND ANKA	MOON	APPERSON	500
21	F	COUNTESS TIARA	FOX	HANCE	10,000
22	F	USER'S CHERI	STEWART	STEWART	9,800
23	F	CINDERBERRY'S EBONY	CONGDON	HINDS	7,500
24	M	QUICKSILVER CODI G521	MOON	HANCE	5,000
25	M	SIR TAMAR	STEWART	STEWART	1,000
26	F	CANDI'S BONNET	SAULSBURY	ELIASON	7,750
27	F	BIT OF KITTUL	MOON	DEWALD	8,000
28	M	STARCNYPSE	BRALLIER/STEWART	STEWART	750
29	m	SIR SIMON BOLIVAR	STEWART	STEWART	1,100
30	F	BELLIZA DE REPOSA	FOX	FOX	10,400
31	F	NOD/male cria	ELSER	HANCE	8,500
32	M	JURGEN	ELSER	ELSER	750

ALPACAS - TOTAL SALES \$187,700

2 LOTS OUT OF SALE and 9 BUYBACKS

16 FEMALES sold for \$168,450 = \$10,528 AVERAGE

14 MALES sold for \$19,250 = \$1,375 AVERAGE

High Selling Female: Venus \$17,750
Consigned by Randall Stewart, Wolf Canyon Ranch, Inc. - Twisp, Washington
Purchased by Allan and Leah Dewald, Alpacas of Canyon Ridge - Rapid City, SD

High Selling Male: Quicksilver \$5,000
Consigned by Fred and Marilynn Moon, Harvest Moon Alpacas - Strafford, MO
Purchased by Bob and Barbara Hance, Hance Ranch Wheatridge, Colorado

High Volume Buyer: Allan and Leah Dewald, Alpacas of Canyon Ridge Rapid City, South Dakota - \$67,000

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GOLD RUSH '93

Llama Sale Results

LOT	SEX	NAME	CONSIGNOR	PURCHASER	PRICE
1	F	MANDY/male cria	SAULSBURY	HERBOLD	4,050
2	F	MISS SWEET GRASS	SWICK	MOWBRAY	2,200
3	F	WML MOON MAIDEN	AVEDOVECH	HERBOLD	1,500
4	F	RIDGETOP CRYSTAL	ARNDT	HEIDE	1,450
5	F	ESCUELAIS SIGMEIR	SHOOK	HERBOLD	1,400
6	M	LIGHTNING BOLT	AVEDOVECH	ELDARD	650
7	F	ARRIETTA/male cria	LOBE	BAKER	2,250
8	F	STARLA	ELSER	ELSER	1,600
9	F	FRYE'S BONANZA	FRYE	MESSICK	3,050
10	F	PRINCESS FAST	ANDERSON	DOMATTI	2,950
11	F	CHANELIS DAMSEL	SAULSBURY	CANDACE	1,400
12	M	OMEEGOSH	FRYE	MOWBRAY	1,250
13	F	OUR CREME PUF	SWICK	HARDING	2,850
14	F	FLYIN' BC MONA LISA/female cria	ENGELSTADT-STMPSON	MOWBRAY	7,700
15	F	QUEEN ABBY	LODE	MOWBRAY	3,950
16	F	RIDGETOP AMBER	ARNDT	LEE	2,600
17	F	ROOT BEER FLOAT/male cria	SAULSBURY	HERBOLD	3,100
18	M	MT. VIEW BO WACKET	BLACKMAN	HERBOLD	2,000
19	F	JACKIE'S CAROLINE	AVEDOVECH	ELDARD	1,850
20	F	FLYINI BC ONO/male cria	ENGELSTADT-SIMPSON	KLAUSS	4,700
21	M	IOWANA DANI BOY	DENNIS	LUCERO	1,250
22	F	PRINCESS FRANCIS	ANDERSON	MOWBRAY	3,450
23	F	OCTAVIA	LOBE	GERMAN	2,100
24	F	LLAMA LANIS NELLIE	NEWCOMB	ELSER	2,350

LLAMAS - TOTAL SALES \$61,650 (1 BUYBACK)

20 FEMALES sold for \$56,500 = \$2,825 AVERAGE

4 MALES sold for \$5,150 = \$1,287.50 AVERAGE

HIGH SELLING
FEMALE:

MONA LISA/FEMALE CRIA \$7,700

Consigned by Cynthia Engelstad-Simpson, Flyin' BC Ranch - Alpine, Wyoming
Purchased by Terry Mowbray, Needle Rock Wools - Longmont, Colorado

HIGH SELLING MALE:

MT. VIEW BO WACKET \$2,000

Consigned by Bill Blackman, Wildwood Llamas - Longmont, Colorado
Purchased by Harold Herbold, Pikes Peak Woolies - Colorado Springs, Colorado

HIGH VOLUME BUYER: Terry Mowbray, Needle Rock Wools - Longmont, Colorado \$18,550



The Palmisano's
donated a check
for \$2493.50 to the
general fund of
RMLA which
represents 1% of
the gross receipts
of the Gold Rush
Llama and Alpaca
Sales.



