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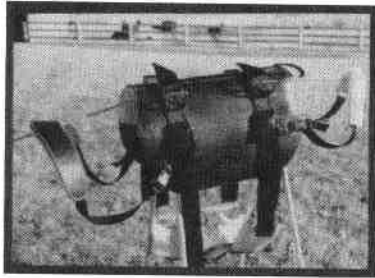
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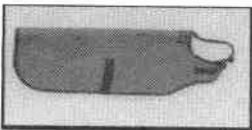
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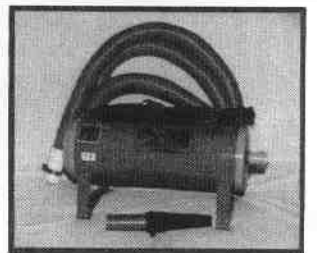
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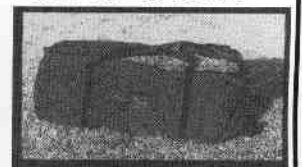
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Larry Lewellyn, Committee Chair

Thinking about getting involved but don't know just how to do it?

It's time once again to search deep in your soul, as we need committed people to serve on the RMLA Board of Directors.

Three offices will be elected this year: Treasurer (2-year term), Vice-President (1-year term), and President-Elect (1-year term, followed by one year as President). All terms will begin on October 21, 2000.

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# Four States Ag Expo Report

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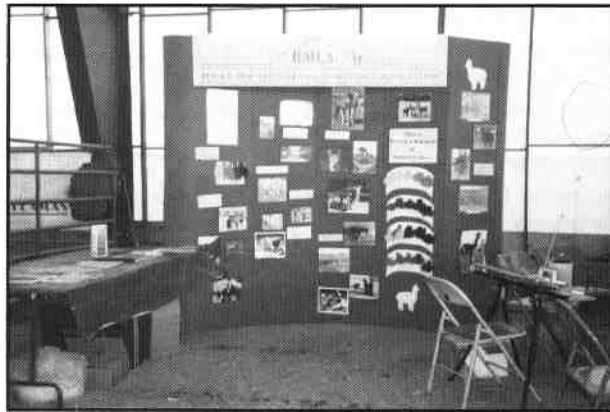
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Thirteen ranches known as the Four Corners Llama/Alpaca network participated in the Four States Ag Expo held at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds on March 9–11, 2000. We reserved 3000 square feet in the lower arena building where we exhibited our llamas and alpacas, fiber products, and provided RMLA literature to the attendees. A select, devoted group managed to assemble the RMLA display unit without any injuries and even replaced it in the carrying cases without finding parts left over.

This is the fourth year we have been involved in the event, and the number of participating ranches has grown each year. Several thousand people attend this event, so we get good exposure for our investment.

Our group consists of 25 ranch members who gather four times a year at a pot-luck lunch meeting to support our participation in the Ag Expo and the County Fair. It's amazing, isn't it, what socially starved people will do for excitement?

We hope you all have a great year.



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# Llama Laffs

Llama Laffs is a new feature for the Journal. Many thanks to "Llama Dan" Schreiner for this great suggestion! A question for each quarter will be sent out via e-mail by Bob and Barb Hance; all humorous submissions are not only welcome but also encouraged!

## **What is the most unusual or most humorous event that happened on a ranch tour, or on a llama PR trip?**

One first-grader fell in the creek and a chain reaction followed. Soon there were 20 grade-schoolers skinny-dipping, surrounded by a herd of llamas, and the tour leaders seemed not at all concerned. Our high school student worker called and asked, 'Now what do I do?'—Dan Schreiner

Several years back, before llamas were a staple at the National Western Stock Show, RMLA used to have their information booth up on the top floor of the Hall of Education building, along with the FFA Ranch Land, and other educational booths and displays. Members volunteered to work 4-hour shifts handing out literature and answering questions. There was also a 10' pen if you wanted to bring a llama or two along with you. The first year I volunteered to work the booth, I took our good ol' boy, Bandit, since he never seemed to be ruffled by much of anything. I was not entirely familiar with the layout of the building, but I knew you had to use a livestock elevator to get to the booth from the bottom level where we parked the truck and trailer. I finally found an elevator at the back of the building, and Bandit and I got on. As the elevator reached the top floor, the doors opened wide to reveal two pool tables with several cowboys with beer mugs in one hand, pool cues in the other, staring with mouths agape as we stepped off.

Trying to act as cool as I could, I asked politely "Which way to Ranchland". Without saying a word, two of the mute cowboys pointed a frosty mug toward the far end of the room where I spotted a large door. Bandit and I nonchalantly sauntered around the pool tables, and between small dining tables and wound our way to the door. I turned and said "thanks" as Bandit and I disappeared through the door and found our way to the RMLA booth. I never got the nerve to go back in there and try to apologize or explain that we had gotten on the people elevator by mistake; but I have no doubt that there were probably a couple of new cowboys at the local AA meetings that week. —Mary Beth Hartsough

Probably the most humorous event that happened to us was several years ago when I took two of my llamas to the Wheatridge Carnation Festival, Mr. Belevedere relieved himself for seven, yes seven minutes in front of the Judge's Reviewing Stand at the end of the parade. The M.C. ad-libbed and did a fantastic job. We bantered back and forth during this time and the parade watchers loved every minute of it. Since we were the only llamas in the parade that year, we won a prize which was a beautiful hand painted plate. Both Mr. Belevedere and Pisco had red carnations stuck in the sides of their halters - and each munched the other's carnation. —Carol Lontine

Every time we go for a walk in the park or a hike, when we encounter some smart aleck who says, "Boy, what a BIG DOG you have!" It really sounds pretty stupid but they think they are really being cute. —Carol Lontine

A group of 15 teenagers were viewing and handling the llama. One kid said to another: "Duck quick; it's going to spit you!"—Dee Stoddard

I was showing some people around the farm and Narcissus and Bit O Honey were running up and down the fence screaming and spitting at each other. The people were suitably impressed by their vigor and the noise and asked what the heck was going on. I responded that spitting was rarely directed at people and that they were being territorial and to come with me, because Bit O Honey was so sweet that he would let you pat and hug him in the pasture. They did and were so impressed with what a great guy he was. He still had an eye on Narcissus in the other pasture mind you. I felt like being cute so I said, "Oh you know it's a guy thing." I followed this with a little Tarzan yell. Bit O Honey took one look at me and decided that I was another testosterone case and spit right in my face. Jeff was rolling on the ground, he doesn't always think my male jokes are funny. Neither did Bit O Honey, it seems. Never challenge a llama with a Tarzan yell! —Sally German Rucker



I was helping deliver a particularly difficult dystocia (neck back) and was not detecting any movement. I was in tears, but Jeff managed to make even me laugh when our renter asked what was going on. I had my arm all the way inside the llama and Jeff said, "Oh she was starting to have her baby and it's not ready yet so she's putting it back in." The renter said, "No kidding." The nice part of the story is that I finally decided that I could only save the mother so I pushed the baby in as far as I could, grabbed the neck and managed to bring it around. When the nose came out it took a big breath, shuddered and came out in perfect condition. There were two grown men crying with me at this time (sorry, Jeff). We named him Special Delivery. —Sally German Rucker

At our local TV station's toy drive at Christmas time, we arrived with our llama laden with toys. The cameraman was looking for a TV blooper and asked if our llama would "poop" on command. I, of course, said no; and then while the camera was rolling, I looked back just as she relieved herself on the TV room floor. He got his "blooper." —Beverly Thacker

### **What is the most unusual question asked about your llamas or alpacas?**

I grew up in the Andes Mountains of Peru delighting in my many encounters with llamas (pronounced yama) and so it is with great delight that we now have our own llamas here in America. I have always called them by their Spanish pronunciation and now use both the English and American versions. However, when we first acquired our llamas, my sister invited a close, mutual friend to come up and see the "yamas." When our guest arrived, she noted, upon approaching the fenced area where our herd is kept, "Why, they look just like llamas!" Further explanation revealed that my sister, calling them by their Spanish pronunciation, led our friend to think they were some new and different kind of animal with which she had no prior experience. —Elena Torphy

We were coming back to the parking lot at one trailhead from our day-long hike in a local state park. The trail runs about 80 yards east of and below a rock overlook from the upper lot and park office. For once there was no one in the lower parking lot and no signs of anyone in the overlook either. Jim and Spats were about 20 yards ahead of Jack and me. Suddenly we heard a small child's voice yelling, "Mom, Mom - come look! Hurry up. COME NOW!" Both Jim and Spats turned to look up at the overlook where they could just see the top of the kid's head. Jack and I had caught up to them by now and both llamas were really looking for the source of the sound. The little kid was still calling for Mom and said, "Mom! Look! Its.....Its..... Its.....an ANIMAL!!" at which point both our llamas turned and gave each other a perplexed look, then they looked around as if to say "Ok, where??" At this point, someone came down and told the kid that these are llamas and he proceeded to tell the whole world that llamas were in the lower parking lot. —Karen Conyngham

