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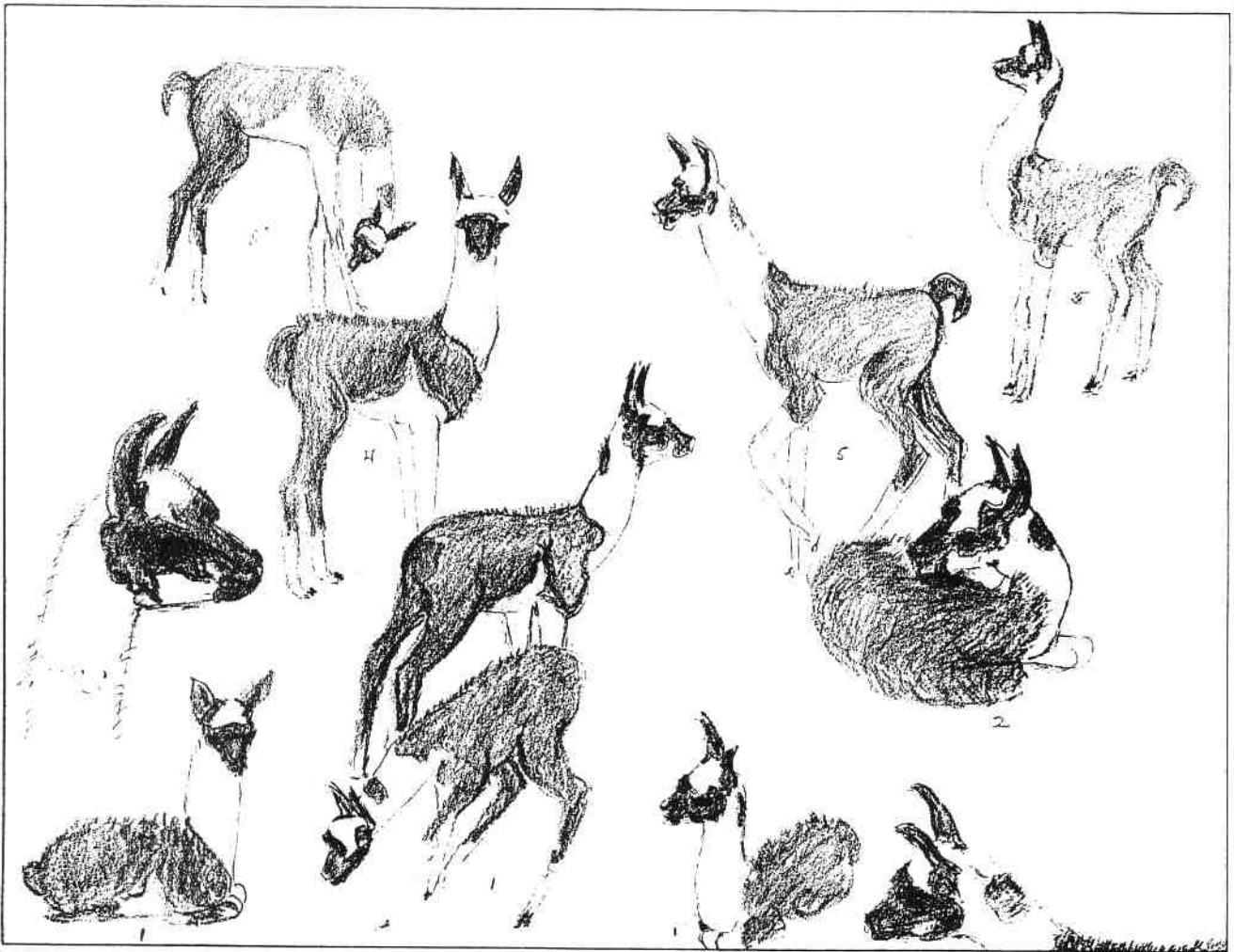
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# Calendar of Events