Eleanor Palmisano, Judy Sealy, Secretary of RMLA, Frank Palmisano.

THE STORY OF ONE 4-H GROUP

By Bob and Jaci Aue

Anyone want a full summer commitment? Bob and Jaci Aue from Mitchell, Nebraska, would like to recommend starting a Llama 4-H Club.

In the fall of 1991, Bo-Jac Ll"Aue"Mas displayed animals at the Scotts Bluff County Fair in Mitchell, NE. Sharing our love for our animals is very infectious. A young high school girl dropped by to drool over our precious camelid creatures. Having a soft spot in his heart for little girls, Grandpa Bob offered to start a 4-H Club if there were enough interest. Before the day was over plan "A" went into effect. This being the fall of 1993, we have just finished our second year as the Lovable Llama 4-H Club, the only one in our state.

In visiting with the County Extension Office, the we realized that not only were they willing to accept the Llama project, but were very excited about the idea, not so with all counties. We were even able to encourage the Assistant Extension Agent to purchase a young male llama for guarding his sheep herd.

Each year's experience gives us the knowledge of what makes a more effective group for them. We loan as many female weanlings as possible to 4-H members who are 12 years of age or older. The animals stay on our farm and the member comes here for meetings and work sessions. If more llamas are needed, they must be purchased by the member or solicit a sponsor. Expenses to the members are a halter, lead, brush, T-Shirt and manual. We charge minimal pasture rent which can be worked out in labor. This last year two young members purchased males (thanks to Katherine and Jim Nelson, Cedar Grove Llamas) and the others were loaners.

The yearly organizational meeting is held in March in order to get registered with the County Extension Office. April and May are bi-monthly meetings. During July and August, a weekly work night is added, and the period before the fair brings several sessions. Work nights are held at the farm and consist of obstacle, grooming and showmanship training. 1994 may include packing and costumes. Thanks to the RMLA 4-H committee, the manual and record books offer excellent information as a format for each meeting.


In July, the members and their families traveled to Loveland, Colorado, to visit Great Divide Llamas. Thanks to Stan Ebel and Larry Sanford, we all learned what it takes to prepare a llama for packing. Each member was assigned a llama for a very enjoyable trekking experience into the foothills. Other events included an all family picnic, visits to nursing homes, area parade and the finale . . . the County Fair.

We had our own designed evening show time for which the members made posters for advertising. The show consisted of a Junior and Senior division of Showmanship and an obstacle course. The ten obstacles were constructed with the help of each member's parents.

Judging the 1993 show was RMLA member, Mary Beth Hartsough.

We have not only shared their love for these beautiful creatures, but also have encouraged the members to build good work habits, character, sportsmanship and responsibility.

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THE BIG THANK YOU LIST FROM DEE!