One other incident occurred to me the other day as I was filing photos away. When I was working full time, I had llama photos all over the wall of my cubicle. One of the engineers came in one day and was studying all the pictures. Then he said to me, "There is just something about these critters. They look at you with an expression that says, 'I'm a llama...and you're \*not\*'. That about sums it up! —Karen Conyngham

At a library llama visit for the summer reading program the llama had endured a long line of kids and it was time for questions. One reader asked, "Now just what does the llama get out of all of this?" The handler replied, "Well, he gets to go to town on Saturday." The country kids cracked up, but the city kids showed no response. —Dan Schreiner

During a llama packing presentation given to a horse packing class, one salty ol' cowboy asked, "Are you saying llamas are smarter than horses?" The quick reply was, "I'm saying they're smarter than OUR horses." (whew!) — Dan Schreiner

Do they lie down to sleep or sleep standing up? —Roy Craig

My dental hygienist was cleaning my teeth. I was wearing a pin and a necklace, both with llamas on of course. The gal asked me if I do anything with the llama's feathers. —Karen Conyngham

Several ladies looking at our llamas at the Houston Livestock Show wanted to know how much we sold their eggs for. —Jill Durham

We had our 4 llamas out for a walk on the Highline Canal on a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon. The canal was crowded with joggers, mountain bikers and walkers. A passing girl on a bike, stopped, wanted to touch them and said, "These are such pretty emus." —Mary Reynolds

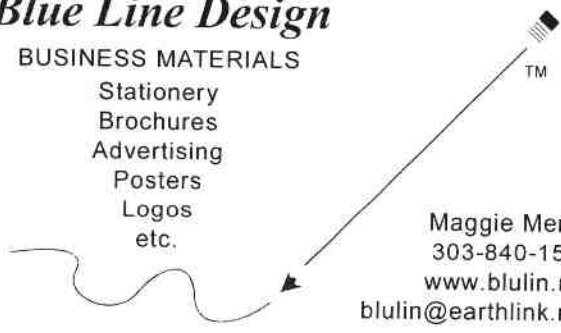
We were walking our llamas back to the vehicles after a parade. A child (about 7 years old) stopped us to pet the llamas. He asked me, "Are they real?" —Mary Wickman

How far do llamas and alpacas spit and how often? —Dee Stoddard

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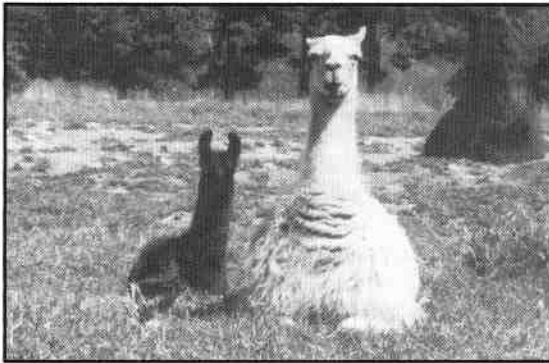
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Llama owners, when faced with an orphaned cria and the need to tube or bottle feed it, might wonder if it is possible to get another mother llama to take over the feeding job. Let me share my experiences in this regard.

Years ago, I came home to find a mother llama lying on her side, unable to get up. She had taken a freak fall, and had broken her neck. Her two-month old cria was attempting to nurse the downed mom. The veterinarian was unable to save the mother, and it was a sad time for all involved.

Toa, the cria, probably could have survived on grass and grain. However, she had a companion, her own age, daughter of Tina, and she decided to try to share her friend's dinner. Tina kicked Toa away firmly, letting only her own baby nurse. But Toa was hungry, and learned that if she slipped up only when her friend was nursing, she could get at least part of a good meal. Tina could not kick Toa away without kicking her own baby away.

Eventually, Tina accepted the fact that she had two babies, and started treating them alike. She seemed also to start giving more milk, so both babies were fed adequately. The situation had resolved itself to our great satisfaction.



**Pwet and the Bradford cria.**

Much later, in 1998, I had an elderly female llama whose cria was due. She obviously was in labor, but no baby parts showed for me to pull on to assist the birth. For several days, she would lie down, roll, get up, and stand around trying to have a baby which just wouldn't come out. I waited too long before probing, finding a twisted uterus, and calling a vet to arrange a Caesarian operation. When I got her to the vet, I asked him to try first to bring the cria out through normal channels. Huge as his hands were, he succeeded in turning the cria over and bringing it out. Too much time had elapsed, however, and the cria was dead on arrival.

The vet suggested that it would be better for the mother's recovery if I left the dead baby with her for a day or so. I brought the two home and put them in a yard together, with plenty of food and water. The mother had a tight bag, and I milked an unusu-

ally great quantity of milk from her to keep her bag from "spoiling".

After I hauled the baby carcass away, the mother just wouldn't leave the spot where she last saw it. When I put her out of the yard, she stood constantly at the fence, looking across at where her baby had been. It was a heart-wrenching situation.

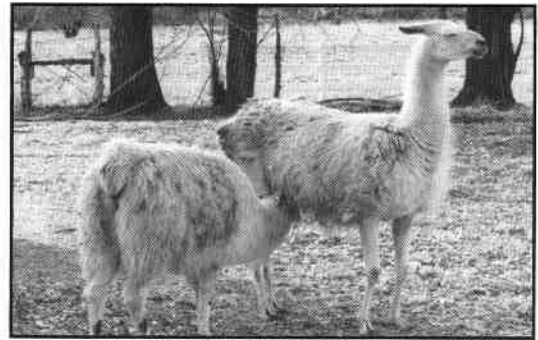
The same day Pwet lost her baby, the Bradfords, llama owners about 20 miles up-river from our ranch, lost a mother from birthing problems and had a motherless cria to feed by hand. Sandra Bradford was particularly unhappy about the need to get up at two o'clock in the morning to give the sweet little one its bottle. When I learned about this, I suggested we try getting my heartbroken mother together with the orphan baby and see, since she had so much milk, if she would take over the job of feeding the orphaned cria. The idea appealed to the Bradfords, and they sent their llama manager, Lyle Walters, to pick up Pwet and take her to their ranch and put her with the little orphan.

Lyle reported that Pwet took to the orphan almost immediately. She had found her baby! She stayed with it, let it nurse, and protected it as if it were her own. With her baby, she proudly joined the other mothers and babies in the Bradford pasture.

Both mother and baby prospered. Pwet had more milk than most llamas and her baby grew even faster than its buddies. Needless to say, the Bradfords were delighted.

About four months later, our ranch was blessed with the birth, for the first time in our experience, of twin llama babies. One little girl weighed 25 pounds, the other (the more-aggressive one), only 15 pounds. I wasn't at all sure that Pee-Wee could hold her own and get enough milk from the mother in competition with her Sis. I watched to see that the mother let them both nurse, and she did, sometimes together and sometimes separately. She seemed to make sure they both had their chance. However, I just wasn't positive the mother had enough milk for both crias, and wrestled with this problem for a bit.

Lyle had told me they would wean their crias, including the one that had been an orphan, soon. So I called Lyle and suggested that, if weaning now was O.K., I'd bring Pwet home and see if she would take Pee-Wee and be a foster mother again. Lyle was sure their baby, now bigger than the other weanlings, would do fine.



**Pwet and her adoptee, Pee Wee.**

So we separated Pwet from her foster daughter, and brought her back home to LaBoca. I put her in a barn with Pee-Wee. Pwet looked out the door and all around for her baby, nowhere to be seen. Within two hours, she had decided this Pee-Wee was OK, and Pee-Wee was nursing her new foster mother energetically. Pwet took on the job of raising this little one just as she had the Bradford cria. I took Pee-Wee's original mom and Sis to a pasture miles away, so there would be no confusion in Pee-Wee's mind as to who Mom was, before I turned Pwet and Pee-Wee out with the other llamas. Pwet and Pee-Wee became inseparable.

Sis and her mother are back with the herd, and Pee-Wee, now a year and a half old, still stays with Pwet, whom I purposely have not bred again, and Pwet makes sure her little Pee-Wee is right there by her and is all right.

I twice weaned Pee-Wee, and Pwet seemed to dry up OK. Both times, however, when I put them together after several weeks apart, Pee-Wee resumed nursing Pwet, and Pwet resumed giving milk. After the second try I decided, since I didn't want to breed Pwet again anyway, to just let them live as they wished. Pwet obviously was in llama heaven when Pee-Wee was nursing. I think the nursing has now ceased, but they are inseparable buddies.

It might be a good idea for larger llama ranches to keep a "wet nurse" milking and available to feed a new cria if and when she is needed. The need could arise from an orphaning or from a cria being born to a mother with insufficient milk. [Some readers may be curious about where Pwet got such a weird name. I'll tell you. I had just gotten home from a special teaching assignment on the Pacific island of Ponape, and had two young llamas to name. One was white, the other black. I somehow wanted to name the babies in honor of the fine people of Ponape. So they were named Pwetapwet and Toantoal, which mean simply "white" and "black" in the Ponapean language. (Yes, the black was the same Toa mentioned above.)]