## May

- 4th Annual Spring Fling, Santa Fe, NM. May 6-7, 2000. Contact Kim Pisel, 505-771-0487
- h Jelly Bean Classic-Llama Fun Day, Arvada, CO. May 13, 2000. Contact Mary Mauz 303-526-0092
- h Spring Sneakers-Performance Show, Arvada, CO. May 20, 2000. Contact Jerry Dunn 303-277-1129
- Spring Fiber Clinic, Fort Collins, CO. May 21, 2000. Contact Karen Kinyon 970-484-6241
- John Mallon Lama Training Clinics, Boulder, CO. May 27-28, 2000. Contact Sharon Beacham 303-666-9437, or Bobra Goldsmith, 303-530-5575
- Spring Fiber Clinic, Boulder, CO. May 29, 2000. Contact Sharon Beacham 303-666-9437

## June

- h LOCC Spring Show, Colorado Springs, CO. June 3-4, 2000. Contact Jeff Rucker 719-689-9010
- h Estes Park Wool Market, Estes Park, CO. June 16-18, 2000. Contact Linda Hinze 970-586-6104

## July

- h Fairplay Llama Pack Race, Fairplay, CO. July 29, 2000. Contact Roger Miller 719-749-0119

## August

- h Big Horn Rendezvous Llama Show, Story, WY. August 4-6, 2000. Contact Barb Coffman-Flinn 307-683-2548
- h Laramie County Fair, Cheyenne, WY. August 13, 2000. Contact Diane Walker Tomkins 307-635-2160
- h Boulder County Youth Show, Longmont, CO. August 11, 2000. Contact Mary Beth Hartsough 970-785-2463 or Terry Lynch 303-651-3022
- h Wyoming State Fair- Llama Show, Douglas, WY. August 19-20, 2000. Contact Ellen Schreiner 307-265-1780
- Nebraska State Fair, Lincoln, NE Aug. 26, 2000. Contact Eunice Cernohlavek, 402-475-86363

## September

- Estes Park Alpaca Market, Estes Park, CO September 2-3, 2000. Contact Jane Levene 303-988-3080
- h LOCC Fall Classic Llama Show, Colorado Springs, CO. September 9-10, 2000. Contact Mark Wittrup 719-683-2834
- h Golden Gate Escape-Llama Packers Weekender. September 23-24, 2000. Contact Jerry Dunn 303-277-1129

## October

- h Candy Corn Fun Classic, Silt, CO. October 1, 2000. Contact Mary Mauz 303-526-0092
- h ALSA Rocky Mountain Regional Llama Show, Denver, CO. Oct. 14-15, 2000 Contact Sandra Payne 719-748-9047
- h RMLA Annual Meeting and Conference, Longmont, CO. Oct. 21-22, 2000 Contact Jan Redenbarger 303-642-0140

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- h National Western Stock Show Llama Show, Denver, CO. January 6-7, 2001. Contact Jerry Dunn 303-277-1129

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## RMLA Committee Reports

### Fiber: In Appreciation to our Volunteers

Sharon Beacham and Karen Kinyon

We have had a fourth very successful season with the RMLA Fiber Co-op Booth. The booth traveled to many destinations and did much to promote llama and alpaca fiber in our industry. We want to thank all the wonderful volunteers who help with this booth throughout the year. You know who you are and we don't want to miss anyone, so we will skip the list of names. For everyone's information, these dedicated volunteers travel to distant places, paying their own lodging, meals, and any other expenses while they are helping with the Fiber Co-op Booth. They spend their time hauling display equipment, setting up the exhibit and talking all day and far into the night sometimes

with the public and any other interested party that may come along. They demonstrate a variety of skills in spinning, knitting, weaving, drum carding, combing and sometimes even llama handling. Often they juggle showing llamas and helping in the Fiber Co-op Booth. Then when the time comes, they pack it all up, stow it in the new trailer and get ready for the next one. We want to thank all these Booth Managers, Fiber Artists, Llama Enthusiasts and Good Friends because without them, the RMLA Fiber Co-op would not be possible!! Get ready, keep making those wonderful llama and alpaca items and we'll all fly into the new Millennium together!! For more information about the RMLA Fiber Co-op Booth, please call Sharon Beacham at (303) 666-9437 or Karen Kinyon at (970) 484-6241.

### News from the Library

Sharon Herbold

Use of the library is one of the advantages of joining RMLA. Not only do new members find valuable information in the many items available for check out through the mail, but also long-time members also take advantage of the new items as they become available. The most requested items currently are training videos and wool-related items.

