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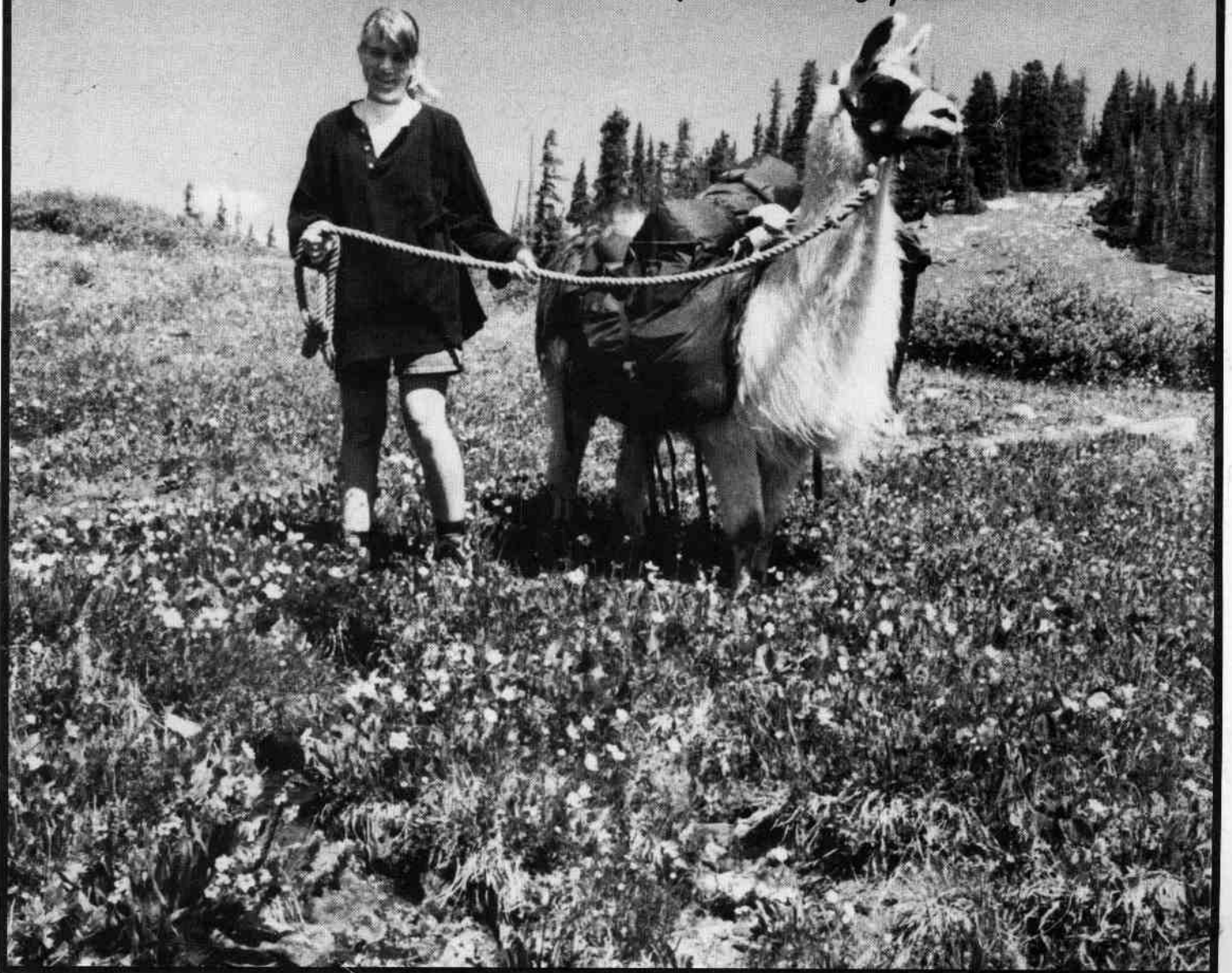
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# Calendar of Events

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## **May 6-7, 13-14, 20-21: Free Learn-to-Shear Clinics; Boulder, Colorado**

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The weekend before and one hour drive from AOBA Conference. 9 am - 7 pm. Get started with the Building Blocks of the Alpaca Industry. \$55 per person, \$90 per couple includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch, BBQ Dinner and Handouts. Speakers include: LaRue Johnson, DVM, Jim and Janet Faiks, Linda and David Livengood, Teri Phipps and David Scheiferstein. Reservations are limited. To register, call 970-454-3142 or 970-396-2869

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## **June 9-11: Front Range Llama Breeder's Private Treaty Sale, Estes Park, Colorado**

The third annual sale, held in conjunction with the Estes Park Wool Market Llama Show. Sale animals will be showcased with mid-day parades, hands-on reviews, banners, special stall signs and decorations. Registration closes May 20. For details, call the coordinators: Sharon Beacham, 303-666-9437, or Rick Taylor, 719-687-5797.

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## **June 10: Llama Fiber Grading Workshop with Sandy Mubark, Estes Park, Colorado**

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## **June 30 - July 2: Firecracker '95; Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, Oregon**

For information, please contact Dick or Pat Wickum, Firecracker, Inc., 21325 Finn Road, Sheridan, OR 97378. 503-843-2765. FAX 503-843-3030. Firecracker Office: 800-876-8816.

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## **July 29: 13th Annual Fairplay Pack Llama Race: Fairplay, Colorado**

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## **August 4 - 6: Llamafest at Fiberfest; Kalamazoo, Michigan**

The fifth annual LLAMAFEST includes workshops, demonstrations, shows and sales related to llamas and alpacas. The twelfth annual FIBERFEST (August 2 - 6) includes workshops, displays, shows and sales of most fiber animals. For information, contact Dar Snyder, 616-668-3089 or Leah Bird, 616-657-6379.

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## Presidents Message

by Reid Langerman

With winter over and the return of warm weather, our attention to the outdoors increases. It's time to start planning for a fun year with our lammas. There are many fabulous opportunities coming up to participate with our wonderful animals. The Intermountain Llama Classic/RMLA Rendezvous, on Memorial Day weekend in Logan, Utah, is sure to be a not-to-miss event. This year, to help kick off the Rendezvous, the RMLA Board is going to have an open meeting so that many of our members can participate and let us know their concerns and ideas. With the proposed unification of the llama industry, I am sure this will be a very interesting meeting. We will barely have time to catch our breath and off to Estes Park for the EP Wool Market. This is perhaps one of the biggest llama and alpaca shows in the country and also a great place to showcase our animals. This year's Wool Market, as in the past, promises to be a very fun and educational event.

These and the many other RMLA sponsored ones (see events), are all events that we should lend a lot of support to, but these are certainly not the only events that we can and should participate in. There is National Trails Day, Earth Day, store openings and sales, parades, and just getting out for a nice relaxing walk with our gentle friends. All of these give our animals exposure to the general public, and also help to promote interest in lammas, as well as being great family fun.

The Board would like to thank Jo Riley for taking her time and expertise in typesetting the Breeder/Owner and the Service Directories. We hope you enjoy the new formats. Don't forget to be included next year in the Service Directory.

Since we are getting farther along into the year, we must think about elections. There are three positions to fill for the coming year. These are President-elect, Vice President, and Secretary. Being a Board member is a very rewarding experience. It lets you see just how the llama industry is growing, and lets you get to know great new people along the way. If you would like to find out if you would be suited for one of these positions, please contact one of the Board members for a rundown of what is involved. The Board has decided to hold the RMLA Annual Business Meeting in the Denver area on Saturday, October 7, 1995, at which time we will be voting for Officers and several other items that concern the future of RMLA. Mark your calendars now so that we can have enough members present for a quorum.

As for needing volunteers, RMLA is in need of a very special person to coordinate events on the Front Range of Colorado. As most of you know, there are many events now taking place, and there will be many more events that will be initiated over the next few years. Dee Goodman has done a great job in the past with making sure that everything worked at many of these events, but even a "super-hero" like Dee can't be everywhere at once. We do need a coordinator for these individual functions to work.

Now that I have asked you to get involved with all the wonderful things for RMLA, it's time for a little bit of fun, so read the rest of the newsletter and then go out and have an exceptionally great time with your lammas.

See you on the trail,

*Reid*

## President-Elect's Message

by Cheryl McCutcheon

The office of President-elect is a good warm-up time in which to learn how to be a more effective President when the time comes. As I watch, listen and learn I begin to feel that one of the main issues of my term as President will be that of "unification".

I would like to know membership views, thoughts or questions concerning unification. Please call me at 505-378-4503. If you prefer, fax any information to 505-257-3853. The approach to unifica-

tion should not be a process of the Board alone. Your concerns are important. In the Special Edition Newsletter (page 29) is an article about unification of the industry under one umbrella organization. I urge you to read it and communicate your thoughts.

Hopefully we will get to see many of you at the RMLA Rendezvous in Logan, Utah, and at the Wool Market in Estes Park. If not, have a wonderful summer and enjoy your animals.

# Research Committee

by Ron Baird • Plum Valley Llamas • Sedalia, Colorado • 303-688-5445

A number of potentially very concerning issues have recently arisen that deserve the attention of llama users and owners not just here in the West but nationwide. The Research Committee has been, and is, addressing these issues; but they have far-reaching consequences that could affect all RMLA members and their animals.

## Medical and Regulatory Problems

### LLAMA BAN

The impact of recent unilateral actions by an administrator in the Federal government, especially if allowed to spread, would — not could — negatively impact the worth and marketability of llamas.

The National Park Service, S.E. Utah Group (SUG) has banned the use of llamas as pack animals on any lands controlled by SUG. This includes the national parks of Canyonlands and Arches, as well as Natural Bridges, a monument. Briefly, the background of this ill-informed decision by SUG is as follows. At an April, 1994 meeting of the Desert Bighorn Sheep Council, an idle uninformed remark by a college veterinarian teacher implied that John's Disease *could* possibly be transmitted by llamas to bighorn sheep. The facts seem to be contra-indicative: llamas die quickly from John's Disease (four in the United States are believed to have died of it, two of which were in one large herd and yet the remainder of the herd was unaffected). In point of fact, horses, cattle, sheep, mules and burros can be carriers of the disease and not die from it.

The Superintendent of SUG unilaterally banned llama use based on this uninformed remark. This ban may well have represented a violation of the National Environmental Policy Act, since the pack llama was already on the approved list of pack animals. Due process was probably violated by SUG's refusal to allow the llama community to attend the original hearing, have a subsequent hearing, or otherwise provide input. The superintendent further compounded the problem by voluntarily circulating his ban and supposed reasons for it throughout the Federal government, including the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other agencies.

Severe damage has been accomplished by the superintendent's action. In today's modern world of faxes and telephones, nobody has anyway to know if his "retraction" has reached everyone his original ban has reached.

SUG refuses to retract its ban on the use of llamas, although it allows horses, mules, and burros, potential carriers of John's Disease, free access to the areas under its administration. This refusal is despite the fact that there is no scientific data regarding the transmission and occurrence of John's Disease in llamas to wildlife. Among the experts who have made this fact known to the Park Service are Drs. David Getzy (Director of CSU's Diagnostic Laboratories), Robert Jones (CSU Department of Microbiology/Diagnostic Laboratory), and Franklin Garry (CSU Department of Clinical Sciences).

Fortunately, prudent minds have prevailed elsewhere in the Park Service and similar bans have not been imposed after being considered. Notable in this regard is the action of Glacier National Park, which, after considering the matter, decided not to impose such a ban due to the lack of any evidence that connects llamas to John's Disease in wildlife.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) was requested in February, 1995 by the Llama Medical Research Group to investigate and help resolve the controversy surrounding these actions. The response in part was: "bluetongue, anaplasmosis and John's Disease are not federally mandated diseases...they do not have a high priority..."

Llama owners should be aware that attempts are being made to have this unilateral ban removed. Research may be conducted over the next several years concerning John's disease that will illustrate this to have been a knee-jerk reaction. Meanwhile, we all must do whatever is legally possible to get the matter rectified and prevent its spread.