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## In My Opinion: Be A Responsible Breeder

Donley Gardner, Diamond Oaks Llamas

Daingerfield, Texas

Dolores and I have been in llamas since 1986 when we bought our first llama as a source of fiber for spinning. Over the years, our reasons for having llamas have changed and now we have very different objectives.

One thing that has not changed is our approach aimed at producing conformationally-correct llamas. Our first llama was a male weanling and our second was a juvenile female. Although we knew little about llamas at the time, we did recognize that the male, as cute as he was, did not develop into an animal we wanted to reproduce. As a result, we went to another breeder to breed our female.

Breeding good llamas should be common-sense driven. If you have a male and a female with similar flaws or negative traits, don't breed them to each other. Breed to negate negatives and accentuate the positives.

In South America, llamas have always been primarily a work animal and have been bred accordingly. The fiber, which has a range of uses, was a by-product. Some llamas have finer fiber than others. The fiber can be used for clothing while the lesser quality fiber is suitable for blankets, rugs, and other garments. The alpaca, on the other hand, is a fiber animal and is used for little else.

Breeders in the United States are trying to change this. Instead of learning from breeders of other species, we try to create a new breed of llama. Look how many dog breeds have been ruined by irresponsible breeding. In the 1950's the poodle was at the height of popularity and in an effort to breed more, little or no attention was paid to quality. Now it is rare to find

a good poodle. The St. Bernard, once a wonderful, gentle animal, is now unpredictable and a threat to family safety. Hip dysplasia is also a common malady in many dog breeds for the same reason.

What does this have to do with llamas? We are following the same path. Many breeders are breeding for traits without concern for the best conformation. Yes, it is nice to have a llama with long, silky fiber—and you can get it. Do it correctly and breed over time by keeping conformation the utmost priority instead of jumping straight into it. Keep instant gratification out of your program. Fads come and go, but conformation will always be with us.

Evaluate your males (or have a knowledgeable person do it for you). Not all males are meant to be herd-sires. In fact some should be removed from the gene pool as quickly as possible. Do not let the fact that an animal has done well at a show be the main criteria when selecting a male. First of all, the competition may not have been all that great; second, not all winners will produce good offspring.

There are males that are ALSA Halter Champions that cannot put good animals on the ground. The opposite is also true.

Also, do not forget that it "takes two to tango." Every cria that hits the ground has a dam that contributed to its development. Even the greatest herdsires cannot overcome some negative traits possessed by some females. Be aware of this when selecting your females to breed. You can waste a lot of time and money by not keeping this in mind.

In summary, try to remember that just because you have a male, even a beautiful male, you do not necessarily have an animal that is going to improve your herd. Before selecting an animal for your breeding program, check its production record and that of its parents and grandparents. Ask for help if you are unsure of what you are doing. We should all have a goal of improving this wonderful species of animals but not at the expense of the species. Be a responsible breeder.



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# Estes Park Wool Market Show Results

## June 17 and 18, 2000

Judges: John McCullough and Sandi Wilson  
Lougene Baird, Superintendent

The 2000 show marked the 10th anniversary celebration for the Estes Park Wool Market. The weather was amazing as usual – snow in the morning and warm sun during the day and chilling again in the evenings. The llamas loved it! As a side note, the smoke from forest fires burning out of control to the northeast was visible but several rocky canyons away and all were out of harms way. The show was attended by 365 llamas and their families.

A special thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who worked before, during and after the show to make it a successful weekend.

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### Light Wool Juvenile Male

1. Trustee Scott and Vikki Everhart
2. Blackstone Fawn Nola Ibach
3. Glacier Boy Linn Jackson

### Light Wool Yearling Male

1. Cadfael's Texas Playboy Sheppard/Uherek
2. Felicia's Silver Moon Shadow Linn Jackson
3. Blackstone Black Magic Dipity Nola Ibach

### Two Year Old Light Wool Male

1. Rocky Mountain Rowdy Bobra Goldsmith
2. Cadfael's El Nino Sheppard/Uherek
3. Sir Marvin Larry and Deanna Lewellyn

### Adult Light Wool Male

1. Rocky Mountain High Spirits Bobra Goldsmith
2. D's Pongo Larry and Deanna Lewellyn
3. Bett's Greyfeather Bobra Goldsmith

### Grand Champion Light Wool Male

Rocky Mountain Rowdy Bobra Goldsmith

### Res. Grand Champion Light Wool Male

Rocky Mountain High Spirits Bobra Goldsmith

### Juvenile Light Wool Female

1. PVLR Katy Savannah Lougene Baird
2. Lucy's Foxxie Roxxie Rose Mary Zeschin
3. PVLR Starlight Lougene Baird

### Yearling Light Wool Female

1. Little Kasha Julie Heggie
2. Cocos Steve and Kathy London
3. Rocky Mountain Dazzle Bobra Goldsmith

### Two Year Old Light Wool Female

1. Ellis's Tiger Lilly Julie Heggie

### Adult Light Wool Female

1. Twin Peaks' Sazabi Bart Anderson
2. PVLR Tabernash's Lollapalooza Teri Nilson Baird

### Grand Champion Light Wool Female

PVLR Katy Savannah Lougene Baird

### Res. Grand Champion Light Wool Female

Little Kasha Julie Heggie

### Juvenile Medium Wool Male

1. DBR's Finnegan Willow and David Kauffman
2. Bitter Creek's Bandolier Dick and Kim Murphy
3. DGM Pavon's Flashman Don and Gale Malcom

### Yearling Medium Wool Male

1. PHF Cadfael's Marengo Sharon and John Beacham
2. Winding Trail's Right Up Front Jan Redenbarger
3. Wild Cat's Silver Knight Barb Harris

### Two Year Medium Wool Male

1. PHF Cadfael's Banner Carolann and Kimmel Evans
2. BH Carnegie Hall Lougene Baird
3. Wheatfield's Lightning Rex Reinecker

### Adult Medium Wool Male

1. Wild Cat Musketeer Barb Harris
2. SOL Sterling Silver Roger and Betty Miller
3. Rocky Mountain Ninja Bobra Goldsmith

### Grand Champion Medium Wool Male

Wildcat Musketeer Barbara Harris

### Res. Grand Champion Medium Wool Male

DBR's Finnegan Willow and David Kauffman

**Juvenile Medium Wool Female**

1. Bitter Creek's Midnight Rose Kim and Dick Murphy
2. Irresistible Rosie Leo and Elaine Van de Water
3. PVLR Alamanda Lougene Baird

**Yearling Medium Wool Female**

1. Tall Tail's Jazz Jubilee Rob and Jill Knuckles
2. PLR Rouge Wa Doug and Jamie Sharp
3. Bauernheim's Chrystal Steve and Terry Lynch

**Two Year Old Medium Wool Female**

1. Feather RTC Jill and Rob Knuckles
2. Overland Trail's Brown Sugar Sheppard/Uherek
3. Bradford Miracle Sheppard/Uherek

**Adult Medium Wool Female**

1. Lady Grayce Carol Ann Tallmon
2. Rocky Mountain Pinata Bobra Goldsmith
3. SLR Tina Shawn Norman

**Grand Champion Medium Wool Female**

Feather RTC Rob and Jill Knuckles

**Res. Grand Champ. Med. Wool Female**

Bitter Creek's Midnight Rose Dick and Kim Murphy

**Juvenile Heavy Wool Male**

1. Chico El Hombre Ben Herr
2. Sharp's Cowboy Doug and Jamie Sharp
3. WLK Heat Wave Mike and Janet Wilkins

**Yearling Heavy Wool Male**

1. Trinidad Mike and Janet Wilkins
2. Overland Trail's Fleetwood Mac Dale and Mike Pettigrew
3. Travelers' Highwayman Teri and Phil Baird

**Two Year Old Heavy Wool Male**

1. Federally Joe and Mary Beth Hartsough
2. Wheatfield Fudge Rex and Dalene Reinecker
3. MGF Nottingham Joe and Mary Beth Hartsough

**Adult Heavy Wool Male**

1. Shalom Elrico Bob and Chris Ward
2. TBF Keiko Rex and Dalene Reinecker
3. La Paz Jim and Marta Haas

**Grand Champion Heavy Wool Male**

Shalom Royal Elrico Bob and Chris Ward

**Res. Grand Champ Heavy Wool Male**

Federally Joe and Mary Beth Hartsough

**Juvenile Heavy Wool Female**

1. Sanchez Creek's Twinkleberry Sandra and Jo Payne
2. Llassen's Camera Ready Jim and Connie Sloan
3. Sweets' Sis Leo and Elaine Van de Water

**Yearling Heavy Wool Female**

1. Llamarage's Unbelievable Joe and Mary Beth Hartsough
2. Sharp's Golden Rain Doug and Jamie Sharp
3. Cassiopia Larry and Judy Steffel