Again this year, the list of materials available for check-out can be found in the back of your 2000 Membership Directory and on the RMLA internet site. Items in the library include articles, books and videos on many topics as well as a children's library and a wool library.

Check-out to all members of RMLA is available by letter, phone call or e-mail message. Postage to mail the items is paid for by RMLA; return postage must be paid

by each member checking out the materials. Not all items are available immediately when requested, but a waiting list is kept for the most popular items and they are mailed as soon as they become available. Articles and books are checked out for a period of one month, while videos are checked out for two weeks. It is very important that items are returned on time as there are other members waiting for the materials.

If anyone has information on new items suitable for the library, please contact me. I look forward to helping in your quest for information about llamas and alpacas. Please contact me if I can be of help.

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## Youth: !! Attention All Kids !!

Barb Harris, Chair

Well, it looks like I'm the new chair of the Youth Committee. Some of you know me, but for those of you who don't, I thought I should give you a little personal history. I live outside of Canon City, Colorado, with my husband, Bob Welsh, 2 llamas, 2 dogs, 11 cats and 2 geese. I am an animal behavioralist, as well as an ALSA Judge.

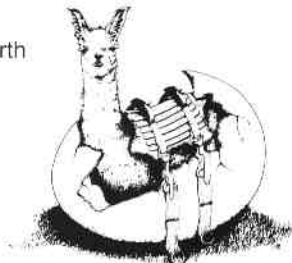
Now, since this committee is about, and for, the young people of RMLA, I need input from all of you. I want to hear about things you do with your llamas, as well as see pictures of you and your animals. Are there things you would like to see RMLA include for you at the conferences or events? If so, let me know. Do you have questions about showing llamas or llama questions in general? If so, let me know. If you have questions that I can't answer, I will find someone who can correctly answer your question. Are you on our mentor list, or would you like a mentor? Please, let me know and I can help you. If you send me articles and/or pictures, I will see that they get submitted to the RMLA journal.

At this time, Barb Coffman-Flinn is the editor of Camelid Kids and she is also in need of articles and photos of young llama owners or pictures you have taken. Contact Barb or myself for more information on this newsletter that is devoted entirely to you.

At this time, U.S. West still hasn't provided me with a phone, so there is no E-Mail, but you can reach me on my cell phone at (719) 648-2853, or write to me at P.O. Box 1335, Canon City, CO 81215.

Let's work together and show people what the RMLA kids can do !!!

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# So, What Do You Do With a Llama?

## A Llama Elderhostel

Karen Kinyon

Colorado State University will offer a Llama Elderhostel at their Pingree Park campus, July 30-August 5, 2000. This is available to anyone over 50 and is an excellent opportunity to promote llamas to people from all walks of life and from all over the world. Karen Kinyon is leading the instruction. Two sessions will run concurrently during that week. They are "Hiking with Llamas" and "Spinning and Weaving with Llama and Alpaca". Chris Switzer will teach spinning and weaving sessions. Pingree Park is an excellent setting for this project as it is 9000 feet in elevation with beautiful, well-maintained hiking trails. The campus includes

large, comfortable classrooms with lodging and a dining hall available.

Volunteers are needed to help with this project. If you can hike, spin, knit, felt a llama hat, or weave, you are welcome!! If you commit to one day during that week, Pingree Park will provide lunch for you. Karen especially needs well trained pack llamas, llama handlers, pack equipment, spinning wheels, and rigid heddle looms. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Karen at (970) 484-6241 for additional information. Don't miss this chance to spend a day hiking in our beautiful Colorado mountains and sharing the day with our favorite llama companions.

## First Time in Fairplay: A Novice Tackles the Big Race

Dave Slothower

Life is a winding path, with many points along the way at which to stop and ask yourself the big questions like, "What am I doing here?" — "Can I make it?" — "How fast *can* a llama run?" All right, these llama questions may not be the standard "big philosophical questions", but believe me, as I stood in front of the Hand Hotel with my llama in hand in the summer of 1998, these were just a few of the many questions on my mind.

For a farm kid from the dairy country of south central Pennsylvania, pack llama racing was (a gross understatement) a little out of the ordinary. To run the race was off-the-chart unusual.