- Jo Riley:** *Newsletter, Colorado Trail Hike, Education Seminar*
Bob Riley: *Colorado Trail Hike*
Rob Ferris: *Colorado Trail Hike, Leadville 100*
Ginger Ferris: *Colorado Trail Hike, Education Seminar*
Jerry Dunn: *Education Seminar*
Kathy Bright: *Colorado Trail Hike*
Julie Messick: *Colorado Trail Hike*
Wes and Mary Mauz: *Leadville 100*
Wally and Katie White: *Colorado Trail Hike*
Mike Pettigrew: *Llamathon, Sending "Caring for Llamas" Books*
Dale Pettigrew: *Education Seminar*
Sally German: *Education Seminar, Colorado Trail Hike, Colorado State Fair*
Katie German: *Education Seminar*
Dan and Ellen Schreiner: *Wyoming State Fair*
Wyoming Breeders Association: *Wyoming State Fair*
Bill Redwood: *Colorado Trail Hike, Llamathon*
Chris Brown: *Colorado State Fair, Colorado Trail Hike*
Donna Brown: *Colorado Trail Hike*
Sheryl Lambert: *Education Seminar*
Susan and Jerry Frye: *Education Seminar*
Bobra Goldsmith: *Education Seminar*
Sharon Beacham: *Treasurer, Education Seminar*
Judy Sealy; *Membership, Secretary, Education Seminar, Llamathon*
Charlie Hackbarth: *Colorado Trail Hike, Education Seminar, Llamathon, Leadville 100*
Sandy Hackbarth: *Colorado Trail Hike*
Stan Ebel: *Colorado Trail Hike, Llamathon*
LaRue, Mary, and Jeff Johnson: *Llamathon*
Terry Price: *Colorado Trail Hike*
CSU Vet Students: *Llamathon*
Cindy Ross, Todd Gladfelter, and kids: *Doing the Colorado Trail Hike!*
Tim Thompson: *Education Seminar*
Karla Goodman: *Education Seminar, Colorado Trail Hike*
Chris Switzer: *Library*
Reid Langerman and Mary Summers: *New Mexico Llama Show*
Steve Komadina: *New Mexico Llama Show*
Lisa Coward: *New Mexico Llama Show*
Jim Osmun: *Leadville 100*
Dewain Wood: *Leadville 100*
Erma Hast: *Service Directory*
Eleanor and Frank Palmsano: *Donation from the Gold Rush Sale*
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Judy Sealy

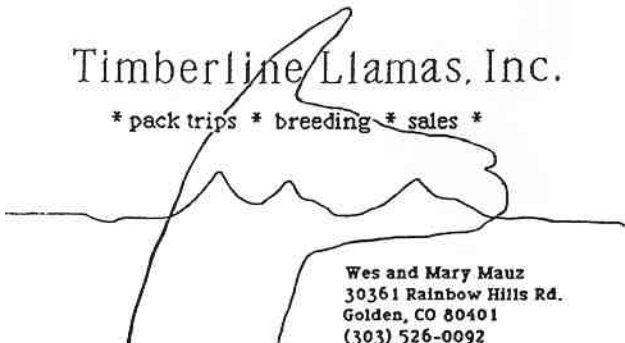
This summer with RMLA events, a television segment on the "TODAY" show on alpacas, an article in the "USA TODAY" on alpacas, and an article on llama trekking in the "NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELLER", a lot of interest in alpacas and llamas was expressed by the number of inquiries in RMLA. During the month of September, forty-six information packets including a newsletter, membership form, brochure and miscellaneous information were mailed to Ohio, Wisconsin, Oregon, Maine, Virginia, South

Carolina, Colorado, California, Michigan, Texas, Florida, Alabama, New York, Utah, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arizona, Montana, Washington, Wyoming, Maryland, New Jersey, Iowa, New Hampshire, Kansas, Connecticut and Australia.

Please forward names of new and interested llama or alpaca visitors and buyers to RMLA. We will mail complimentary information on RMLA to help educate and encourage new members.



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TAOS WOOL MARKET



Phil Switzer greeting the audience and explaining about their alpacas.

Several members of RMLA attended the Taos Wool Market to see what was available in the Southwest. It was a splendid day for walking around a charming town.

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Chris Switzer demonstrating spinning of her alpaca wool.

COLORADO STATE FAIR - AUGUST 21ST TO THE 22ND

by Erma Hast

Twenty-one llamas were at the Colorado State Fair. They were brought by Paul and Chris Brown of Wetmore, CO; Keith and Deb Summers of Avondale, CO; and Sally German of Florissant, CO. (Sally brought 11 of the llamas to help fill some of the pens.)

Sally did a great job talking to the crowd about llamas and to top it off, after the llamas had gone through the obstacle course with their handlers, people were invited to step forward and lead a llama - a first time for many. Little people and big people were thrilled.

Sally put together a display board (the RMLA board was at the Wyoming State Fair). She and

Karen Smith of Pueblo were spinning wool.

I wish more RMLA members had participated. The crowds were there, the stalls were free, and there was no entry fee. Is everyone too busy?

RMLA needs to support the Colorado State Fair. The weather is certainly cooperative in August. I strongly urge all of you to think about this for next year and put it on your calendars.

It is a wonderful and inexpensive way to expose your llamas to the public. The pens were set up and clean and the crowd was there.

Let's help show llamas at the Colorado State Fair in August, 1994!

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RMLA COMMITTEES

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the following committees and getting involved, please contact Stan Lacher, President, 303-646-0989.

Membership

'92 Chair; Judy Sealy, board liaison; Judy Sealy
This committee helps the secretary with projects.