**Two Year Old Heavy Wool Female**

1. Bailarin De Fuego Rob and Jill Knuckles
2. Liberty Moon Carol Ann Tallmon
3. CTF Princess Allandra Carol Ann Tallmon

**Adult Heavy Wool Female**

1. LW Ferngully Jan Redenbarger
2. Foxbury's Scimirella Carol Ann Tallmon
3. Chapr's Starlet Shawn and Gary Norman

**Grand Champion Heavy Wool Female**

Llamarage's Unbelievable Joe and Mary Beth Hartsough

**Res. Grand Champ Heavy Wool Female**

LW Ferngully Jan Redenbarger

**Two Year Old Non-Breeder Halter**

1. Sharp's Johnny Walker Red Doug and Jamie Sharp
2. Chewbakka Katy Nelson

**Adult Non-Breeder Halter**

1. Sock Rob and Jill Knuckles
2. Coup D'etat Joe and Mary Beth Hartsough
3. Grand Valley's Yosemite Willow and David Kauffman

**Grand Champion Non-Breeder**

Sharp's Johnny Walker Red Doug and Jamie Sharp

**Res Grand Champ Non-Breeder**

Sock Rob and Jill Knuckles

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2. Rocky Mountain Ninja Bobra Goldsmith
3. QSWR Que-chua Patti Morgan

**Novice Obstacle**

1. RM Fast Break Patti Morgan
2. Cadfael's El Nino Sheppard/Uherek
3. Grand Valley's Avalanche Brianna Livengood

**Advanced Pack**

1. Sock Jill and Rob Knuckles
2. Cololama's Silver Bullet Jerry Dunn
3. QSWR Que-chua Patti Morgan

**Novice Pack**

1. Rocky Mountain High Spirits Bobra Goldsmith
2. Timberline Natchez Jerry Dunn
3. Grand Valley's Avalanche Brianna Livengood

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1. PHF Picacho's Rambutan Larry Lewellyn
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2. Rocky Mountain Ninja Bobra Goldsmigh
3. SOL Sterling Silver Roger and Betty Miller

### Grand Champion Performance

Sock Jill and Rob Knuckles

### Res. Champ Performance

QSWR Que-chua Patti Morgan

## Youth

### Junior Showmanship

1. Tara Schwartz- Sheridan WY
2. Emily Varela - Kiowa CO
3. Kelly Nelson - Sheridan WY

### Intermediate Showmanship

1. Brianna Livengood - Westcliffe CO
2. Deidre Baird - Sedalia CO
3. Chandra Schwartz - Sheridan WY

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1. Emily Varela, Rosie's Duke
2. Matt Anderson, Sunset Cadet
3. Kelly Nelson, Wyoming Chocolate Kiss

### Intermediate Obstacle

1. Brianna Livengood, Grand Valley's Avalanche
2. Adrienne Bergenfeld, PPW Domino Spirit
3. Heather Grimm, The Great Mr. Mutombo

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2. Deidre Baird, PVLR Bardo's Dante
3. Brianna Livengood, Grand Valley's Avalanche

### Junior Pack

1. Emily Varela, Rosie's Duke
2. Matt Anderson, Sunset Cadet
3. Tara Schwartz, Centaur's O'Ryan

### Intermediate Pack

1. Adrienne Bergenfeld, PPW Domino Spirit
2. Deidre Baird, PVLR Bardo's Dante
3. John Stout, DLR Winsome Winchester

### Junior Grand Champion Performance

Emily Varela

### Junior Res. Grand Champion Performance

Matt Anderson

### Intermediate Grand Champion Performance

Adrienne Bergenfeld

### Intermediate Res. Grand Champion Performance

Deidre Baird

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# Jelly Bean Classic

May 13, 2000

Jerry Dunn

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The event is a great opportunity for socializing and checking your llama out on the obstacles. No grooming was required and no ribbons were awarded, just great-tasting jelly beans each time an obstacle was completed (or not).

Drawings were held during the pot luck lunch. A handmade llama rope went to Dawn Yates, a grooming apron to Greg Yates, and a training pack to Sherri Wolf. Jars of jelly beans were given to the oldest llama, Suncharo (ten years) owned by Peter DiNatale; the youngest llama, Durango, owned by Ben Herr; the newest owner, Donna Jump; and the longest owner, Bobra Goldsmith. Guess the number of Jelly beans in the jar was won by Dawn Yates with the closest guess.

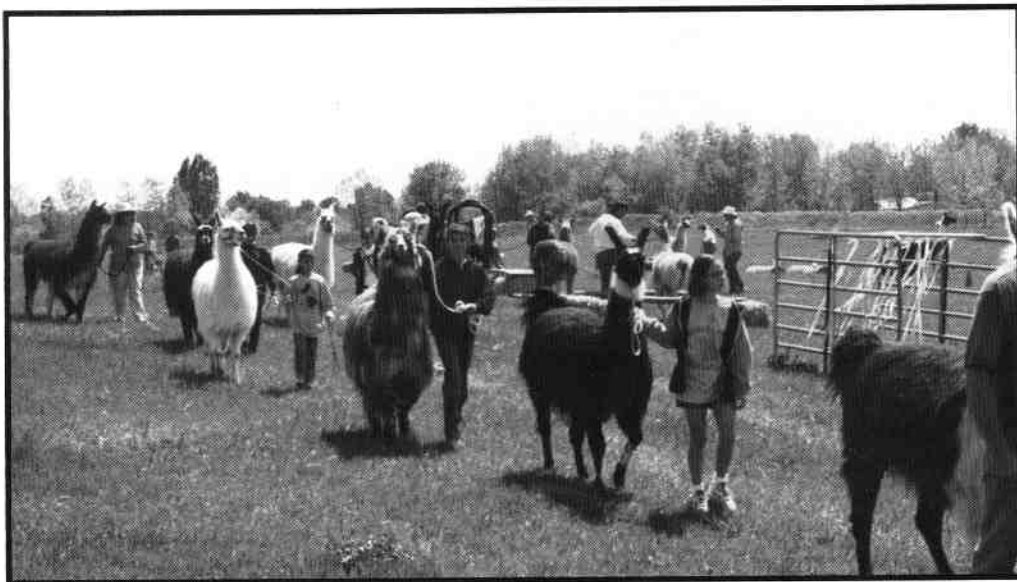


Following lunch everyone pitched in and helped load up the obstacles before leaving for home.

Come join us next year on May 12, 2001: same place, more jelly beans, more fun!



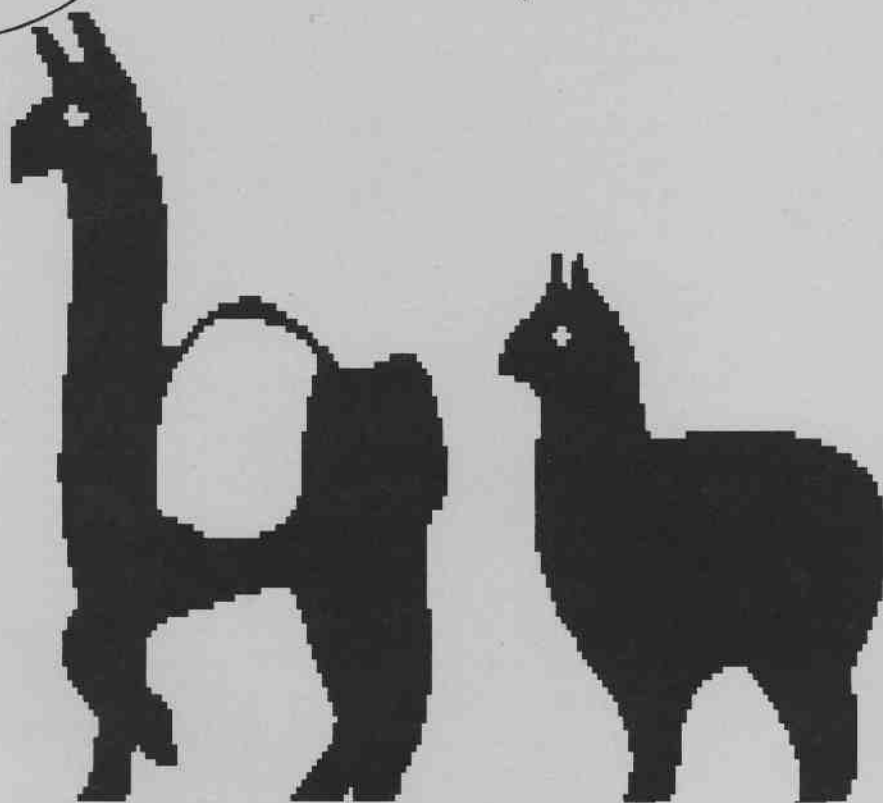
Nearly 65 young and inexperienced llamas came to play with their owners and celebrate the eating of jelly beans. Thirty obstacles of varying difficulty were set up in the field for everyone to try.





To the  
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conference, of  
course!

But where are we  
goin', Tony?