Some writers have suggested writing members of Congress to support the movement to remove the ban. With the current Congressional mood to reduce the size of the national park system, this may get some results. Probably the most effective results, in the long run, can be attained by maintaining vigilance over those who supposedly are the caretakers of our national heritage and prevent such occurrences from happening. A secondary action, supporting more research into potential medical problems, is also appropriate; but requires funding. Ironically, John's Disease is not a problem the federal government cares to investigate at present; therefore, proving the problem does not exist falls upon the llama industry.

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# Plagiarism

By Rosana Hart

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The following article is intended to only give the reader a brief overview of the topic. We suggest a consultation with an attorney familiar with the topic if more information is desired.

You've probably seen him. A dark llama with white neck and front legs. There's a bit of white on his face and on his lower back legs. He stands erect, ears forward and tail a bit up, looking to the right with the intent gaze of a llama watching something. There are mountains behind him.

Where would you have seen him? Perhaps in the pasture of a prominent breeder where he lives. Perhaps on the breeder's stationary, ranch banner, magnetic sign on her van, or on her business cards, where he has been since 1980.

But chances are good that you've seen him someplace else: on other people's business cards, in advertisements, on the side of a truck in another state and on award ribbons. In most of these places he looks just like he did when he was created, but sometimes he is looking to the left. Or his wool is all black. Or he is tan and white instead of his original black and white. He may adorn a business card alone, or there may be two of him. Or different scenery. In one instance, he has longer wool, all black, but a line drawn under him is still in its original state.

Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery, but breeders don't like seeing their logos used by other people.

An artist who created a notecard of a sitting llama says that some people many miles away used her drawing, with a little additional lawn around the llama, on their business cards. When by chance it happened that one of their cards came into the hands of the original artist, she wrote to the people and said that she would not mind if they used it, if they would simply pay her for her artwork. That's one solution.

Using other people's artwork without permission is called plagiarism. There are numerous other examples from within the llama community. In most instances, the imitators don't realize that they are doing anything that could offend the original artist or be illegal. "But I changed it around," one llama owner said of his imitation.

The current United States copyright law went into effect in 1978, and it offers automatic protection when a work is written down, drawn, or otherwise copied or recorded for the first time. Even without the copyright symbol, ©, the work is protected from duplication or imitation. According to the Copyright office, the protection "gives the owner of copyright the exclusive right to...reproduce the copyrighted work...to display the copyrighted work publicly" and more. These rights are good for the life of the copyright holder plus fifty years, except for some special cases not pertinent here.

So the people using other people's artwork were in violation of the copyright act, even if they changed it around. Unlike speed limits, income taxes, and many of the other laws we have to deal with nowadays, copyright goes back to the United States Constitution, where the purpose of copyright was "to promote the progress of science and the useful arts." If the creative efforts of individuals are protected, and they are able to enjoy the fruits of their labors, then we all benefit.

It's easy to see how this applies to llama owners. Although we are scattered all over North America, we are a community in the sense that we share common interests and goals. Respect for the work and rights of others will help us all to flourish and prosper. Considering how few llama owners there are compared to the entire population, our community is a small town. A purloined logo from thousands of miles away isn't far enough. Nor is crossing the border enough; Canadian copyright laws may differ in many ways from those in the United States, but most countries, including the United States and Canada, honor each other's copyrights.

The owners of copyrighted material can sue the imitator in court. If they don't want to go to such lengths, they are at least likely to grumble to their friends about being ripped off. And this is a small town.

Copyright problems have also occurred in the llama community around written works. There have been situations where someone reprinted another person's work without obtaining permission from the author. But while reprinting someone else's writing without permission is a no-no, the copyright law is clear that ideas and facts cannot be copyrighted.

Why? As William S. Strong explains in *The Copyright Book: A Practical Guide*, "The law requires that a work be the product of your own mind in order to be copyrightable...Facts, even if they are facts that no one else has ever discovered, are regarded as the com-

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## Plagiarism (cont.)

mon property of all of us...Facts are not copyrightable because they are not human inventions; theories are not copyrightable because they are ideas, not expression."

It is not always easy to draw the line between idea and expression. A conservative rule of thumb taught to writers is, "Never copy more than three words in a row." But the paragraph above copied fifty words, entirely legally. The copyright law has a provision for what is called "fair use." Whether a use is fair depends on four criteria, described by the law as: "(1) The purpose and character of the use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purposes; (2) The nature of the copyrighted work; (3) The amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole; and (4) The effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work." Strong's guideline for use of written prose is to limit yourself to three paragraphs or less of a book or article at a time. For more than that, ask permission.

Besides ideas and facts, some other things can't be copyrighted. Titles can't be, nor can names, short phrases, or slogans. "Familiar symbols and designs" cannot be copyrighted either.

The copyright law, and the long history of pertinent court decisions, are complex. What's given here is just an introduction, and probably won't cover all situations in the llama community. The Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington D. C., 20559, has several free pamphlets available. Most public libraries have these, and books on the topics as well. Of course, lawyers may be consulted too.

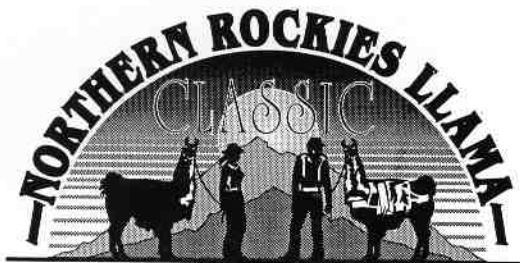
Fortunately there is an easy solution to the problem of using other people's material. Ask for permission! If they say no, be glad that you asked and avoided possible bad feeling. If they say yes, you've created a win-win situation. And we all like those.

**Editor's note:** Many RMLA members will recognize the description of Bobra Goldsmith's llama, Handsome, and her logo, which continues to be plagiarized. She has supplied the following additional information:

With regard to plagiarism and copyright law, there are a couple more points that should be made or underscored. The first is that under copyright law, all the artwork as well as any variations on it are the sole property of the artist, or owner, and may not be used in whole or in part by others. That means, for example, that adding a pack to the llama, placing him in different surroundings, altering the color pattern, or just using the silhouette all still constitute plagiarism. And it is

an interesting problem in aesthetics as to why a simple silhouette of an object, person, or llama is so telling, so identifiable. There is no doubt that some individuals attempting to develop their own business image take another's artwork quite inadvertently, without thinking about it. However, there are professional artists who are involved in designing ads and logos for others who have also plagiarized established artwork, and they ought to know better.

In a non-legalistic sense there is sometimes another, psychological effect of plagiarism within the llama community, which anyone who is tempted to use another's artwork should be aware of. When a recognized artwork or logo turns up in someone else's ad or business card, those who recognize the artwork tend to discredit the plagiarist's organization, not take it seriously, and even scoff at it. An ad or business card with purloined artwork in it looks woefully unoriginal and certainly not distinctive of the operation using it. It betrays a lack of originality and the quality of uniqueness which every business should want to convey, if it desires to have a respected place in the llama community.



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## Dear Llama Owner:

A series of events in Utah has led to llamas being banned from several national park units. **We are requesting your assistance to correct this situation.** The actions of the National Park Service have jeopardized our animals' image as safe, hardy, disease-free and environmentally friendly. This is not just a pack llama issue. Acceptance of our llamas and related services could be impacted negatively. Please read on and lend your support in our proposed letter writing campaign.

The National Park Service, S.E. Utah Group (S.E.U.G.) has taken management steps to eliminate the llama as an approved pack animal within their S.E. Utah Group jurisdiction, which includes Arches and Canyonlands National Park and Natural Bridges National Monument. Mr. Walter Dabney is the Superintendent of the S.E.U.G. The llama has been taken off the approved pack animal list because they believe the llama represents a threat to their bighorn sheep populations through the transmission of Johne's Disease (*Mycobacterium paratuberculosis*). Over the past few months the ILA Packing Committee and other interested parties have proven through professional research that the S.E.U.G. research that led to the elimination of the pack llama was incomplete and inaccurate. Colorado State University (CSU), wildlife and veterinary research people from across the country concluded that the threat of transmission of Johne's Disease from llamas to bighorn sheep and other wildlife is minuscule and this issue does not warrant a ban. The S.E.U.G. still allows horses, mules and burros based on historical presence, while acknowledging parallel and greater disease threats from this same stock, and grazing livestock (cattle) surrounding the parks.

During the S.E.U.G.'s internal llama management decisions they issued "Briefing Papers" (internal documents statements explaining their concerns, in October 1994, and March 1995) to address the issue of Johne's Disease. These "Briefing Papers" were distributed to interested parties and several press releases on their decision followed. The "Briefing Papers" worked their way across the country to many land management agencies including the U.S. Forest Service, BLM, state game and fish agencies and other national parks. Many agencies are now addressing the issue and are considering a ban based on information from the S.E.U.G. The S.E.U.G. did not contact the ILA or any other llama association during this process. The ILA and numerous other parties specifically asked to participate in the backcountry

management proceedings last February, 1994 in accordance with the *Environmental Assessment for Backcountry Management Plan* (E.A.) comment period. Although Johne's Disease was not identified as an issue in this E.A., *Saddle and Pack Stock Use* was identified as an issue, and at that time the llama was on the approved list of pack animals. In April, 1994, Dr. Terry Spraker of CSU gave his opinions on the possibility of Johne's Disease transmission from llamas to bighorn sheep in Moab, Utah, at the Desert Bighorn Sheep Council meeting. From that meeting the S.E.U.G. proceeded with internal research which led to the ban. The ILA and llama community were ignored. Also ignored was the National Environmental Policy Act (N.E.P.A.) since the pack llama was affected by the decision. By their own admission they were initially misinformed in the March, 1995 "Briefing Paper," yet they plan to keep the ban in effect.

**It is our firm belief that the llama community should participate in a letter writing campaign to reverse the decision to eliminate the pack llama that S.E.U.G. made based on biased and inaccurate conclusions. Please use the Facts/Issue Summary Sheet that lists important points to be included in your letter. Sending your letter "certified, return receipt" can make an even bigger impact and we encourage that, if possible, you do so.**

Thank you for your assistance with this issue that affects all our llamas.

Sincerely,

Scott Woodruff

ILA Packing Committee Chair

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# ***Southeast Utah Group Llama Ban***

by the International Llama Association Packing Committee

## **Facts/Issue Summary Sheet**

1. Ruminant Paratuberculosis (Johne's Disease) is caused by *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis*. The disease is most common in cattle, sheep and goats. It is deadly and has no cure. There have been four known cases of Johne's Disease in llamas, all of which have been eradicated and shown no evidence of transmission to other llamas or other ruminant species. It appears that llamas, in extremely rare instances, may contract the disease, but apparently do not spread the disease. The infection appears to be atypical and terminal in llamas.
2. Monogastric animals such as horses, mules and burros are susceptible to infection with *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis*. There are many more documented cases of monogastric animals infected with *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis*, although this is rare also. More importantly are the more common and easily transmitted viral and bacterial infections with equids.
3. Colorado State University staff, including but not limited to: Dr. David Getzy, DVM, Director, CSU Diagnostic Laboratories, Dr. Franklin Garry, DVM, Department of Clinical Sciences, and Dr. Robert Jones, DVM Ph D, Department of Microbiology Diagnostic Laboratory, have expressed to Superintendent Walter Dabney of the S.E. Utah Group that there is no scientific data regarding the transmission and occurrence of Johne's Disease in llamas in wildlife. Keep in mind that these experts are Dr. Terry Spraker's senior colleagues. They have indicated to Superintendent Walter Dabney that the implication that llamas represent a "real significant etc." (briefing statement) threat to indigenous species with respect to Johne's disease is inaccurate and misleading. The risks are minuscule. In fact, when llamas are compared with other species, including equids, they likely represent a less significant threat to indigenous species than other domestic animals when considering the many infectious diseases of contagious potential.
4. According to Supervisor Walter Dabney the "Briefing Paper" was suppose to be an internal document, though it has circulated throughout the U.S. causing undue alarm. We believe this was an inappropriate act of land management procedure. Quote: "We believe that the National Park Service should address this issue service wide. Contact: Walter B. Dabney". "Briefing Paper" pg. 3 prepared for Director Kennedy, October 17, 1994. It is important to note that a second "Briefing Paper" was issued in March, 1995, retracting the belief that it should be addressed service wide, but still holding true to the gist of the ban. How could they possibly address the issue services wide without contacting the llama community?
5. Many land management agencies have received a copy of the "Briefing Paper" of October, 1994, and they were forced to address the issue solely based on the S.E.U.G.'s information. Some have decided the S.E.U.G.'s research is inconclusive and does not warrant a ban while others are not sure. No matter what the outcome, even if the S.E.U.G. retracts its decision, the damage has been done and continues.
6. The ILA launched a letter writing campaign in February, 1994, to address the "Environmental Assessment (E.A.) of the Backcountry Management Plan", a National Environmental Policy Act (N.E.P.A.) process, which included the use of pack llamas but for day use only. We believed this was an unfair "Preferred Alternative" of the plan, and we voiced our concerns. Many of us, including the ILA, asked to be included on their mailing list and to be informed on the processes of the plan. Not only were we ignored, we were never contacted when the Johne's Disease issue arose in April, 1994. The S.E.U.G. issued a press release without any of the llama community knowing. The S.E.U.G. contends that the Johne's Disease and the E.A. are separate management procedures. Yes, Johne's Disease was not an identified issue in the E.A. therefore not a part of the N.E.P.A. process, but "Saddle and pack stock use" was identified, and wildlife "Preferred Alternatives" management was included in the E.A. but not identified as an issue. It specifically addressed pack stock which at this point included the pack llama. Therefore, since the pack llama was ultimately eliminated as an end result of the internal research on Johne's Disease, it would be appropriate to contact and or communicate with any