My family became involved with llamas through our involvement with 4-H and we quickly realized that we loved the animals and the people who handle them. Our friends Roger and Betty Miller, who introduced us to llamas, urged us to go up to Fairplay for the pack race and we agreed. At the time, I hadn't run any farther than from here to the candy machine since I left the Army, so we decided to take one of our animals and let my youngest son, Jonathan, enter as a "walker" (that's the chance to complete the course at your own pace). On the day of the race, spring rains and runoff had made the river high and fast. Since the course included three river crossings, we decided that Jonathan should sit this one out. But now what? After all, we were all here, we had our llama, I was getting

caught up in the event; I heard myself say, "I'll *do* it."

I don't remember exactly how many animals there were. The picture in my memory is one of llamas stretching out across the horizon. The racers were started and the crowd went wild. This was pretty cool. Then the "walkers", a much bigger group, flooded the street. We were started and the group surged forward to cheers from the sidewalks. My llama, Boreas, moved easily, almost eagerly. Forget eagerly, he wanted to *run!* We broke into my version of running and proceeded to the first river crossing. Some llamas were stalled, some were loose, some were drinking and some were crossing without hesitation. All were wet as were their handlers and everyone was having a good time. Boreas and I ran the entire course, we crossed the river two more times, and we went through tunnels and climbed a rocky hill. By the time I reached the old town of Fairplay and headed down the street toward the finish, my lungs were burning, my legs were tired, I was wet, I had a blister, and Boreas was looking at me with contempt (and those of you who know llamas know how condescending they can be). When I crossed the line I realized that I was having one of the best times of my life. I'm not sure this story has a moral, but if it does, it is this: Go to the race, get yourself a llama, and run.

To help control an intact male llama at a show, rub a few drops of peppermint oil on his upper lip, just below the nostril openings. This will mask the scent of other males in the class and make it easier to maintain the correct distance between animals. Look for the oil at a pharmacy. Other products like Vicks, with a eucalyptus or camphor oil base, are also effective. Never put anything inside the nostrils. Try alternative products on your own skin first to be sure they don't cause a burning sensation.

—Sharon Beacham



## Llamas Are Therapeutic: Using your Llama as a Healer

Sally German-Rucker, Stage Stop Llamas  
Florissant, Colorado

Most people who get involved with llamas seem to be what I call "warm-fuzzy" people. They often drag their more business-like spouses and friends into their web, and before you know it these same people are spending hours talking to and simply gazing at our elegant and intelligent animals. The calming and relaxing effect they can produce is often miraculous. I would love to have someone do research on the health benefits to type-A personalities when they own llamas.

The natural progression from all of this warm-fuzziness is the overwhelming urge to share the wealth. This has led llama owners to visit nursing homes, hospitals, and schools. Youth groups such as 4-H and FFA are springing up all over the country. Llamas are giving rides to handicapped children and pulling carts for the pleasure of everyone. Many people are even taking courses and having their llamas certified as animal-assisted therapy animals by the Delta Society.

Llamas are ideally suited for "do-gooding". They are generally avoidance type rather than aggressive animals. They do not exhibit pushy behavior unless they or their herd are threatened. They tend to move away from irritation rather than bite or kick. Spitting is very rarely directed at people and is usually preceded by repeated warnings. I have never had a child, a patient, or a guest injured by a llama.

Llamas attract attention wherever you take them. They are large, yet gentle; exotic, yet approachable; aloof, yet curious; not to mention their aesthetic beauty. Because of these qualities, they often reach people who don't normally respond to more common animals. Once contact has been made with a llama, people tend to want to continue the contact, because they find them so tactilely stimulating. Their wool is an important element in bringing pleasure to those we are trying to reach. Llamas also make eye contact and are genuinely curious about their surroundings. This makes people feel special and creates a bond that is very powerful. Animals in general, and llamas specifically, are not judgmental and are not put off by physical handicaps, speech impediments, smells, and other attributes that tend to isolate people. Llamas tend to remain calm in crowds, around unexpected noises, and in unfamiliar surroundings. This is especially true if they have been exposed to many situations and have come to trust their handlers. They have wide-set eyes and can see almost 360 degrees, so they are very ki-

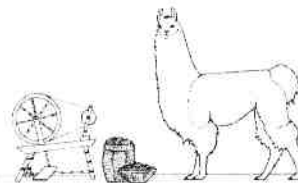
netically aware. They are very attuned to their relationship to the space around them and they very rarely knock anything or anybody over. I have taken full-grown adult males into small rooms in hospitals and nursing homes, and they have successfully negotiated their way around oxygen machines, TVs, and other obstacles without incident.