## RMLA Conference 2000

October 19, 20, 21, 2000  
Raintree Plaza Hotel and Conference Center

### **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Conference Clinics**

**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

ALSA Show Clinic: *Darlene Vaughan*  
Basic Training: *Bobra Goldsmith*  
Fleece Judging: *Sharon Beacham and Karen Kinyon*  
Grooming and Shearing: *Danielle Pierce*  
Neonatal Clinic: *LaRue Johnson*

**Location: Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont, CO**

### **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> - Classes and Seminars**

**8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Registration, Welcome with Breakfast Buffet**

RMLA Annual Business Meeting

**10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Seminars**

Suri Fiber: *Chris Switzer*  
Lama Health: *Dr. Tim Thompson*  
Poisonous Plants: *Shirley Weathers*  
Working With Youth and Llamas: *Barb Coffman-Flinn*

**12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. – Lunch**

Key Note Speaker: *Bobra Goldsmith*

**1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Seminars**

Genetics  
Micron Fiber Testing: *Angus McColl*  
Lamas for Therapy Use: *Sally Rucker*

**1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Seminars**

Creative Memories, Ranch Albums: *Willow Kauffman*

**3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Seminars**

Watchable Wildlife: *Colorado Division of Wildlife*  
Grooming and Shearing: *Danielle Pierce*  
Lamas 101: *Diane Solomon*

**5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Beverages and Substantial Grazing**

Backcountry Yahoo: *Wes Mauz, and Roger Miller*

## RMLA Conference 2000

October 19, 20, 21, 2000  
Raintree Plaza Hotel and Conference Center

### **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> - Classes and Seminars**

**8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. – Breakfast**

RMLA Web Site Presentation: *Barbara and Bob Hance*

**9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Seminars**

ALSA Youth Judging: *MaryBeth Hartsough*

Lamas 101: *Diane Solomon*

Micron Fiber Testing: *Angus McColl*

Lama Health: *Dr. Tim Thompson*

**11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Lunch**

**1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Seminars**

Grooming and Shearing: *Daniell Pierre*

Poisonous Plants: *Shirley Weathers*

Working With Youth and Llamas: *Barb Coffman-Flinn*

Genetics

**3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. – Seminars**

Suri Fiber: *Chris Switzer*

Youth and Llamas: *Barb Harris and Friends*

Llamas for Therapy Use: *Sally Rucker*

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Exhibit Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>----- 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

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# Spring Sneakers Performance Show

May 20, 2000

Jerry Dunn, Superintendent

Remember the days when you would take your llamas to a show lightly groomed and you would wear shorts, a T-shirt, and most importantly, *sneakers*?

An attempt to return to the casual llama show of the past, where exhibitors and judges laughed and played, was held at the Indiana Equestrian Center in Arvada, Colorado, on May 20, 2000.



**Relaxing judges: Ron and Lougene Baird**

The courses were arranged in a grove of cottonwood trees in a large hay field. The llamas were all staked out in the tall grass nearby. The exhibitors put up their shade shelters where they could see their llamas and talk with other exhibitors.



**Bobra and High Spirits negotiate the course.**

Thirty two llamas were entered in performance courses that included obstacle, pack, ground driving, pleasure driving, obstacle driving, and short stack. Ron and Lougene Baird judged the

show. They must have walked five or six miles that day, always wearing a smile, and keeping up with the exhibitors and their llamas.

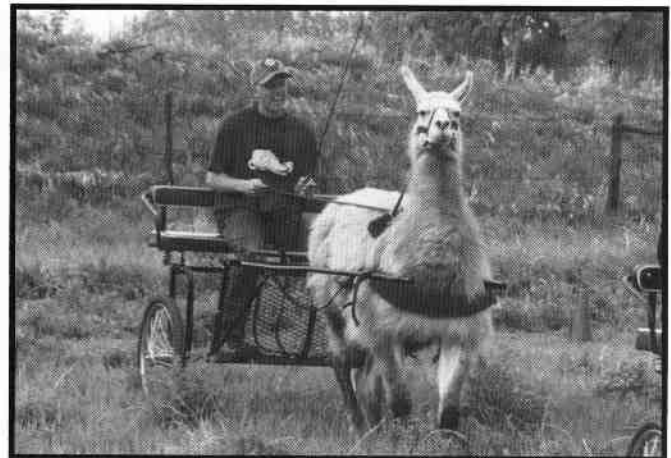
No ribbons were awarded, but exhibitors did receive participation "stars" on their exhibitor numbers. Cash awards were given to the first three places in each class.

Performance Champion was awarded to Sock, owned by Rob and Jill Knuckles. Reserve Performance Champion was awarded to Cololama's Silver Bullet, owned by Jerry Dunn but shown by Ben Riggs.

The day was long, but I think both the llamas and their owners had a fun time.



**Tall Tail's Short Stack.**



**Ben with Silver Bullet.**

# Refugees of the Hi Meadow Fire

Jerry Dunn, Bear Track Farm

Golden, Colorado

There is nothing more frightening than a wildfire in the mountains. The unpredictable winds howling through the mountain canyons and valleys can stir up some of our worst fears. The Highway 285 corridor between Bailey, Colorado, and Conifer, Colorado, was subject to just such a horror this summer. The Hi Meadow fire, as it is now called, burned many thousands of acres and several homes before being contained in late June.

Families and their animals were being evacuated at an alarming rate. Some stayed until the last minute while others left at the first threat. Many were re-experiencing their fears during the Buffalo Creek fire several years previous; they decided it was best to depart to safer ground immediately.

Animal rescue groups in Jefferson County immediately organized and were helping people locate and evacuate their animals out of the fire area. Horses, cows, rabbits, chickens, goats, and our friends the llamas were transported to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden to be cared for until they could return home.

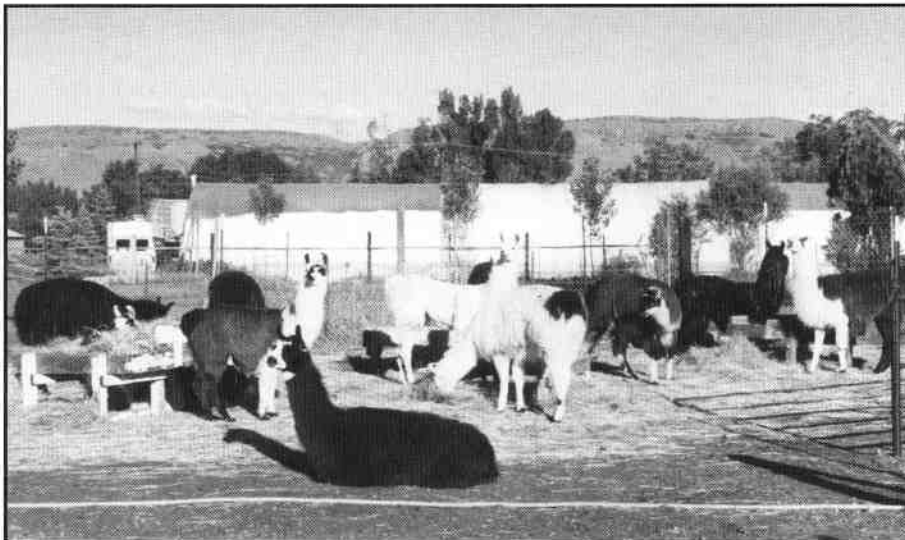
Bob and Barb Hance contacted the alpaca owners, who were helping each other move all of their animals out of harms' way to the Levine's. Dave and Sandy Lockwood trailered out their own llamas, dogs, and cats, and prepared to stay at my farm. We trailered out the Judy Cox herd later that evening, with some help from Nick and Matt Wamsley and the Lockwoods. Louise Wamsley made sandwiches and provided sodas for the crew.

Tuesday morning, Sandy, Ben Riggs, and I got word of three more llamas being held at the fairgrounds. We drove up and picked them up and brought them here to the farm. With the help of Betty Robertson, we later determined that one young llama belonged to Mark Fisher and the other two llamas belonged to Tracy Clark, a new llama owner. Tracy called me a day or so later, after seeing her two llamas on a news report and was able to get my number from the rescue group at the fairgrounds.

More llamas arrived at the fairgrounds later, but the owner did not want them moved to another site. With the help of Ben and Sandy, all of the rescued llamas (23 in all) were sorted out here into compatible groups, fed, and watered. The llamas were here for eight days before being trailered home.

A trailer load of hay was donated by a co-worker of Judy Cox to help us out. Others donated more hay as a thank-you or gave money to help with the care of the llamas.

It is important to make plans and provisions now to get your family and your animals out of harm's way before the need arises.



The "boarders" at Jerry Dunn's farm during the Hi Meadow fire in June.

# Waterton Canyon Picnic Drive

Jerry Dunn, Bear Track Farm

Golden, Colorado

Early on a fresh April spring morning, Jim Osmun, Keith and Cheryl Chamberlain, and the author packed our lunches and cameras, loaded four carts and four llamas, and headed out for the trailhead at Waterton Canyon in southern Jefferson County, Colorado for a picnic drive.

This would be the first serious outing of the spring for the llamas. All of the llamas were seasoned drivers; the handlers were not as experienced but their enthusiasm made up for any lack of skill. The llamas, Batu (six years), Bullet (eight years), Wizard (11 years), and Talavi (16 years) appeared willing and very curious about the new territory..