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## Peru: Final

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Saturday morning, December 4th, 4:00 AM I am roused out of bed by odd rumblings and churning in the lower intestinal regions. Oh-Oh...What's going on here? One or two of the group's members had already had to spend a quiet day at the hotel, due to some kind of internal upsets. Surely I'm not going to be the next one - not when this is the last day I have for introducing Tigre to the cart prior to the big Closing Ceremony of the Expo, where we were to demonstrate the cart pulling. And it is the day of the Llama Show, which I have been eagerly awaiting. I went back to bed and slept till time to get up. I still felt a little off color but attributed the problem more to an overload of strange food the preceding day, especially the huge banquet at mid-day. I just didn't feel like eating, a most unusual condition for me, so I didn't. That was simple.

According to Mauricio's plan, I would attend the llama show in the morning and train Tigre in the afternoon. With such limited time, I wondered if I would have to give him a second lesson early Sunday morning and then a long break before the closing ceremony. After breakfast Marco delivered us all to the fairgrounds. We were eager to see how the weak baby female born yesterday morning was faring. She was still taking a bottle but seemed stronger. In the lower arena the llama show was about to begin. For this event Dr. Franko was to be the primary judge and Dr. Julio Sumar the second judge, just the reverse as for the alpaca show.

The show began with the ccara (short woolled) females, the younger groups followed by the adults. Just as with the alpaca show, we were allowed to circulate around the classes, and again we were asked to hand out the ribbons. Like the alpacas, most of

the llamas were wearing the hand-braided halters that Mauricio had supplied, but only a few of them were led by the halter. In many instances the lead rope was attached to the halter but was then wrapped around the base of the neck and held close so that the llama was still controlled only by the rope low on the neck. These females were all quite well-behaved and stood nicely in the line-up. They all looked very straight and some of the adult females appeared on the slim side, probably because they were still nursing big babies, as we had noticed earlier.

With the truly short-wooled llamas, one has the feeling, as with a totally shorn llama, that one is getting a glimpse of what a llama body really looks like. In some of the male ccara classes, especially among the adults, there seemed to be animals with somewhat more wool, "intermedios." When we Americanos were distributing the ribbons to the winners, we were expected to fasten the ribbon to the llama's halter, at which point we found it very common for



**Bobra Teaching in Peru**

the handler to "ear" the llama so that we could attach the ribbon, although it seemed in most cases that this would really be unnecessary. Champion awards were either a banner to be draped over the back or a rosette on a ribbon to be hung around the neck. Often the owner of the animal would come down. Then big smiles were produced for the photographers, both Peruvian and American.

For me, during the first part of the morning, it was salutary to rest on a chair in the shade, quietly observing and only occasionally walking around the classes. I listened carefully as Dr. Franko gave the reasons for his choices, and since the subject matter was very familiar, it was gratifying to realize I could

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## Peru: Final (cont.)

really understand what he said quite well. Gradually I was feeling better and better.

Following the ccara llama classes came the chakkus-woolier llamas with a fair amount of body wool, some with hair coming out the ears and a bit on the face, but none had the heavy facial wool and pantaloons we now see in this country. One incident interested me particularly. From the first day I visited the lama pens I had noticed a young weanling-sized animal in with some alpacas. It puzzled me as it didn't look totally llama, yet it was clearly not pure alpaca either. I even asked one man I was talking with, and he said it was a llama. This animal appeared in the chakku class for its age group, which was a largish class. After Dr. Franko had selected some of the llamas and moved them forward into the front line for further consideration, he went to the microphone, and in a rather severe tone, exhorted all in attendance not to breed huarizos crosses between llamas and alpacas but to keep the llama pure. He even pointed out the young animal in the class and excused it from the ring then and there. It was clear that "huaris" had no place in a llama show in Peru, or certainly not in this show.

When the adult female chakku halter class entered the ring we saw something that ALSA does not allow in its shows in this country. The two mothers who had given birth yesterday were accompanied by their babies. There was an extra handler for each baby. The weak baby was carried by the handler while the class was asked to circle. During the line-up the stronger baby wanted to nurse, so its handler maneuvered it into position. It was encouraging to note that the weaker baby was now able to stand steadily on its feet. It stood quietly by its mother's side for a good 15 minutes. Since I now felt quite a bit better I was circulating at a distance behind the line-up to get a better view of conformation from the rear. I just happened to be watching as Dr. Franko approached the rear of the mother of the weak baby. He lifted her tail, and I was surprised to observe a good length of the umbilicus still hanging there—something else we Americans worried about until the next day, Sunday, when we learned that the mother had passed the placenta in the night. Having those two babies in the ring did not seem to disrupt anything. Of course they were both only a day old, but even the stronger one did not seem inclined to run about to investigate the world, as I suspect most of our babies would probably do.

By the time of the male chakku classes, some of the group members whose primary interest was alpacas, went to explore what else was going on at the Expo, but I wanted to see all the llama classes. In

the middle of the yearling class I felt a gentle tap on my shoulder and a friendly "Hello." I turned to find a smiling Jose from Lima and his wife Denise, who had been in the States visiting a daughter when I arrived. They had come for the banquet Mauricio was throwing tonight and for the closing ceremonies tomorrow. But my first thought was, "My passport?" Reading my mind perhaps, Jose casually reached into his shirt pocket and handed it to me. While I stashed it in my waist pack, I told him how the training was going and about the cart which looked so promising. Then I introduced him to Nico Paz, the breeder I had talked to, who seemed to me like a person Jose might enlist to help in his long-term project. As they fell to chatting, I turned my attention again to the show ring, where the adult males were just entering.

This was a good-sized class, and for the first time one of the animals seemed to be rather unruly. It was a large male who thought he would prefer returning to the pen area near the females, rather than circle about the ring. As usual, he was being led just by a rope at the base of his neck, and by an Indian handler, who was typically not very big, but was tough and very determined. For a short while I thought that llama would not be judged simply because he was charging around the outside of the circle and even nearly made an exit toward the pens. But eventually the handler prevailed and got the llama back to the ring in time to line up. Most of these llamas were good-sized with straight, sturdy legs. I only saw one whose back legs were a little cowhocked. Several, I thought, were the woolly-type that are most popular at home right now, though none of these animals were brushed out at all. The last class was a halter class for llamas who would be capable of packing a certain number of kilos (I've forgotten how many). These were mostly geldings, and quite large. The big appaloosa Carol Ballew and I had seen on the hillside took second in the class.

The plan for most of our group for the afternoon was to attend a luncheon and a high-powered fashion show put on by the alpaca fiber industry to present its new fabrics and styles to its international clientele. I was eagerly looking forward to introducing Tigre to the cart, but I was a bit anxious, wondering if I could explain well enough to Felipe the procedure we would use. Carol, who had been hearing reports of our progress to this point, kindly offered to forego the fashion show and help me and Felipe with the cart training. This was something of a relief, for I thought that if by chance anything did not go right, Carol would be there and understand what to do. After lunch at our hotel, Patricia, Mauricio's wife picked us up.

# ALPACA

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Most of us know this is the word used to name the big eyed, small, fuzzy member of the South American camelid cousin to the llama.

The Indians of South America have a legend that says "Pacha Mama" (earth goddess, earth mother or mother nature) sent the first ALPACA down from her mountain top to the Indians, for them to love and care for.

I've wondered for some time, why are they called alpaca?

Our guide, Carlos Valeochaga, on the trip to Peru in December of 1993, told us the Indians have few words in their language. For instance one word literally means "on his or her back." The usage could mean: sitting, leaning against a wall, lying down, in bed, ill or anything to do with the back.

With this limited language it is easy to understand how much influence the Spanish had on this culture. And since there is no written language yet located and deciphered, the Spanish language must be very dominant. Many of the Spanish invaders were probably not able to write. So what if the first Spaniard to see an alpaca and its herdsman said, "What is that?" The Andean replied "A gift from the goddess." The Spaniard tells his pals about this gentle animal and explains that the Andean said it was a gift from this mountain lady, who herself is gentle. Thus it becomes "a el pacata," meaning "of or from the gentle

female." When you say "a el" it sort of slurs together, and after many tellings "pacata" might have evolved into paca - so maybe it becomes A L P A C A.

Enough of fantasy.

Another word puzzle presented itself when we were in Peru. We visited two Maryknoll nuns in the village of Yanque. Mother Antonia, originally from the Bronx, has been there for 18 years, and still has some of the accent. Sister Sara (maybe Sarah) has been there 6 years. She is from a small village in India.

These two selfless ladies, with the help of four or five other women, feed about a thousand children every day, and for many, it is their only meal of the day.

Sister Sara told us she hoped someday to have an anthropologist or linguist investigate this puzzle: "Many of the Quechua words have the same pronunciation and the same meaning as words from my home in India."

It makes me wonder if the Nazca Lines ARE starship runways, and perhaps all the peoples of the world had the same base origin.

Maybe you know someone who might find this curiosity worth investigating, and Sister Sara's wish will be granted.

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## Hospitality Booth

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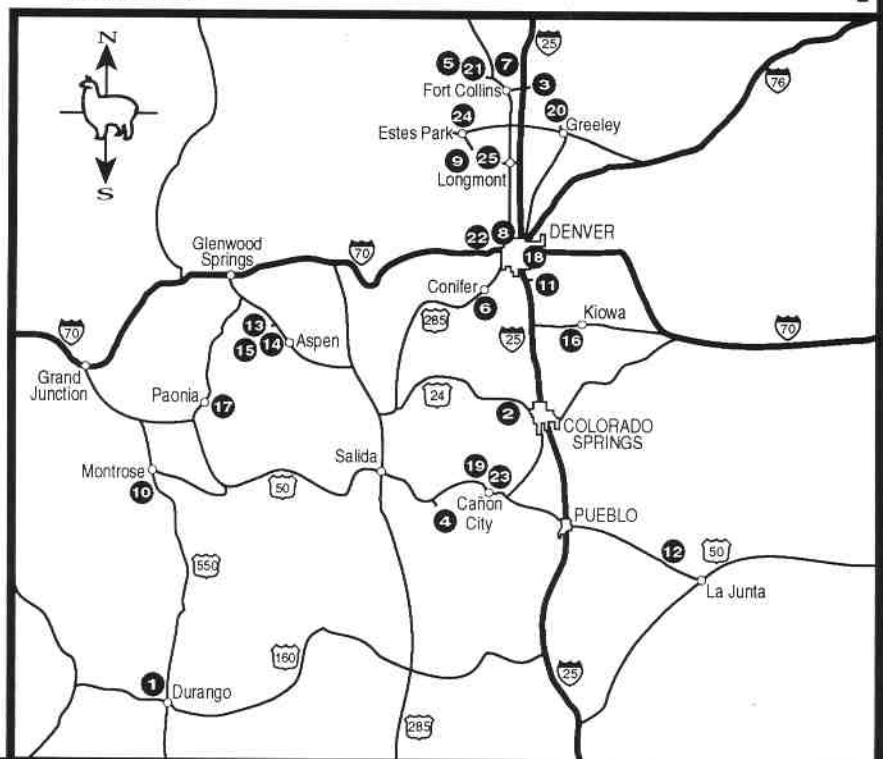
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# 13th Annual Fairplay Pack Llama Race

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It's about time! It's about space. It's about another llama race! Oh, I know, this sounds crazy. So what. I always get this way right before the Granddaddy of them all, the Fairplay Pack Llama Race!