Finance

'92 Chair; Bob Riley, liaison; Sharon Beacham
This committee helps the Treasurer.

Events

'92 Chair; Bill Redwood, board liaison; Dee Goodman
This committee works with the chairs of all RMLA events and helps with schedules, safety, and insurance. Also helps develop new events for RMLA.

Elections

'92 Chair; Lougene Baird, board liaison; Dee Goodman
This committee runs the RMLA Board elections including asking for nominations, printing the ballot, mailing the ballot, and counting the votes.

Education

'92 Chair; Susan Frye, board liaison; John Fitzgerald
This committee works with the conference committee and works with any other education program of RMLA's membership.

Herd sire

'92 Chair; John Fitzgerald, board liaison; John Fitzgerald
This committee works on keeping the RMLA Herd sire Directory updated.

Wool

'92 Chair; Ginger Ferris, liaison; Sharon Beacham
This committee works on developing wool projects and markets plus education on wool happenings.

Marketing

'92 Chair; Linda Kypriopoulos, board liaison; Dee Goodman
This committee works on not only marketing RMLA as a llama association but helps with marketing ideas to help sell llamas including parades, marketing shows, and livestock shows. This group should also care for the RMLA display booth.

4-H Youth

'92 Chair; Sheryl Lambert, liaison; Dee Goodman
This committee helps develop youth groups like 4-H and FFA, youth events and youth programs for conferences.

Conference "94"

Chair; Mike and Dale Pettigrew, board liaison; Stan Lacher
This committee will put together the 1994 RMLA Conference with the help of the 4-H/Youth Committee and the Education Committee.

"95" Seminar ??

This committee works on the 1995 event that replaces the annual conference. One idea is to have another "hands on" Education Seminar.

Insurance

This is a new committee for 1993. This committee will be working with the new insurance program (Lama Insurance Group) as it develops this year.

Library

Chair; Chris Switzer, board liaison; Sharon Beacham
This committee, Chris, works with RMLA's library.

Colorado State Fair

Chair; Chris Brown, board liaison; Dee Goodman
This committee works with the Colorado State Fair folks to develop a Youth/4-H show and program.

Ad Hoc NWSS Advisory Board

New this year by vote of the membership. Members include: Dee Goodman, Bobra Goldsmith, and Tim Thompson, DVM.
This committee will try to work with the Stock Show personnel to help make the show better and improve communication.

NWSS Helpers

Chair; Stan Lacher, board liaison; Stan Lacher
This committee helps put on the Llama Show by volunteering to work at the show.

Therapy

'92 Chair; Sally German, liaison; Judy Sealy
This committee works on a new llama project, llamas in therapy work.

Research

'92 Chair; Judi Lawson, board liaison; John Fitzgerald
This committee finds and checks out possible research projects for RMLA to fund. They are now working with the Llama medical Research Group developed during Llama Assembly "93".

Newsletter

'92 Chair; Jo Riley, Board Liaison; Dee Goodman
It is hard to describe but she would love to have help with articles and happenings!



WHAT HILLARY CLINTON HAS LEARNED ABOUT MEDICINE

ARTERY	THE STUDY OF PAINTINGS
BACTERIA	THE BACK DOOR OF A CAFETERIA
BARIUM	WHAT DOCTORS DO WHEN PATIENTS DIE
BOWEL	A LETTER LIKE A, E, I, O OR U
CESAREAN SECTION	A NEIGHBORHOOD IN ROME
CAT SCAN	SEARCHING FOR KITTY
CAUTERIZE	MADE EYE CONTACT WITH HER
COLIC	A SHEEP DOG
D & C	WHERE THE WHITE HOUSE IS
DILATE	TO A LIVE LONG
ENEMA	NOT A FRIEND
FESTER	QUICKER
GENITAL	NOT A JEW
G. I. SERIES	SOLDIER'S BALL GAME
HANG NAIL	COAT HOOK
IMPOTENT	DISTINGUISHED; WELL KNOWN
LABOR PAIN	GETTING HURT AT WORK
MEDICAL STAFF	A DOCTOR'S CANE
MORBID	A HIGHER OFFER
NITRATES	CHEAPER THAN DAY RATES
NODE	WAS AWARE OF
OUTPATIENT	A PERSON WHO FAINTED
PAP SMEAR	A FATHERHOOD TEST
PELVIS	A COUSIN OF ELVIS
POSTOPERATIVE	A LETTER CARRIER
RECOVERY ROOM	A PLACE TO DO UPHOLSTERY
RECTUM	DANG NEAR KILLED 'EM
SEIZURE	ROMAN EMPEROR
TABLET	A SMALL TABLE
TERMINAL ILLNESS	GETTING SICK AT THE AIRPORT
TUMOR	MORE THAN ONE
URINE	OPPOSITE OF YOU'RE OUT
VARICOSE	NEARBY
VEIN	CONCEITED

Editor's Note: Dee Goodman faxed this to me and I thought it was funny. I woke up to a gloomy day and thought that I needed something funny in the Newsletter on such a depressing day.