Shortly after we pulled into the parking area at the trailhead, we were greeted by an employee of the Denver Water Board. I thought we were going to be asked to leave, but she just wanted to take our pictures for their new brochure on recreational activities in the Canyon. I gave a great sigh of relief.



**At the trailhead, L-R: Jim, Jerry, Cheryl, and Keith.**

The humans pulled the carts across the road and lifted them over the trailhead barriers. The llamas followed with smiles on their faces; I think they thought this was how the entire outing would go. Were they ever surprised.

The road up the canyon is an old railroad grade of about 1% grade, two lanes wide of maintained gravel. The road follows a stream through a steep-sided canyon covered in a variety of vegetation. Bighorn sheep frequent this arid area, but all we saw that day were deer. There are picnic tables and privvies along the way every mile and a half or so.

The llamas were put to their carts and away we went. We casually drove up the canyon, chatting and taking photos, pausing occasionally to enjoy the vegetation and the wildlife, and planning our next outing. Occasionally a biker would ride by, staring in amazement. Even the fisherman ride their bikes up the canyon to their favorite fishing spot; it is a very strange sight to see.

We stopped for lunch along the creek at the 3.5 mile marker, sitting under the trees while the llamas grazed. After lunch, we headed back down the canyon. We had done enough miles for the first time out. We hope to return in the fall to view the changing colors and drive the six miles up the canyon to the reservoir. Come join us!



**On the trail with Jerry, Jim, and Cheryl.**

# Training Llamas to Back: An Easy Method

By Bobra Goldsmith ~ Rocky Mountain Llamas

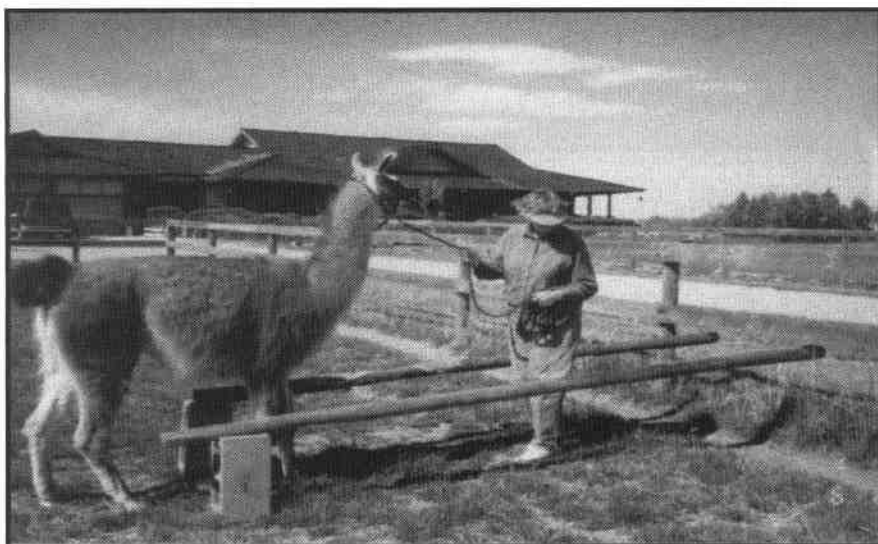
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During my years as an ALSA judge, I generally enjoyed watching performance classes, as long as the llamas were well trained. But I have to confess, most of the time I dreaded seeing what happened when the contestants came to the required backing obstacle, for too much of the time, it looked like a wrestling match. So often the handler would pull the lead rope back along the llama's neck with the rest of the rope pressed against the front of the neck, push, push, push--with the llamas just pushing back in resistance.

Years ago I devised a very simple method for teaching llamas to back easily, by relying on the fact that llamas naturally back out of tight, or enclosed places. Chutes are a common example. It was notable that my large pack gelding, Julio, who worked for the Forest Service, without hesitation backed out of the very high, narrow trailer they transported him in, because it was impossible for him to turn around.

The sequence of pictures and the steps describing the procedures below will help illustrate this easy method.

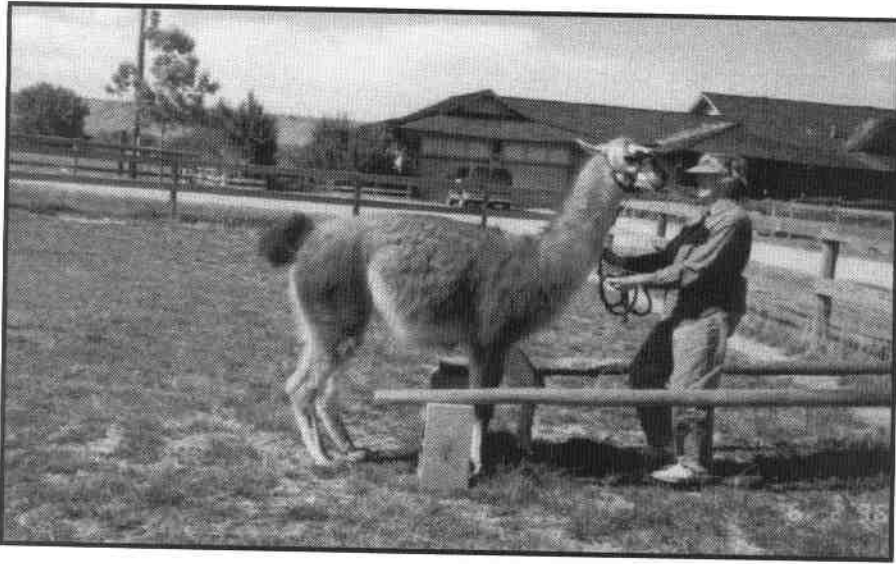


**Fig. 1** - First, using two poles about 10 feet long, set them up about 30 inches apart and at about 18 inches off the ground. I use two cinder blocks, which have slight dips in the ends, which prevent the poles from rolling off, should they be touched lightly. Lead the llama into the narrow space till you and he can go no further.

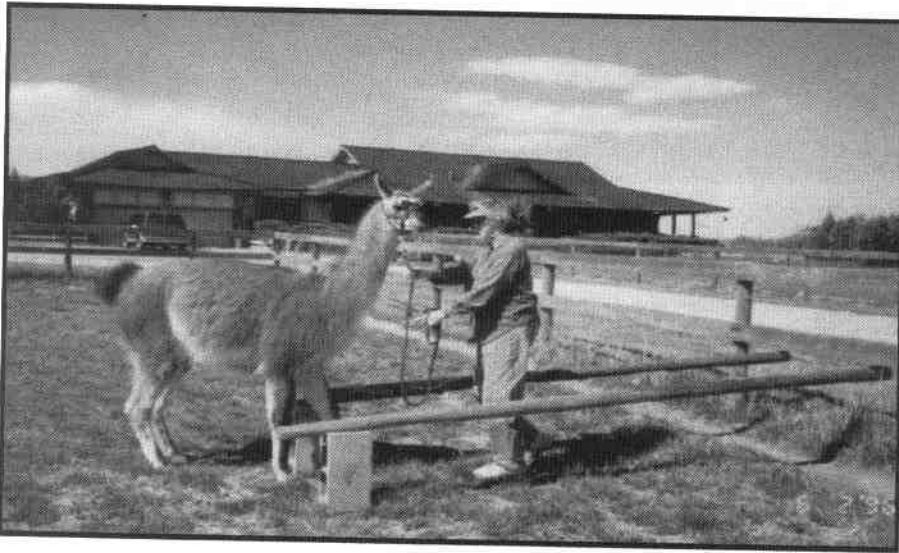


**Fig 2** - Give a very light signal with the lead rope and at the same time, point with your finger at the llama's lower neck or chest. IF your llama is not yet very desensitized in that area, just pointing at him there will cause him to take a step backwards. If he is not sensitive to the pointing then touch him, or, lightly pluck a little pinch of wool, just enough to cause a bit of annoyance to make him move a foot. Step towards him as he does so, repeating the intermittent, very light signals with the lead rope and pointing still, as he continues to move backwards.

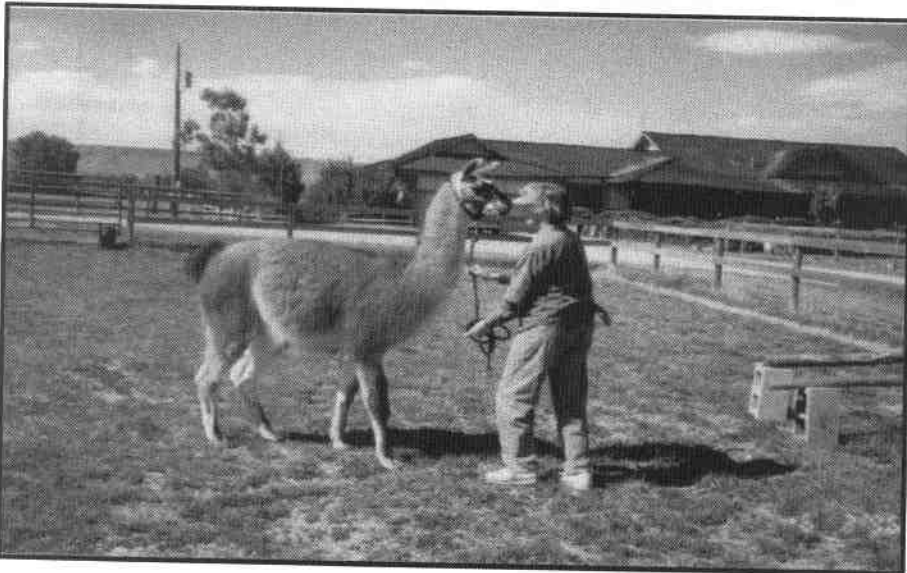




**Fig. 3** - Continue the intermittent, light signals with the lead rope and move forward as the llama moves backward. If you want to use the verbal command of "Back," along with the light signals from the rope, say it as he moves. Be sure to praise your trainee as he responds properly. I use verbal praise and stroking on the neck.