This is the 13th year for this race ... our lucky year ... at least maybe for you! It's time you get your llama into shape. Or do you need to get off that couch ... quit eating all those chips ... get out that llama (who's in better shape than you) and go to work! Don't give us those excuses ... we've heard them all (in fact, I used them all), too fat (I haven't used that one), too slow, too old, too much of a klutz (my favorite and most people believe it) or it's too hard. Come on. It's just a 3 mile course...at 2 miles high. You don't have to run. You can jog...walk ... crawl ... who cares. Sure, there are some small rocks to go over ... well ok, some big rocks ... would you believe some boulders in the course. And you might get your feet wet ... and your legs ... and your butt. Bring your water wings just in case. And there are some jumps (no ladders allowed). There's willow jungle. Don't worry, it's well marked, but if you see runner 351, please help him find his way out. He's been there since last year. Only one other thing to worry about. The hill. The big hill, The B I G hill known as Killer Hill. I don't know who named it but...you know what I'm saying if you've been there before.

Now you know (?) you want to come have fun with us. But what Division? The Walkers? A great way to start a Fairplay tradition. This way you can learn about the course. No 30 lb. pack needed for the llama, just you (I'm kidding, no pack for either llama or human) and you get a neat T-shirt. How about the Amateur Division? Just 2 blocks longer and you start without a pack. And you get to rest after 2 blocks ... while you put a 30 pound pack on your llama. Then you're off, in more ways than one. The finish is only 3 miles away. There are 5 men's age classes and 5 women's age classes in the Amateur Division. Plus overall Men's winner and Women's winner. And finally, there's the Pro Division. Same

as the Amateur, without the age classes. Just the top 3 Women's and Men's places. The first place winners get a \$50 gift certificate. The Pros run for all this and for the pride, the glory, the pain, and to see the butt of Clancy leading the race (Bill Redwood's running llama). If you're going for the Triple Crown of Llama Racing, the Pro Division is the one to run in.

After it's all finished (the 3 mile race, not your body), there's Llama Lunacy: the kid's portion of our event. The youth obstacle course is right by the finish line on Front St. This is a free event for kids 17 and younger with 6 places awarded in 3 age classes. There's only problem with this group: even if they would let me participate, I could never win against them.

For a place to stay? How about the Fairplay Hotel or the Hand Hotel or the Western Inn? The only problem? They don't allow llamas in your room. Darn! How about at Beaver Creek, the llama camp? We'll take llamas...and dogs ... and tents ... and even people, that is if you don't snore too loud. Beaver Creek is just North and East of Fairplay a few miles on a good back road. Large meadow to picket your llama(s) and great places to put your tent. To find Beaver Creek just follow the signs "Llama Camp" (simple right?) located just North of the City Park in Fairplay on Hwy. 9. We'll be open both Friday and Saturday nights. Cost? One smile per person.

If you get bored with llama things to do (you better not), there's always something else going on like food and craft booths in the park, the mountain man camp, lots of fun stores to visit, gun fights, and other shows, plus they say there might be a burro race on Sunday. Well, if they have to. But the fun thing on Sunday is the parade.

So stay in town the whole weekend, stay in the llama camp, play with the llamas, do a parade, visit the booths (with your llama) and "pig out"...or should we say "llama out."

## For more information about the 13th Annual Fairplay Pack Llama Race and Events:

Dee or Karla Goodman

P.O. Box 542

Akron, CO 80720

970-345-6632 phone or 970-345-2927 phone/fax

We hope to see you in Fairplay Colorado July 29th and 30th!

**The Schedule for Fairplay is on page 19.**

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# *Schedule of Events for Fairplay Race*

## **Friday, July 28th**

All Day and Night..... Llama Camp, Beaver Creek

## **Saturday, July 29th**

8:30am to 11:00am..... Registration, \$15 per llama, Front St. (Hand Hotel)

11:25 a.m..... Racers Meeting (Both Participants and Handers)

11:45 a.m..... Pro/Amateur runner's packs in place

High Noon..... The cannon sounds, Pro/Amateurs OFF!

12:10 p.m..... The Walkers START

1:30 p.m..... Kids Obstacle Course sign-up

2:00 p.m..... Kids Start

2:15 p.m..... Awards for the racers

3:00 p.m..... Awards for the kids

Day and Night ..... Llama Camp, Beaver Creek

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By Kate Booth-Doyle • La Garita Llamas • Del Norte, Colorado • 719-754-3345

To make a friend, we know the approach is most important. First impressions. To befriend a llama, the approach is all important. I have heard it said that elephants never forget. Llamas never forget, and occasionally, they actually forgive.

To begin, one must let go of any predetermined ideas about first meetings ... or five hundred meetings. Each day is new. Each meeting is contingent on the moment with the particular llama. Ask yourself, "Do I greet everyone the same way?"

Look away. Find a focus under the dark ledge far into the shadows of Ponderosa Pine or among the steep canyon walls. You know where you are, right? Stand quietly and breathe into yellow flowers pushing their way into sunlight on the cinquefoil bush. The bush under the ledge where the chipmunks party at night when the moon is full. Stand quietly and breathe as if your only avocation were just that, standing and breathing. Have you ever heard flute songs of the Inca? Canciones of the high plains cut clear and concise as Patagonia? Can you hear them sail on the cold winds of stone and sky? Yes. You are ready for the next step.

As you enter the dreamtime of the present moment, with the extreme casual manner of Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn, your eyes refocus hazily on the fuzz of guard hairs hanging, loose threads from the llamas coat. Begin to hummm as if Sigmund Freud were your voice coach. Take one step toward the distant ledge coveting the cinquefoil and hummmm. Hummm. Hummm. Ease your focus to the length of amazing muscles along your llama's neck. See the strength deep within this long neck. Yes. Your time has come to look at the llama's face. He may be waiting for your gaze to shift to those dreamy eyes coveted by saints. Do not be alarmed to see him staring directly into your eyes as he is well practiced at staring at almost anything without shame or chagrin.

Sit down. Look at the distant ledge and be silent. The llama may begin nibbling delicately at tufts of grass with Camelid nonchalance. He may walk away. Consider yourself on first name basis at this point. Nothing more.

## ***Dear Editors:***

### ***Re: Leasing Llamas, RMLA Newsletter, March 1995***

by Jim McConaghy • Antero Llamas • Salida, Colorado • 719-539-6405

We have been leasing llamas for five years in the San Isabel and adjacent National Forests in Colorado. We therefore read Stan Ebel's article in the March issue of the Newsletter with great interest. As the acknowledged master of pack llama leasing, he has passed on an excellent summary of points to consider for anyone planning to lease llamas.

There is one statement that, at least in our experience, must be questioned. Stan states in reference to permits, "If you only lease llamas they (permits) should not be required." At least in the San Isabel National Forest this is not true. We have been required to obtain a United States Forest Service Special Use Permit, and carry liability insurance as an outfitter. We do offer transportation to trailheads now,

but the Salida District USFS Office has told us that even if we did not, a permit would be required. I would suggest that those contemplating getting into this business check with the appropriate Forest Service District Office for the area they plan to operate in as a first step in developing their business plan. The permit application deadline for us this year was February 1.

The good news for all is that in the recent draft recreation capacity and allocation analysis for the San Isabel and Pike National Forests, availability of pack llamas for use by the public was singled out in the recommendations as an unmet need. This statement should facilitate approval of special use permit applications for llama leasing.

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# Naval Treatment for Newborn Crias

by Rob Ferris • Tumble Creek Ranch • Buena Vista, Colorado • 719-395-2372

Last summer a beautiful black and white male cria born on our ranch died at five days old. Our vet performed a necropsy and determined that the umbilical had not sealed properly and urine in the body cavity had caused septicemia which proved fatal. After reading in a horse magazine of a study done on hundreds of newborn foals whose navels had been treated with various disinfectants, including 7% iodine, I had a strong suspicion that the iodine treatment which we had used on our cria had the same result as reported in the study of horses, causing the navel to dry, too rapidly, so that infection entered the umbilical.

Our vet concurred that the symptoms which caused the death were the same as those reported in the study to have been caused by the use of 7% iodine on the navels of the foals. Since that time, I have read articles in Llama Life (p.14, Spring '95) and Llamas Magazine (p.14, June '94) by Murray Fowler, DVM referencing the study on foals and its applicability to

llama crias, and I have become convinced that the use of 7% iodine for treating navels is potentially harmful to crias.

The most acceptable substitute for iodine, according to the study, is Nolvasin used at a 0.5% dilution. Not only is the Nolvasin safer, but it is more effective in killing harmful bacteria than iodine of any strength. The diluted Nolvasin solution should be kept in a dark bottle and any unused solution should be discarded after two weeks. A 4% Nolvasin Treat Dip Concentrate is available from most Vet catalogues at the cost of about \$10/pint, or you can get it from your own vet. One-quarter of the 4% concentrate placed in a pint jar which is then filled with water will produce the recommended 0.5% solution. For more information on this important new development I urge all llama breeders to read Dr. Fowler's article mentioned above and to familiarize your own veterinarian with the results of the study of the various navel treatments on which the article is based.

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## Nominations

It is that time again! Time to think about that special person you know who would enjoy being a part of the day to day functions of RMLA.

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Dee Goodman needs a little time off. He has managed most of these events single-handedly during the past several years. We thank Dee for all of his time and energy.

Hopefully, these events will not go by the way-side because there is not a volunteer to help.

If you are interested in this Very Important Position, please give me, or another Board member, a call as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
Lougene Baird, 303-688-1887

## News From NM

by Mary Summers

"April showers" are sweeping across New Mexico in the form of white fluff and it's not the blooms on the cherry tree which have stubbornly hung on through five waves of blizzards. Grey curtains of virga highlighted by a peachy glow fill the sky over Rainbow Valley as the sun sinks behind the volcanic plug on the horizon. Such is the tapestry of colors enjoyed in the "Land of Enchantment". Lucky llamas!

## NM Llama Lovers

New Mexico Llama Lovers has already had one Spring luncheon meeting and two meetings for sharing ideas. Members of the group ushered in Spring with a hike along the Rio Grande "bosque" with numerous llamas, alpacas and children in tow. At times, it was questionable as to who was "towing" whom. The ancient cottonwoods had not yet leafed out so we all were able to observe a porcupine 40 feet up in a tree where it fortunately remained during the day.

## RMLA Annual Business Meeting

Mark your calendar and plan to be there! Your presence is important.

October 7, 1995, somewhere (!) in the Denver area. The time and place will be announced in following Newsletters, but we hope you will mark your calendar TODAY!

# Get Packin' with the RMLA Library!

by Kristin Baird • Plum Valley Llamas • Sedalia, Colorado • 303-688-1887


As the spring leaves burst and the mountains start to get green, most of us begin to yearn to get out there and start packing with our llamas. Where is the best place to get books that will help you get your llamas (and yourself!) ready to head out? The RMLA Library, of course! Here are just a few books you will want to check out!