It is easy to take llamas indoors without fear of accidents, because of their dung-piling behavior. Carry a coffee can of dung with you and salt an area outside of the facility. Allow the llama to visit the pile once every hour or so.

Groom your llama and take him out to visit. You will be amazed at the magic he works. You and your pet partner can make a difference. As a result, you will personally be moved and motivated in many unexpected ways.

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# So, What Do You Do with a Llama? continued

## Creative Uses of Fiber: Handwoven Llama Totes Awarded at NWSS

Karen Kinyon, Double K Diamond Llamas

We were pleased to offer Handwoven awards made from llama wool for the Championships in the Llama Show at the National Western Stock Show 2000. These awards were handwoven by members of RMLA and the yarn provided by the Rocky Mountain Llama Fiber Pool. It is important to honor these individuals as this is an ambitious project that is important to our industry. The awards were tote bags, lined, with a pocket and made for function as well as fashion. The weavers were Chris Switzer, Mary Hance, Marie Hinds and Karen

Kinyon. Judith Wolff-Mills was the seamstress and handweaver who did the assembly. If you see these people please compliment them on their creativity and technique. Each weaver used their own designs to fashion these unique awards. This is the third year that we have had handwoven awards for the National Western Stock Show. In the past we have had scarves and table runners. Maybe some of you have won all three!! The weavers are ready to go with the next project, so look forward to them in the future. If you would like more information about the Handwoven Awards Project, please call Karen Kinyon at (970) 484-6241.

## Shearing, Fiber Grading, and Fleece Preparation Clinics

Sharon Beacham and Karen Kinyon

By popular request, two clinics are offered to help you shear and prepare your llama fleeces. If you are growing beautiful llama fleeces and would like to know just what to do with them next, these clinics are for you!! Sharon Beacham and Karen Kinyon, ALSA certified Llama Fleece Judges will host these clinics at their respective farms just in time for Spring shearing and llama fleece shows. Proper shearing techniques, skirting, fleece preparation for show or fiber pool processing will be discussed. There will be time for questions and actual hands-on experience in all aspects of the clinic. Bring a llama fleece of your own or practice on one provided. The same information will be given at each clinic and you only need to attend one of them. Choose the location and date that are most convenient for you. Sharon and Karen will be available at both locations. Cost for the clinic of your choice is \$15.00 per person. The fee includes the entire clinic plus lunch, snacks and beverages. Clinics will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days.

### **Sunday, May 21, 2000**

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### **Monday, May 29, 2000**