**Fig 4** When the llama has backed out of the narrow space between the poles, praise him and lead him back in to repeat the exercise. As with most llama lessons, it usually only takes four repetitions till he understands and obeys the commands. If he has learned this quickly, move on to the next step, below.



**Fig 5** Once your trainee is moving smoothly out from between the poles, back him in open space, using the same signals. Again, praise him well for responding. If he backs easily now, stop the lesson and turn him loose in his usual living place, which is the best reward he can have after his lesson. When the llama is backing in free space, you can easily govern the direction he backs by controlling his head, moving it to your right to back him left, or to your left to back him to your right.

**Try this method and enjoy hassle-free backing!**

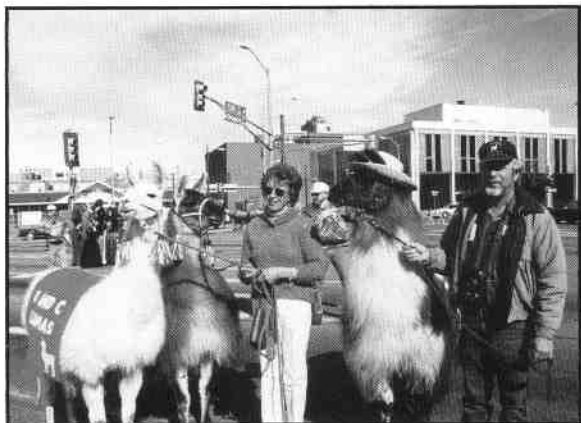
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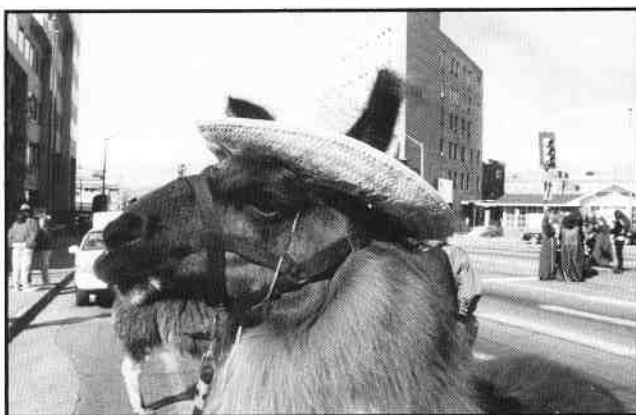
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The annual Saint Patrick's Day parade was held on March 11, 2000, in downtown Denver, Colorado. The weather turned out great and the parade was fun, as usual. Llamas are particular crowd favorites here during this parade, and this year was no exception.

I want to thank the people who took part, and especially the llamas who came along, too: Carol Lontine, Bryan and Mrs. Glynn, Sharon Beacham, Tanya Swegler, and Christy Herr.



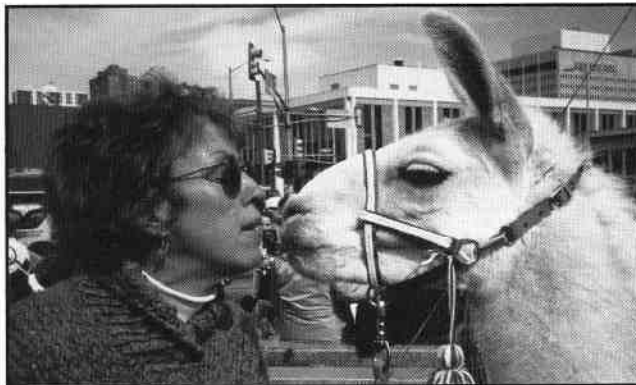
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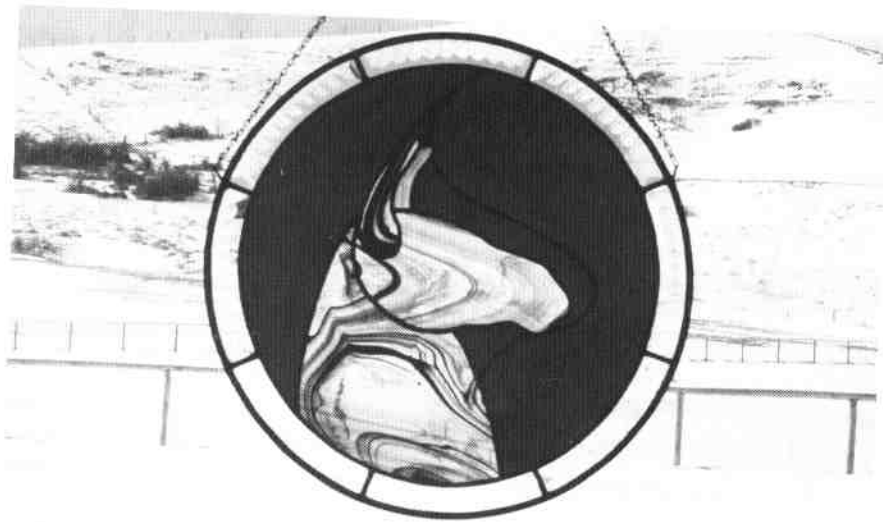


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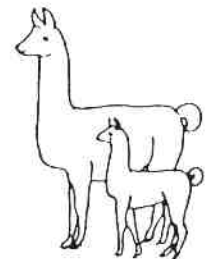
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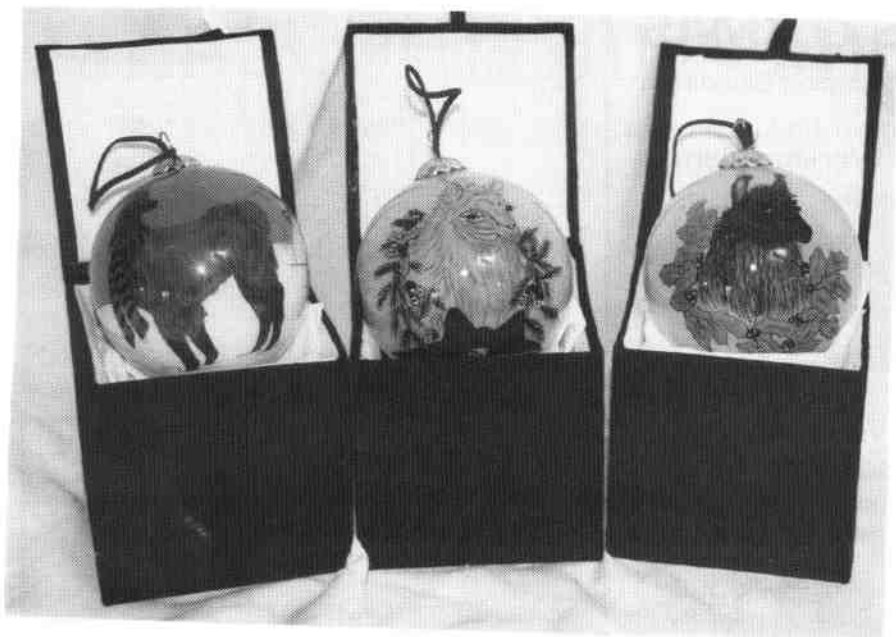