If you have not yet spent time on the CT, *The Official Guide Book of The Colorado Trail* by Randy Jacobs will give you a definite overview of what to expect. I found that one of the most useful aspects of this book is that an entire section is devoted to describing the twenty-eight segments of the Trail. Along with these brief but accurate descriptions are information on trail heads and access points; services, accommodations, and supply points; and which maps to use from the USGS, USFS, and CT. Also in the guide book are chapters on the history of the trail, what flora and fauna there are to see, and a great geology section. The RMLA Library also has all of the Colorado Trail maps available to help you plan your trip. These maps differ from USGS and USFS maps in that they show the Colorado Trail clearly marked in vivid red, in conjunction with the twenty-eight segments. When you request the guide book and maps, ask Sharon to send along the Colorado Trail folder. Inside you will find nice photographs with dried wildflowers and pressed leaves representing plants along the way.

So, are you ready to go? A great book for beginning llama packers is *Llamas on the Trail* by David Harmon and Amy S. Rubin. This book covers all the basics from what llamas are, how to feed and care for them, and their traits to selecting and training your pack llama and getting on the trail. The majority of this book is dedicated to trail life, such as trail etiquette, llama first aid, and (my favorite!) the backcountry kitchen. There are also samples of sales contracts and llama bills of sales. If you are someone like me - who gets ten miles down the road and then remembers what you forgot - you will especially appreciate the pre-departure checklist.

Another wonderful get-you-going book is Stanlynn Daugherty's long time favorite, *Packing with Llamas*. As Ms. Daugherty writes in her preface, "Admittedly there are many styles of training and packing llamas...I do not believe there are any absolutes when dealing with a creature as unique as the llama." With the help of this book, you will have more ways to train, more information on traits to consider when buying your pack llama, different ideas on how to feed and house your camelid pals, and more ways to live when you are on the trail. This book gives you a clear idea of what kind of gear to buy, from tents and sleeping bags to cooking equipment and llama packs. This is a delightful book to read - not only is it a practical training tool, but the llama anecdotes provide great laughs!

Summer is just around the corner. Check out what the RMLA Library has to offer, then pack up and head out for fun on the trail!



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## Peru: Final (cont.)

I was pleased to see that the cart, painted shiny black, had been parked in the back lawn area where the llamas grazed. This was a help as Tigre would already have encountered the cart and be accustomed to its presence. We brushed Tigre and Felipe put his harness on. I was pleased to note that Tigre seemed quite cheerful after his one day off from training. While we were still in the back yard area I raised the shafts of the cart and wheeled it around and had Felipe lead Tigre next to it. He showed no concern at all, which meant we could proceed to the actual introduction.

We took Tigre and the cart to the front door and had to open the larger doors to get the cart out. Blanco wanted to follow us, but Carol dissuaded him. Once out on the street, I had Felipe pull the cart while I led Tigre directly behind it until we came to the wide dirt road we had used for training before. After we had turned the corner and were away from possible traffic, I led Tigre close alongside the cart. He seemed perfectly at ease. Next we turned the cart around facing Tigre. While I held the shafts up I had Felipe lead Tigre between the shafts, facing the body of the cart. In this position we moved him forward while I pushed the cart in front of him. He was perfectly calm. After a very short distance in this position, we stopped. I raised the shafts, pushing the cart away from him and then brought it around behind him. He stood still while I lowered the shafts on either side of his body. Tigre was being so good that we didn't actually need Carol's help, so she busied herself taking video of the operation.

I motioned to Felipe to walk Tigre forward while I pulled the cart by one shaft. When we were moving smoothly at a walk, I transferred the weight of the shaft to the harness by grasping the tug and the shaft with the same hand. Tigre accepted this easily. After some distance I indicated to Felipe to make a broad turn in the road so that Tigre would feel the shafts against his sides. I was prepared to raise the shafts if he felt nervous about their touch on his sides. He wasn't-after all, he was a pack llama and used to having equipment against his body. We made several turns, to both sides, and it was clear that Tigre was already beginning to learn what driving llamas must do: move forward and to the side while not twisting the body between the shafts.

It was time to slip the shafts into the tugs, which was quickly done. More work walking straight along the road and then making turns-no problems. I called a halt, put the shafts through both the tugs and the hold-down straps and attached the traces. The cart was so light that I went behind it and pulled back on it so that Tigre could feel the pull on his chest. Unlike

horses, llamas never seem to be upset by this, and Tigre was no exception. I pulled back lightly on the cart while Tigre walked forward. He was being wonderfully aware of all the new things but not in the least upset, just accepting. The next thing was to attach the breeching and let him feel that pushing against his rear, as it would be when he was going down hill or stopping. To this, too, Tigre made no objection.

With all this accomplished, it was time to ride in the cart. With Felipe leading Tigre and Carol videotaping, I slipped smoothly onto the cart's seat. We went further along the road and a truck came along in the opposite direction, slowed down and gawked at us in astonishment. When we came to the point where we had to turn around, Tigre accomplished a neat, tighter turn than we had made before. Now I thought it was time for Felipe to take a ride, so we exchanged places. I made Tigre jog a little distance. He seemed more at ease than Felipe. It was time to take him home after a lesson well accomplished. Since Felipe would be doing most of the handling henceforth, we switched places again and Carol joined me in the cart for the ride home.

I had intended to stop when we came to the end of the dirt road and remove the cart for the rest of the way on the main road. But when we came to that point, Tigre was so calm and relaxed that Carol and I just sat there and rode in the cart all the way to Mauricio's door. It was clear that I would not have to give him a second lesson in the morning, and I felt that he would be fresher and demonstrate the cart just fine Sunday afternoon without extra work in the morning.

After we brushed Tigre and turned him loose, Patricia brought us refreshments, coke, some fresh apples and a special kind of citrus fruit called a "lima." She insisted that she would give Carol and me a ride home, but we said we could perfectly well walk to the hotel, which we did. When the rest of the group returned from the fashion show they said it was interesting, but some said they felt a little out of place in their casual clothes while all the other guests were modishly dressed, being part of the high fashion world.

Our dinner that night was a banquet Mauricio had arranged at our hotel. This suited me fine, as so far, I had found the food there more to my taste than anything else we had had, and by the end of the day, although I had eaten almost nothing, I was feeling a lot better. Carlos told us that the rest of the guests were all the VIPs from Arequipa. Jose and Denise were seated opposite Carol and me during dinner, and it was easy to talk with them, as their English is fluent.

*Continued on page 30*



# Camp Quality, June 13, 1995

by Judy Sealy • Grand Valley Llamas • Grand Junction, Colorado • 970-241-7921

The morning of Tuesday, June 13th has been requested by Camp Quality USA, a non-profit, volunteer organization providing a camping experience and a year around support system of caring for children with cancer and their families. Please bring your llama

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 to see you join us! Please call for details and directions.

## 1995 Celebration Llama Sale

by Jo Riley • Boulder Ridge Ranch • Lyons, Colorado • 303-823-5409

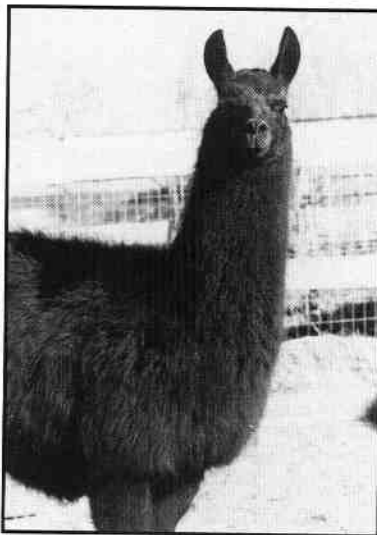
The Celebrity Sale was a very happy occasion this year. The prices for llamas were up dramatically. The sale was well attended and I feel a major reason was the Futurity Show which was held after the show. Many people brought animals for the Show and attended the sale.

I had not attended a Celebrity Sale in 4 years and was pleased with the difference. All during the sale Tom Simmons, the announcer, described the llamas as being a "great show llama" or "having a long neck." I feel that ALSA is having a very positive effect on the prices llamas bring at an auction. People

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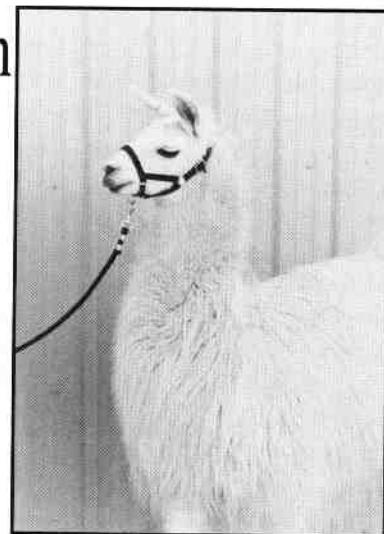
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# Practical Feed Bunks

by Nick Wamsley • Golden, Colorado



This past fall I was asked by my friend Jerry Dunn, to build 6 standing feeding boxes or "feed bunks" for her llamas. I started with materials that had been salvaged by a neighbor from a construction site. The selection was limited but I was able to construct one bunk. Jerry and I examined the product and came up with a few improvements in the design. From this first prototype I was able to estimate the amount of lumber I would need for the remaining five bunks.

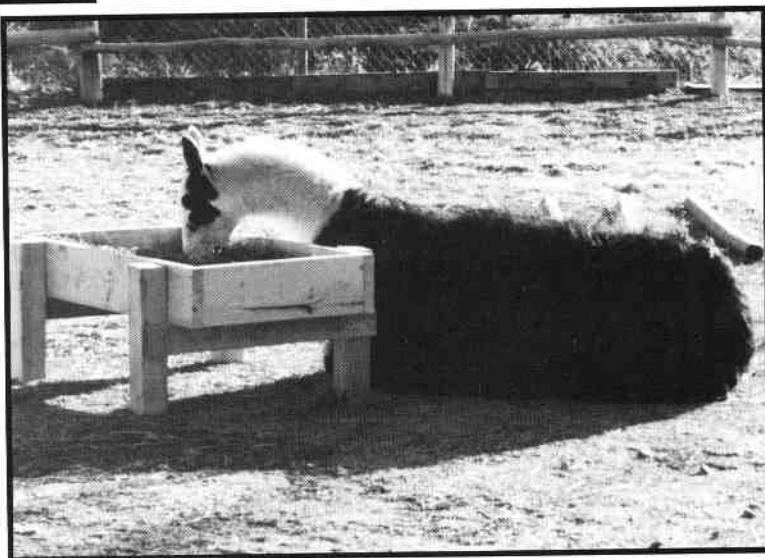
The trip to the lumber yard was next in order to find the needed materials. Finding enough straight lumber for the project was time consuming and difficult. Trees appear straight in the forest until man starts to saw them up into boards!

After the lumber selection I had to come up with a time line for completion. I had to work after school each day, which drifted into twilight hours in January. The temperature made my fingers stiff and affected my coordination at times. I cut the electrical chord to the circular saw in two pieces, I twisted the heads off numerous screws, tore up a couple

of screw drill bits, and burned up a drill. As time progressed I got better and learned new little tricks to make the building process better and more efficient.

To build these feed bunks I used 18" long 4 x 4's for the legs. I connected two legs together with a 32" 2 x 4. This made it easier to put the box on the legs later. I made the box out of two 4' long 2 x 8's and two 21" 2 x 8's. I slid the box between the 4 x 4's, making sure they were square, and screwed them into place. When all of the legs were in place, I used 2 x 6's for the floor of the box. I screwed my 2 x 6's to the 32" cross member that holds the legs together. The estimated cost per bunk was about \$30, excluding the minor repairs.

I think the reason this project worked out so well was because I knew what I could do with the wood and Jerry knew what the llamas' needs were. The beneficial part of this experience was having the patience and flexibility, to accept suggestions and changes in the design. It also feels good to see the bunks in use by the llamas.



**Editor's Note:** Nick Wamsley is a high school student at Jefferson County Open School and frequently a show manager for the Bear Track Farm. Nick was able to propose this project for a Practical Skills Passage to meet a portion of his high school graduation requirements. Thanks to the support and encouragement of his advisor, Jeff Bogard, who helped this project to completion.