FOR SALE

GRAND VALLEY LLAMAS OFFERS QUALITY LLAMAS FOR SALE at reasonable prices. One free breeding included with female purchase. Stud service available to ALI Uncle Sam, our half-Bolivian by *LW Willie K. Uncle Sam's half-brother was the high-selling male at the Firecracker Sale this summer! For more information, please call Judy Sealy, Grand Junction, CO, 303-241-7921.

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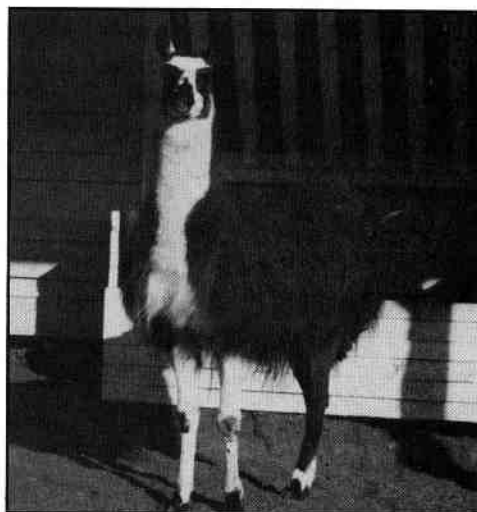
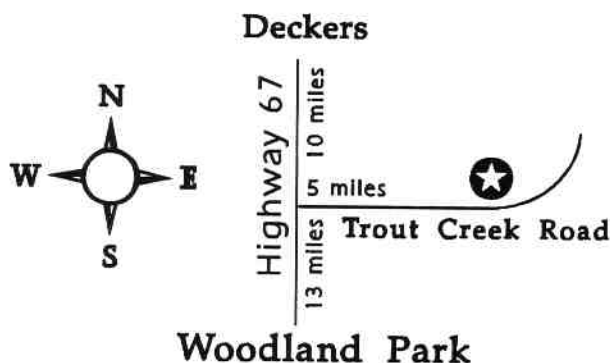
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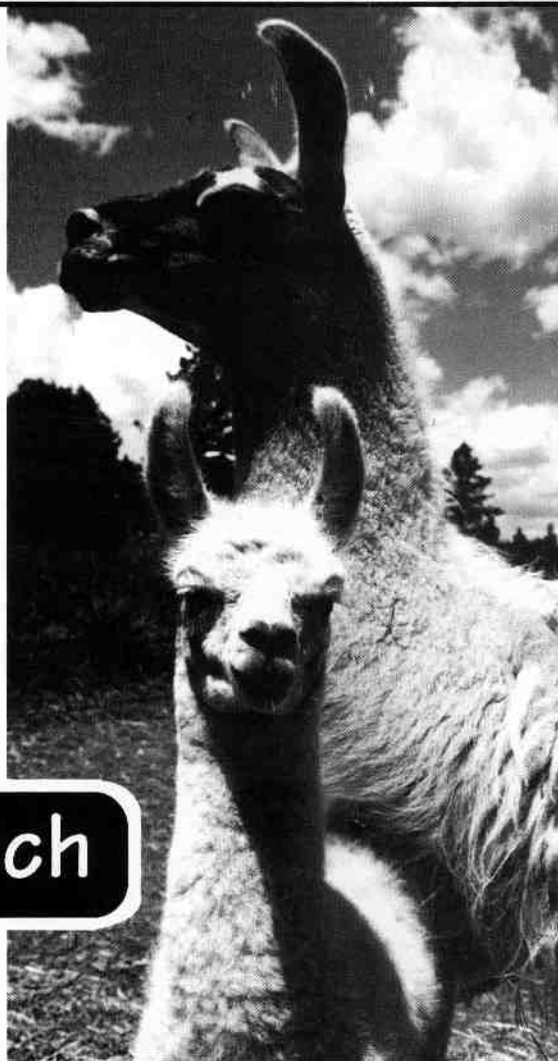
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