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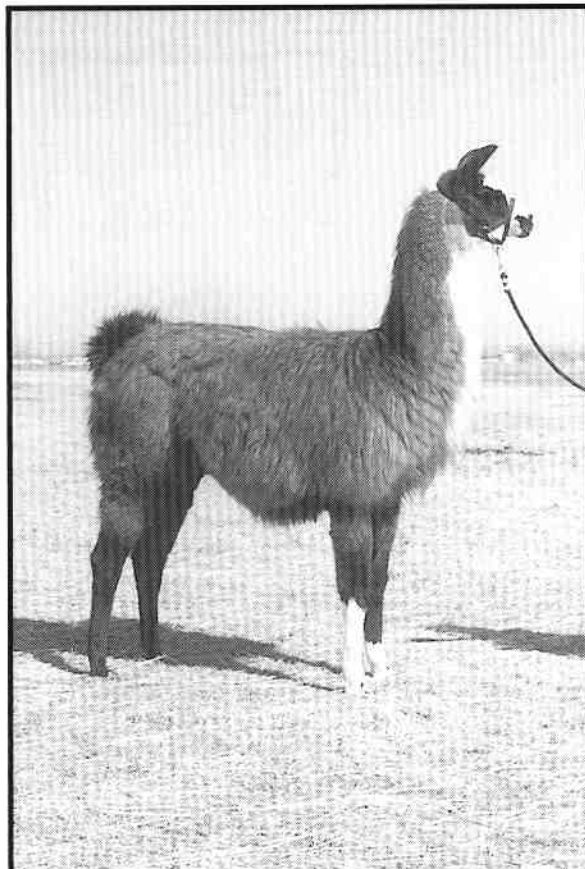
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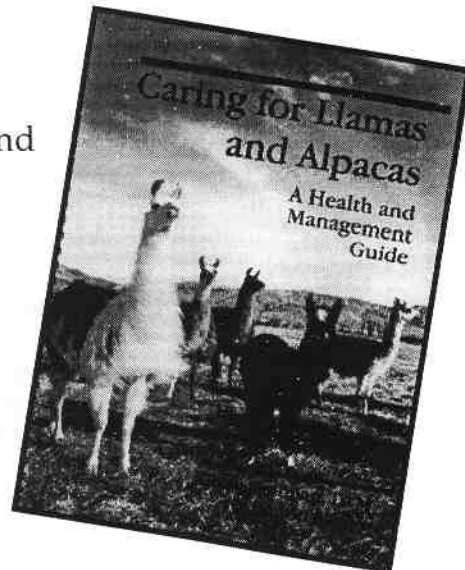
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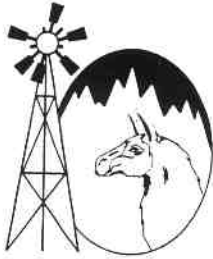
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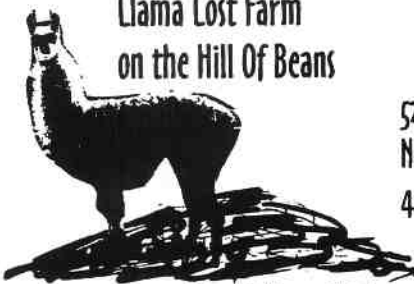
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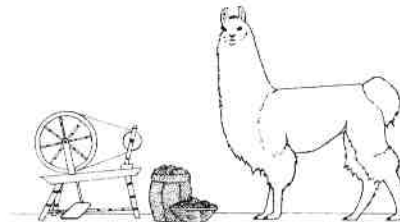
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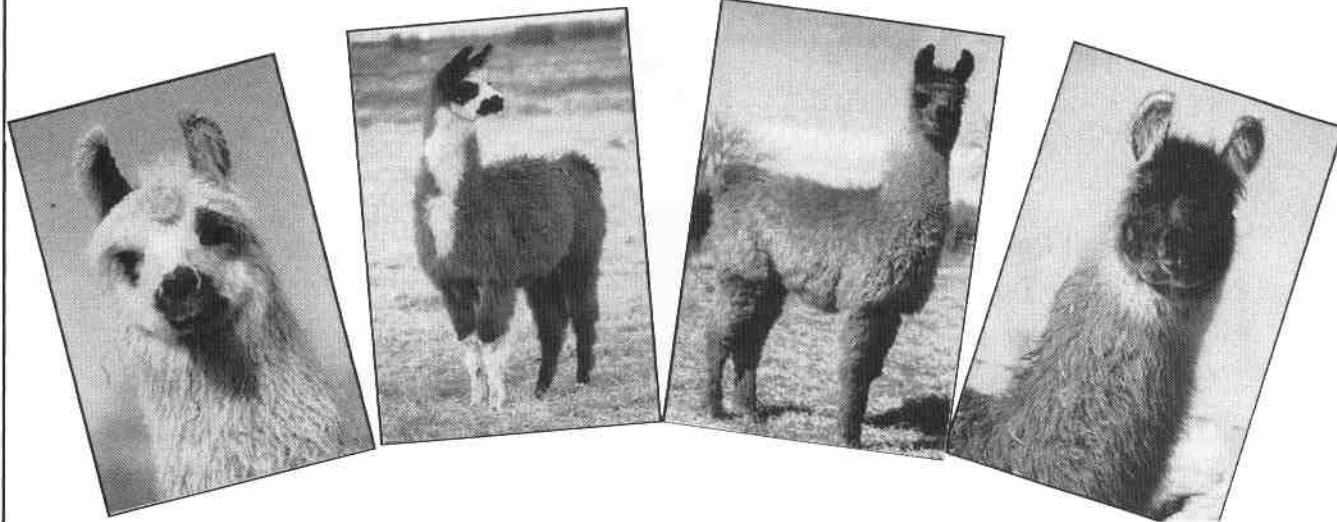
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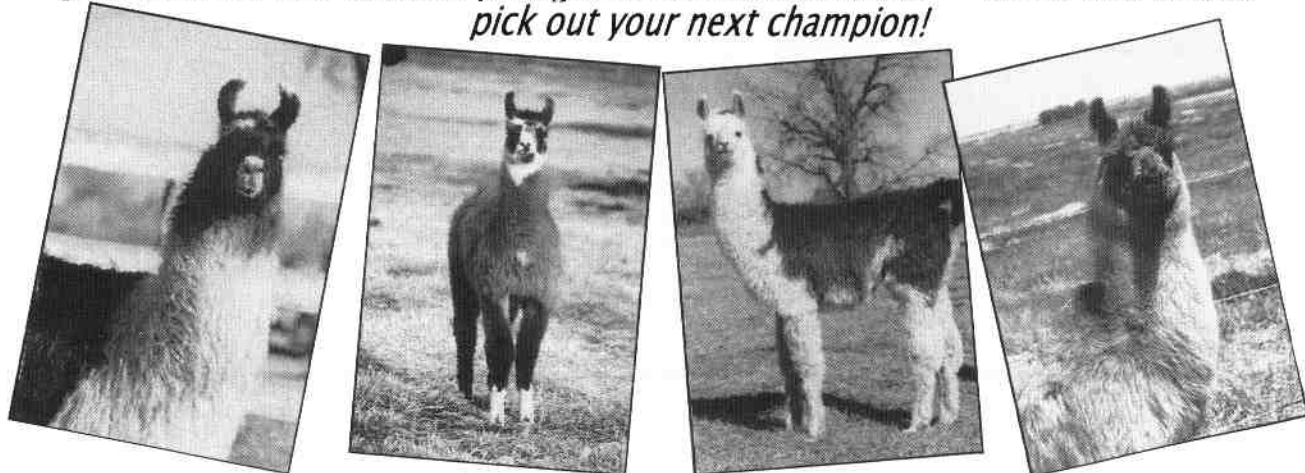
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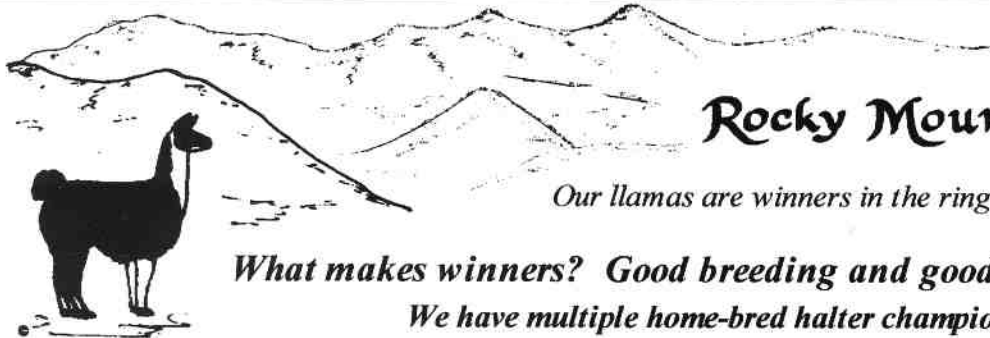
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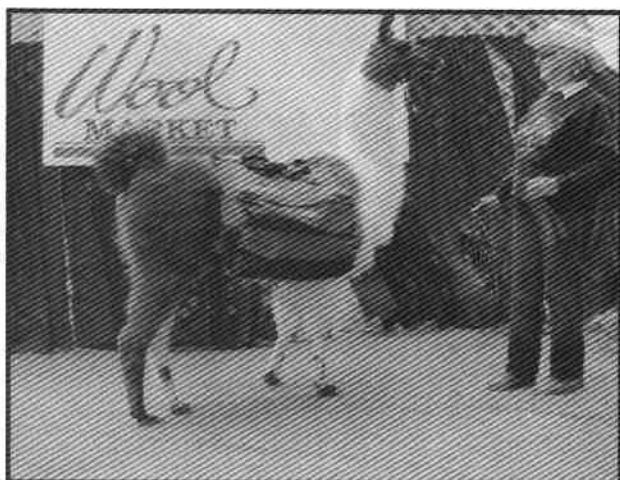
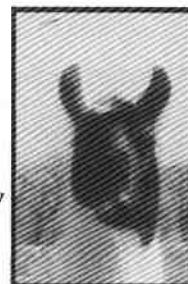
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