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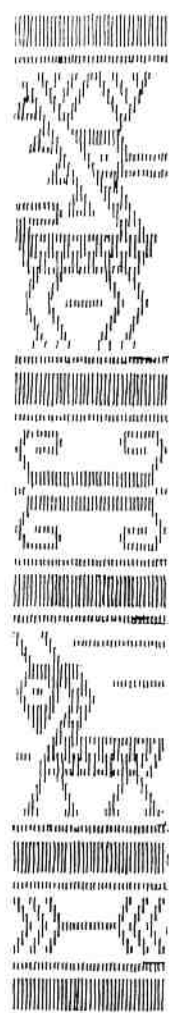
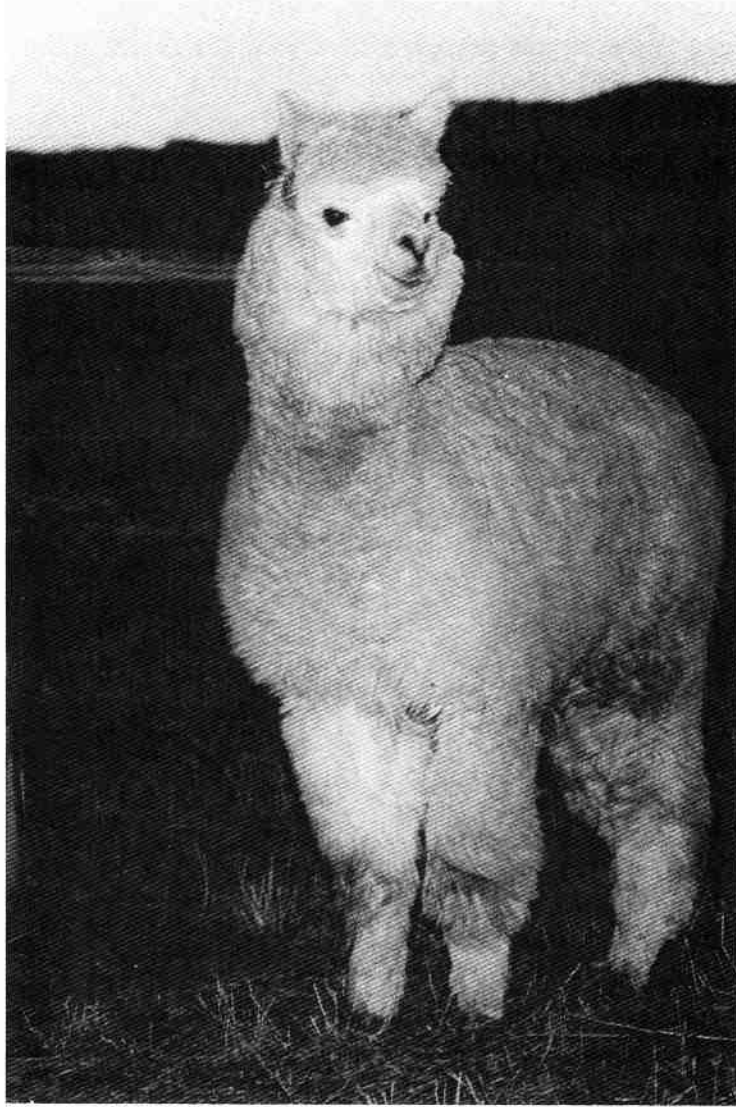
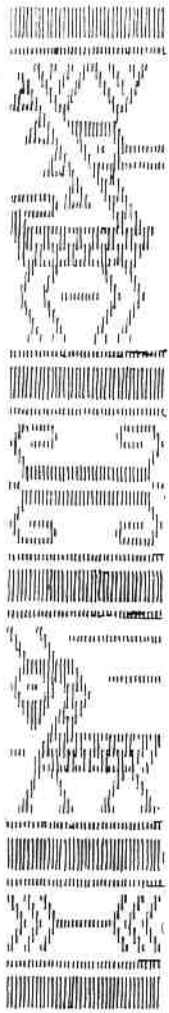
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## Peru: Final (cont.)

Sunday morning, we were treated to a visit to a centuries old water mill for grinding grain. It lay outside the city, beyond Mauricio's house, so we saw more of the countryside, farming practices and animals. As we drove along, I was again struck by how docile all the animals were that we saw being driven along the sides of the road. And I began to surmise that one reason for this docility might be that these animals, at least in this region, are all managed and controlled from the time they are young. They are corralled at night, driven to fields where they are tied out to graze during the day, and returned home at night. Bovines who had no horns to be tied by were tethered by a back leg. Goats wore collars. Later during our travels in other regions we saw animals grazing free in pastures but had no chance to see if they were as docile.

At one point Carlos pointed out a great big bull staked in a field and told us he was one of the fighting bulls used in the bullfights they have here. This, it seems, is a totally different kind of bullfight from those in Spain and Mexico, which pit bull against human, who becomes the hero by killing the bull. In the bullfights in Peru, no bulls are killed. Instead, two bulls are pitted against each other, and when one gives up and retreats, the other is declared the winner. There were bullfights scheduled after the Closing Ceremony, but most of us felt disinclined to watch such an activity. As it turned out, curiosity got the better of us for a short time. The amusing thing was that when the first two bulls, obviously neophytes, were turned loose in the arena together, they ignored each other for some time. Finally their handlers went out, walked right up to what was supposed to be a fierce bull, and patted it on the face and waved at it, encouraging it to pay attention to the proposed rival. After a couple of these efforts, one of the bulls did paw dirt into the air and eventually they had a few skirmishes. There were human judges in the arena, and I wondered if the bulls earned points for showing signs of aggression, bellowing, pawing the ground, rushing at the rival, pushing the opponent backwards, or whatever. We never learned any of these details, but later there was news that one of the judges was injured by a bull and taken to the hospital.

Marcos delivered us to the Expo grounds before noon, and I began watching for Mauricio to arrive with Tigre and the cart. After a lunch snack with Jose and Denise, I found Felipe, who took me to where Tigre was tied to one of the pens. The cart was parked by the office. The ceremony was to take place on the big grassy arena, and elaborate preparations were already well under way. Opposite the bleachers built into the hillside there was a huge grandstand, with

many flags blowing and loudspeakers blasting forth music. Laid out on tables there were huge, shiny trophies, many nearly two feet tall.

I decided to bring Tigre to the arena to see if anything made him nervous there. I just walked him in his halter along the east side where the flags were flapping in a brisk breeze and the loudspeakers were blaring. This was the first time I found him fearful of anything except for the big tarp I had taught him to walk on a few days ago. He walked with me willingly enough, and whenever he saw something that bothered him we stopped and I would stroke him on the neck, talking and reassuring him. At first it was the snapping flags, and the noise, then it was the glitter of the display of the trophies, but in each case he quickly overcame his nervousness and by the time we reached the far end of the arena, he was quite relaxed. We returned along the opposite side in front of the bleachers with no hesitations. Tigre seemed to have taken in the strange sights and now felt at ease and I felt sure he would be comfortable with his cart in this situation. Later I was quite flattered, and surprised, when Julio Sumar, who had apparently watched this proceeding, said to me "That was beautiful, beautiful!" "What was beautiful?" I replied. "How that llama was walking together with you." I was surprised at his reaction because Julio has spent a lot of time in the US, and I would have thought he knew how we teach all our llamas to lead like this.

By the time of the commencement of the Ceremony a lot of important government VIP's had arrived and the bleachers were filled with spectators. The idea of the Closing Ceremony is a nice one I have never seen at a state or county fair in the U.S. The idea is that all the champion and reserve champion winners of every species are brought into the arena to receive their trophies. While they had already received their ribbons during the judging, the fine trophies are distributed at the final ceremony. The various breeds of cattle, sheep, horses, police dogs, alpacas, and llamas, were all presented in turn. Even the champion guinea pigs were set on tables with their ribbons laid over their backs. The Peruvian Passo horses were ridden into the arena as a group, and after their trophies were given out, the riders put on an informal display. They circled the arena in their horses' unique fast gait, first in single file, then in pairs, threes, fours, and finished by passing all abreast from one end of the arena to the other, where they exited. It was quite a pretty sight.

Felipe had brought our cart to the end of the arena nearest the llama pens. Before the alpacas and llamas were called, we put on Tigre's harness and

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## Research Committee (cont.)

### Regulatory Requirement for Transportation

The second item deserving of our attention is the interstate requirement that animals that have been tested for tuberculosis and/or brucellosis be permanently identified. Some concern has been raised that the only way to accomplish this is through the use of ear tags. This would, in the marketplace, have serious implications for the market value of llamas. While holiness may be a virtue, holie llama ears are not considered virtuous by most people.

The matter of ear tagging or alternative methods of identification such as microchipping or tattooing for permanent interstate transportation is being investigated at present.

A model regulation of interstate transport of llamas, and its supporting documents, was approved as a resolution by the Committee on Infectious diseases of cattle, bison and llamas of the USAHA. It subsequently was endorsed by the executive committee of the USAHA in November, 1994. This *may* ultimately provide us the answer to this potentially perplexing item, but we are conducting further investigation in this regard.

The model basic regulation states that a llama transported or otherwise moved into a state must be accompanied by an official health certificate, issued by the state of origin, which must be attached to the waybill for the llama or be in the possession of the driver of the vehicle. One or more animals may be included on the same certificate.

Such certificate shall identify each llama to be moved into this state. Individual identification may include color markings, ear tags, tattoos or microchip implant numbers carried by the animal. In addition, the age, sex and registration number, if any, shall be recorded.

Individual identification may be exempted provided the animals are accompanied by: a certificate of veterinary inspection with a general description, a photograph of each animal to be transported, and a notarized letter which verifies the animals being transported are those included on the certificate of veterinary inspection and the photographs.

We are continuing research into this matter and will have more to report in later issues. Meanwhile, it may be wise to begin preparing for some form of identification if you are planning trips outside your home state. Such identification would be a wise idea even if it were not for the possible regulatory requirement.

### Good News on the Marketing Front

Results of a 1992 questionnaire sent RMLA members indicated that a majority supported the concept of expending some research funds on market research. To date, a formal program has not been formulated in this regard. But, whenever I have the opportunity to talk with llama people in other parts of the country, I take the time to inquire how they perceive the market for llamas to be in their area. This is proving an effective and inexpensive method to get the drift of the market and marketing ideas elsewhere.

In recent weeks, people on both the east and west coasts have indicated their llama markets are stronger than they have been in years.

In the northwest, "pet" quality and pack animals' prices have risen over the past several months. Pack animals in particular are in short supply, especially those with adequate training. One party was even willing to travel to Colorado to pick up a packer. Also in the northwest, prices of desirable stud males are reported to be as good as breeding females. In the east, youth programs, particularly those of 4-H and ALSA, seem to be taking numerous males off the market entirely.

Shows, and exhibition of animals in shows, have been uniformly named by these respondents as the primary impetus to their strengthening regional markets. They say that shows are drawing attention and have been the best way to attract new buyers to the market. Most have said they intend to increase their show participation as a method to increase the marketing and promotion of their animals.



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## Peru: Final (con't)

cart amidst many curious onlookers. The red halter and harness pads were intended to suggest the colors of Peru's flag, red and white. Tigre was patience itself. The line-up of alpacas and llamas was impressive, and they were all very well behaved. It looked as if a bond had grown between some of the handlers and their animals during the days of the show, for I saw many of them standing beside their animal with one hand around the base of the neck or stroking them, which is not their usual mode of operation.

After presentation of the lama trophies, the first demonstration ever in Peru of a llama pulling a cart was announced. With Jose and Mauricio in the cart, Felipe leading Tigre, and with me on his other side for possible support, we circled the arena and stopped in front of the bleachers where our passengers got out. At the same time the fashion models, male and female, came forward to model the latest in high-fashion alpaca wool garments—all very modern in bright colors and style. At Mauricio's invitation, the tallest, most striking of the models stepped up into the cart, flung her scarf back over her shoulder and posed herself flamboyantly on the seat with arms extended

and one long leg propped on the front of the dash board. Tigre was unflappable. With this new passenger we made another tour of the arena to the applause of the crowd and flashing cameras.

When the ceremony was over, Jose and I, with Denise alongside, had our picture taken with Felipe at Tigre's head. Then we unharnessed him, still in a circle of onlookers, and Felipe led him back toward the llama pens. I didn't see either of them again until the next week, when, after watching Andean condors soaring in the Colca Canyon, we were invited to an ample outdoor picnic at Mauricio's farm in the canyon. There were Tigre and Blanco among Mauricio's other llamas in their home pasture, and Felipe, a regular farm hand there.

***Editor's Note:** I want to thank Bobra for all the time she has given in writing this wonderful article. I hope everyone has enjoyed it as much as I have. I must say, I have had more response to Bobra's Peru article than any other article I have ever run.*

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# Colorado Offers a New Twist to Ranching

by Robbie Guidry • Cottonwood Farm Llamas & Alpacas • Ft. Collins, CO • 970-482-0350

Alpaca Breeders of Colorado began in the spring of 1994 when a few enthusiastic ranchers agreed that there was a need to come together to consolidate their marketing resources, to enrich their knowledge and understanding of fiber, and to inform others about the joys and rewards of alpaca ownership. Soon their numbers had grown to twenty ranches, while the group continued to grow. To date there are twenty four ranches involved, with frequent requests for new memberships.

The fledgling group began by creating a breeder's directory with a state map. Three thousand copies were printed in time for the 1994 Estes Park Wool Market. By the end of the association's first summer, committees emerged to research expanded advertising possibilities, to create banners, logos and ad layouts, to organize information on regional fairs, and to explore the possibilities of sponsoring an alpaca event.

In February of this year the ardent Colorado group met to hammer out a set of by laws and elect a slate of officers:

**President:** Robie Guidry, Cottonwood Farm Llamas and Alpacas, Ft. Collins

**Vice President:** Ron Hinds, Serendipity Farm Llamas and Alpacas, Parker

**Secretary:** Susan Leonard, Lionheart Alpacas, Kiowa

**Treasurer:** Barbara Hance, Hance Ranch, Wheat Ridge

In addition to the continuation of a breeders directory, plans are in the works for an advertising campaign targeted to fellow lama breeders, fiber enthusiasts, livestock breeders, and those who may consider alpacas a strong investment potential. Within the organization, a newsletter is emerging which will allow the members to advertise their livestock and communicate association news. With four meetings a year slated, the group is off to a strong beginning. The ALPACA BREEDERS OF COLORADO will have a booth in the alpaca tent at the Estes Park Wool Market in June. For more information on the association and a state directory of breeders, please contact Robbie Guidry at 303-482-0350.

## Calendar of Events (cont.)

### August 18-19: Illinois State Fair Llama Show; Springfield, Illinois

ALSA APPROVED LLAMA SHOW. Qualify for the Eastern Regional Championship Show. For more information and entry forms, phone 217-782-0786, or write: Illinois State Fair Entry Department, P. O. Box 19427, Springfield, IL 62794. Entries close July 1, 1995. Arrange now to bring your llamas to the fair!

### August 26: Nebraska State Fair Llama Show; Lincoln, Nebraska

ALSA APPROVED LLAMA SHOW with Hank Kauffman as Judge. Registration is August 25th. For more information, call Harold Roper, 402-466-3997.

### October 7: RMLA Annual Business Meeting; Denver, Colorado

Plan now to attend. Participate in the election of Officers and discussions about the future of your organization. Exact location and time to be announced in the next Newsletter.

### October 14-15: Firecracker Fall Edition '95; Reno, Nevada

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## Notes from Past RMLA Newsletters

- January: 1989 Llama Show at the National Western Stock Show will be an ALSA approved show run under the guidelines of ALSA.
- Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association voted to close the alpaca registry on March 30, 1989. This is being done with the cooperation of ILR.
- March: Wyoming Llama Owners Association was formed to assist Wyoming llama owners by providing marketing information, etc.
- May 20: "Love a Llama Day" was held in conjunction with the Sheridan Recreation District and Wyoming Special Olympics State Meet.
- ILA brochures #7 and #8 on Herd Management and Birthing were published.
- June 2-4: Third Annual Pack Llama Festival, Durango/Cortez, Colorado. Hosts: Redwood and Hackbarth.
- June 14-17: ILA Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah. Participation by RMLA members was outstanding. They presented a seminar on llamas' packing ability. Two RMLA members were elected to the ILA Board of Directors: Cutler Umbach and Bob Russell.
- The Antigua story on llamas surfaced. Everyone is very upset over the treatment of llamas there.
- July 8-9: Fourth Annual Chama Llama Race, Chama, New Mexico.
- July 29: Fairplay Llama Pack Race and Performance Festival, Fairplay, Colorado.
- July: New format for Newsletter by Merilee Lube.
- August 5-6: Fifth Annual Wind River Llama Rendezvous. This is the final year for the Rendezvous.
- A book was offered to the llama industry. "A Guide to Llama Health Care", by Dr. Clare Hoffman and Ingrid Asmus, was sponsored by RMLA Executive Officers and several breeders.
- An Oklahoma State University Extension veterinarian and toxicology specialist stated that a toxin identified in both whole cottonseed and cottonseed meal is dangerous to ruminants that haven't fully developed a functioning rumen. Young sheep and calves are affected and llamas could also be affected.
- September 9: Llamathon Challenge Trek '89, La Plata mountains, Mancos, Colorado. Challengers: Vagabond Llamas, Redwood Llamas, Four Seasons Llamas.
- September 28-October 1: RMLA Conference, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Hosted by Peter Nichols and Scott Welles. A llama rode in the Steamboat Springs gondola, along with conference attendees, to a lunch site on top of the mountain. New officers are: President, Scott Welles; President-elect, Charlie Hackbarth; Vice President, Mary Beth Hartsough; Secretary, Judith Lawson; Treasurer, Jerry Boudreaux.
- The RMLA Library has an extensive collection of books, videos, papers, etc., on many subjects. Chris Switzer has done a professional job as librarian.
- The Youth and 4-H committee is working on a 4-H Manual.
- November Newsletter contained an excellent article by Susan Frye, "Death of a Friend - Grief, Choices and Decisions".
- The Weston K. Mauz, Jr. Memorial Fund was established to support youth activities and scholarships.
- Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont, Colorado will be the site of the 1990 RMLA Conference. Donna Glode is Chairman.



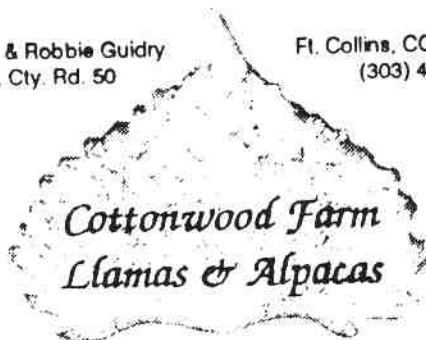
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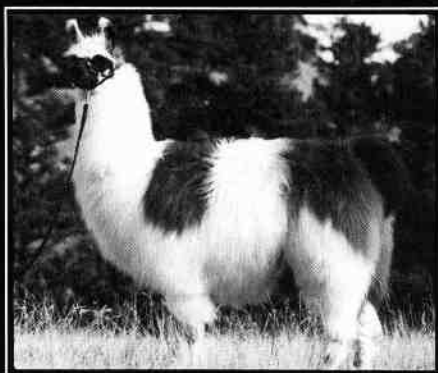
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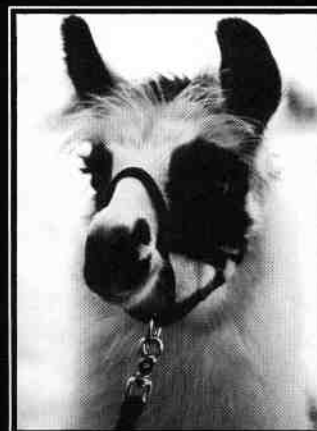
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# A New Marketing Idea?

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In the 1980's, marketing llamas was easy: just take a llama out anywhere, have fun with your animal, show people how fun and useful they are and there ... you sold another llama. As the number of llamas in the U.S. went up in the 1990's, marketing got to be a little more work. Ranch sales became less of a case while auctions and private treaty sales were being used more. This became more of an expense (and work) to us trying to sell llamas. Shows are a great place to show off our llamas, but this too can be a lot of work.

So, how about the "new" marketing idea? Bring your llamas to Fairplay, Colorado, July 29th! And have fun doing it, without all the work! This is much like a private treaty sale but without any fees. Even if you don't "run", someone else would love to be on the course with your llama(s). Last year around half of the entries were people that did not own llamas. They came up to Fairplay just to watch and the next thing you know, they were borrowing a llama and paying the entry fee to participate in one of the Divisions. Soon these people had their first llama experience. Do you remember yours? ... it wasn't your last ... and it won't be the last for them. You can see that

in their smile as they come across the finish line. In fact, I know of a lot of llama owners that met their first llama at Fairplay. Even if you feel your llama can't "run" the 3 miles, bring him up anyway. Let a child use him in the obstacle course ... or just show him off! If you're worried about no one being there, the last 3 years, the local sheriff's office has estimated the crowd watching the llama race at around 3000 people!

This idea of marketing (and showing off) our animals this way is not really new, but the old way we used to do business ... the fun way ... the easy way ... the best way. To make things easier this year for you to "Loan a Llama" at Fairplay, we will have one person handling the "Loan a Llama" registrations at the registration table. Just come up race day and sign up your llama(s) ... It's that easy.

(Bring packs for llamas entered in the Pro and Amateur Divisions. No packs needed for the Walkers.) And together we'll show off our friends... our llamas! For more information on the Fairplay Race, see the "13th Annual Fairplay Pack Llama Race and Llama Lunacy" article in this newsletter.



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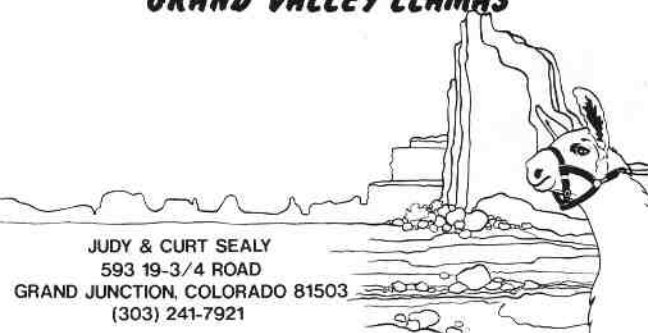
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# New Shade in the Pasture

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Is it spring or is it summer? I'm sitting here in front of my computer with the wind howling and snow flakes circling around my window. Must be time to plan the summer maintenance for the farm.

Two years ago I planted 12 bare root cottonless cotton wood trees thinking that in a short time my llamas would have some significant shade to celebrate. I created all sorts of fencing to protect the trees from my Camelid friends. Three are still showing some small hint of life in spite of the continuous browsing and burrowing by the llamas. Being frustrated with the loss of the trees I decided to develop alternative shade at less cost and less tasty to the llama palate.

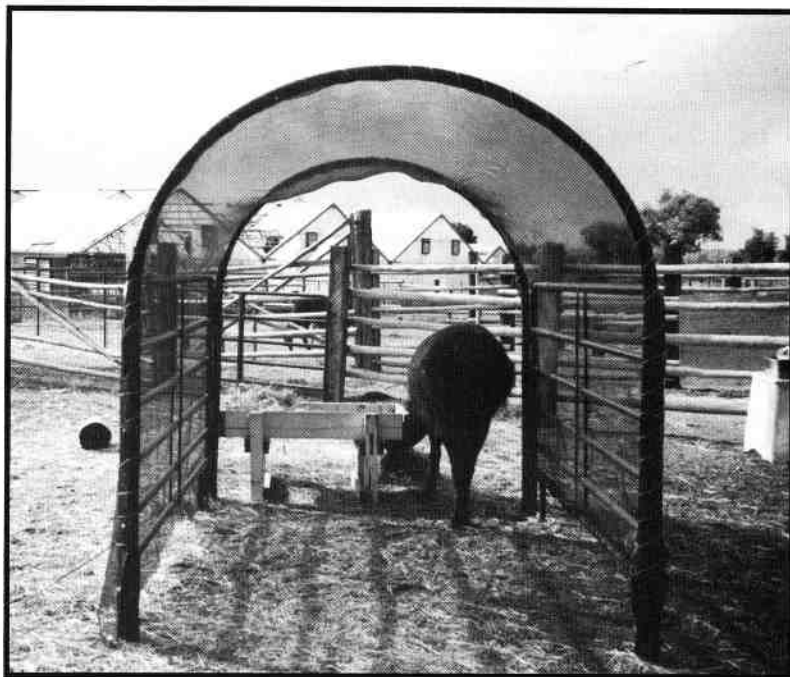
The shade shelters consist of 4 six foot tee posts, 2 eight foot stall panels, two 20 foot sections of 2" plastic water pipe slipped down over the posts secured with bailing wire to the stall panels, 20 foot x 10 foot greenhouse shade cloth stretched and laced between the two arched sections of water pipe. Basic cost excluding the stall panels-\$30.

The reason for using stall panels as opposed to rails or lighter fencing materials is increased support from winds. In addition my female llamas rub on anything upright and young males crash around frequently without looking. The panels remain secured through the heaviest activity.

The archway is 8' high and allows plenty of air to move through the space. The shelters are placed to catch the north-south breezes and block out the early morning sun and the late afternoon sun. The shade cloth reduces the ultraviolet radiation by 55 per cent subsequently dropping the temperature at least 10 degrees inside the archway. This shelter is

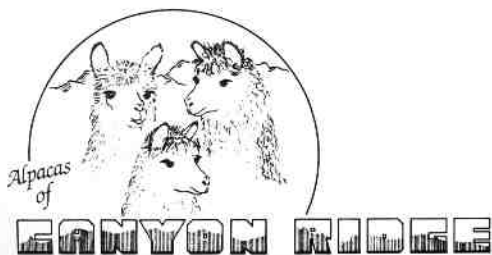
not rain proof but holds up well in late spring snow storms. The shelters go up the first of May and come down the first of September. In the fall the shade cloth is removed and the existing hardware is left intact. The materials can be used year after year.

I would suggest if you plan to build only one or two shelters that you go in together with a neighbor to purchase the shade cloth. I purchased a 150 x 10 foot roll of shade cloth from the Denver Wholesale



Florists. Narrower shade panels are available but are far more expensive at hardware and lumber outlets.

The llamas seem to really appreciate the cool shade and treat it with high regard by not eating the materials.



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## ***NM Llama Liability Law***

The New Mexico State Legislature revised the state Equine Liability Law to include llamas, alpacas, guanacos, and vicunas (just in case vicunas ever get off the endangered species list or we learn how to genetically engineer our own vicunas). Instrumental in initiating this legislation were Steve Komadina of Corrales, and RMLA President, Reid Langerman. Reid, Mary Summers of Placitas, and Andrew Crooker of Taos, made trips to Santa Fe to testify at committee hearings. Thanks are in order to legislators Bob Perls and Virgil Rhodes. According to Perls, this was a "fun"

piece of legislation. He must have heard the llama community's marketing appeal "Llamas are fun!" We jokingly referred to it as "The Llama Liberation Bill". So now, according to New Mexico legislation, a horse is not only "a horse of a different color", but can also be defined as a horse of a different species - llamas! So that, folks, is how we got llamas added to the New Mexico Equine Liability Law. Now we can post those wordy little signs on our ranch fences and at events warning people of the dangers of llamas while explaining how gentle they really are!

## ***NM State Fair Llama & Alpaca Show***

Enjoy beautiful Indian Summer weather in Albuquerque September 23 and 24. Check in as early as September 21. Llama and Alpaca Halter classes on Saturday and all Performance classes on Sunday.

And as usual, we will all gather together for an enjoyable dinner at a unique local restaurants.

Call Mary Summers, 505-867-3442 or the NM State Fair, 505-265-1791, and request your premium book. We look forward to seeing you and your wonderful llamas and alpacas for a good time in New Mexico.

## ***Dear Editor,***

*By Mary Matsler Hereford, TX*

I am a newcomer to the llama industry. My husband and I raise registered Angus cattle and Quarter horses bred for cutting. I have some association with the industry through my job working in the livestock mortality division of Lone Star Agency, Inc. where we insure llamas and alpacas (among various other livestock). The Spring Celebrity Sale in Oklahoma City was my first experience and llamas have captured my heart!

Thanks to Susan Tellez, Tom Simmons and all the llama breeders who so patiently answered all my questions and taught me some of the desirable traits and features, I learned a great deal about llamas. You have really whetted my appetite.

As I spoke with owners and greeted the animals, I was amazed at the llamas' friendliness and sweet dispositions. I was amazed at the pride these animals carried they have such character! Also to my amazement was the fact of the calmness of the animals even amidst the throngs of people. Having been around horses, it is a habit to give a wide right-of-way so as not to obtain a horseshoe tattoo! You could walk anywhere around a llama with little fear of sustaining an injury.

I also discovered that cleaning up after a llama is definitely easier than those messy horse stalls!

I have encountered all types of animals through my job; however, but I only want to own a llama!

### **Thank You . . .**

Dear Jo, RMLA Board of Directors and Members,

Thank you so much for including a condensed version of my Llama Life article in the March, 1995, RMLA Newsletter, and for two copies of the same.

Over and above that special thanks for making me an Honorary Member of RMLA. I was surprised, delighted and honored.

RMLA has done a fine job over the years. You are a hard-working talented group. Keep up the good work and continued promotion of llamas as companions, work animals and a gift for our youth. "Llamas Are Fun" - that will always be my first priority as far as promoting their value.

God Bless,

Kay Patterson • Hinterland Sisters, OR



# ***Southeast Utah Group Llama Ban (cont.)***

llama association on the subject matter. They did not. This action cannot be reconciled with the National Environmental Policy (N.E.P.A.).

7. The elimination of the llama from an approved list of pack animals based on the premise that llamas will spread disease is prejudicial treatment since other domestic animals, which are still allowed, pose a much greater statistical risk of disease transmission than do llamas. CSU staff and other experts agree, if Supervisor Walter Dabney is truly taking a zero tolerance approach to big-horn sheep management, then all domestic stock should be banned. It appears there is a serious inconsistency in this "conservative" management approach. We feel a ban on horses, mules, and burros is unmerited as supported by their historical presence in the Park. Therefore, there is even less merit for the banning of llamas.
8. The llama and its handlers are a well established user group of our public lands. There are llama owners in every state. There are approximately 85 licensed commercial outfitters and thousands of llama packers. The S.E.U.G. themselves, issued a concessionaire permit to a commercial llama outfitter in 1991.
9. We would encourage Supervisor Walter Dabney to lift the ban on llamas that is based on the John's disease issue, and to retract the "Briefing Paper's" negative implications sent to the news agencies and other government agencies. The S.E.U.G. should issue a news release to that effect to restore the true image of the llama.
10. We reject the implication in the "Briefing Paper" that our personal desire to continue to use our llamas in the beautiful canyon country of Utah is insignificant simply because the level of demand is not great, and so can be taken away without a good, solid, well documented reason for doing so.
11. We should mention that we too support the well being and proper management of all wildlife species, but do not support unnecessary limitations and use of public lands.

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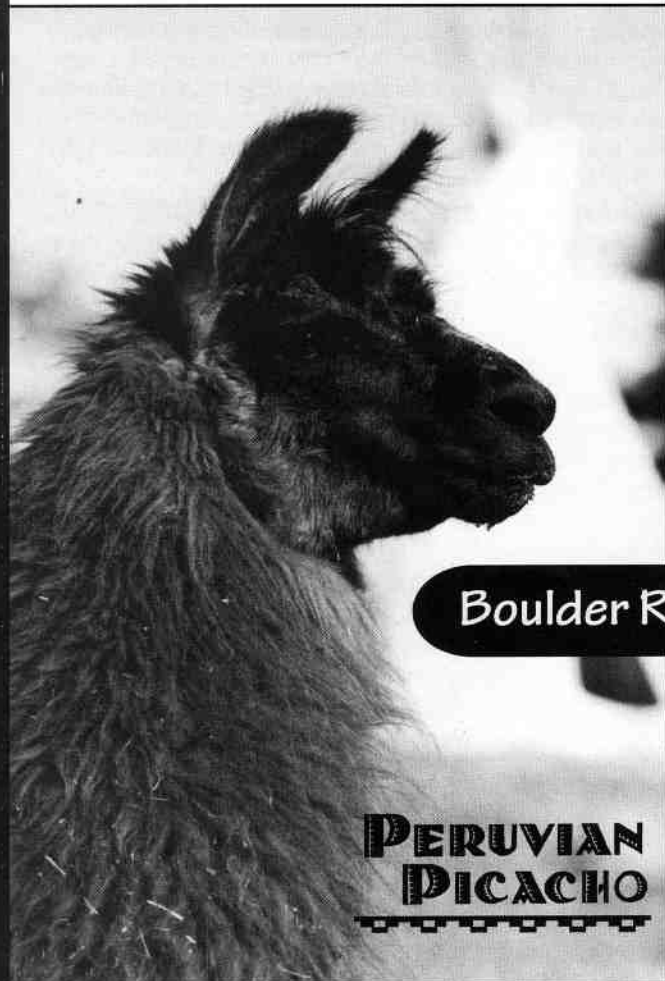
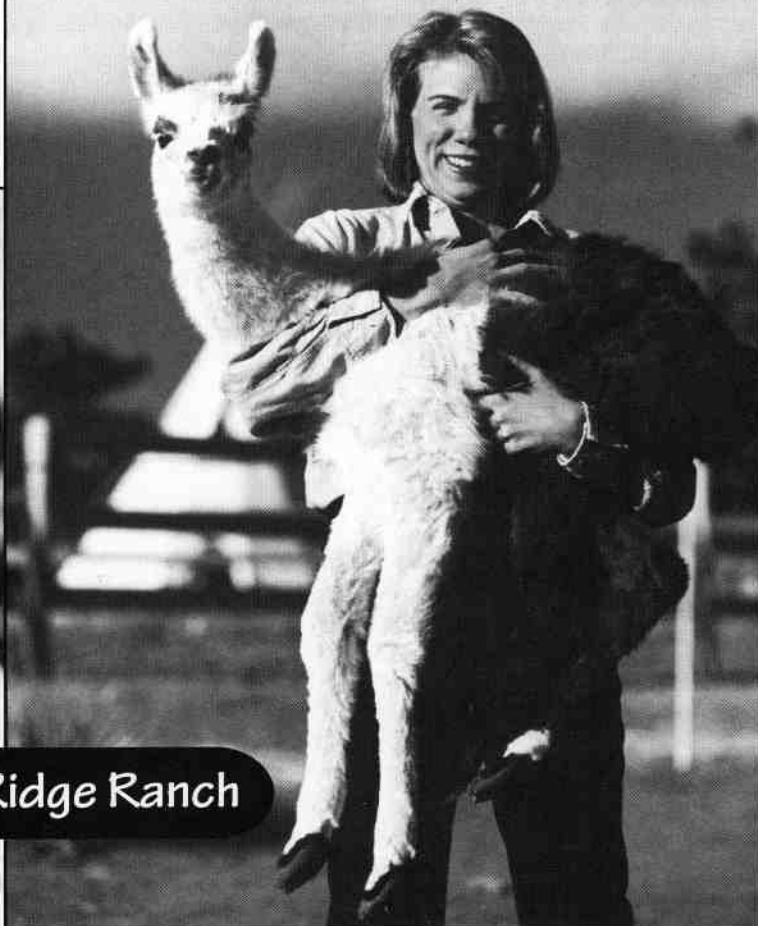
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