(right after the Mallon clinics, at the same location!)  
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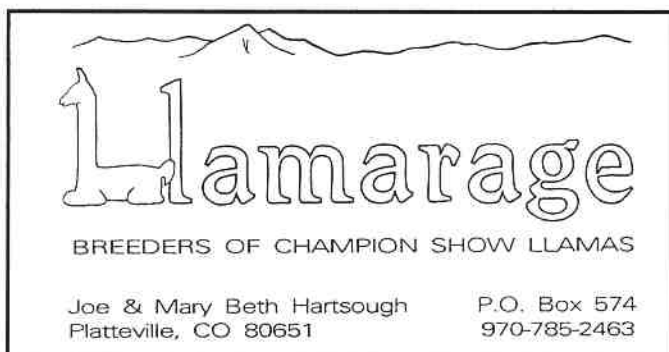
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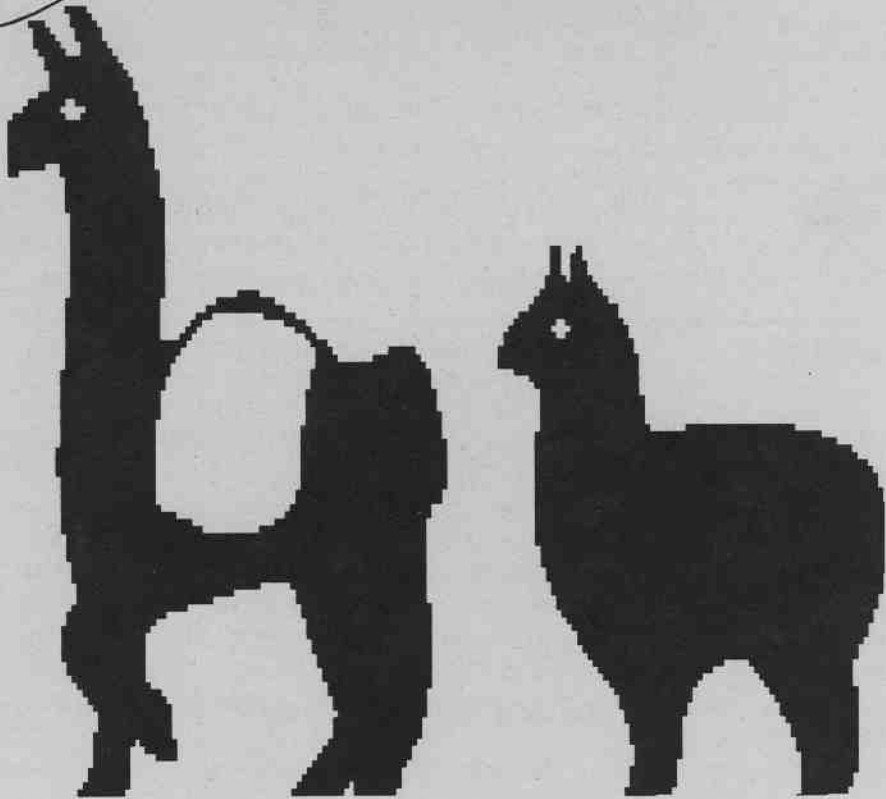
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It all began through conversations with Stan Ebel at Buckhorn Llama Company, Inc. in Masonville. He supplied us with our first llamas and lived just a couple of miles away. Over the years he'd always offered llama day hikes in the nearby mountains and foothills, but often times people were looking for a full-day adventure or a walk with more depth and local information. My husband Joel, a native Coloradoan, is a biologist with a strong interest and background in native birds, animals and plants, and I've been professionally involved in horticulture and native plants for more than 20 years. It seemed a natural fit for us to help Stan out on specialized walks as the need arose.

As many things do, one thing lead to another and we officially formed LlamaWalk Colorado in 1998 to offer interpretive llama day hikes through Buckhorn Llama Company. Focusing on the needs and interests of each group, we offer instruction in packing with llamas as well as teaching them what we know about the natural environment of the Front Range of Northern Colorado. It's been a lot of fun and we've entertained and been involved with groups of all backgrounds and interests.

When a client contacts us (or Buckhorn Llama Company), we usually talk about their expectations and special interests, what they'd like to concentrate on and the physical conditions of both the walkers and the area we'll be visiting. Most of the people we've worked with have been curious about llamas, but few have had any hands-on experience with them. They're also usually interested in hiking and the natural environment.

Joel has been in charge of most of the walks so far. He usually starts out the day with a one- to two-hour orientation on light llama packing and basic trail care of the animals. Each participant is offered a chance to saddle and load an animal, and off they go. We offer several different walks, but the most popular one has been to the "hogback" formations just west of Buckhorn Llama Company's main facilities in the Masonville Valley. This private land offers spectacular views, breathtaking rock formations and wonderfully diverse plant, bird and animal populations.

One of the most exciting walks for us was last May when the Colorado Field Ornithologists held its annual conference in nearby Fort Collins. They contacted us to see if we'd offer a walk to part of their group. Curious about how llamas might aid in the work of professionals who need to carry equipment and field guides, a small group showed up for a day of llamas, birds, plants and lunch. It proved to be a very successful venture, and we tallied over 30 species of birds in a single morning. Quiet, patient and easy-to handle, the llamas demonstrated their unique ability to work hard and support the group without interfering in the efforts at hand.

Many of our llama walks have actually been purchased as gifts for birthdays or other special occasions. Included in these were a geology professor and his family, a Littleton attorney and her brother from Florida, and a pair of active grandparents sharing the wonders of llamas and hiking with their grandchildren. We've also hosted a bank president, elementary school teachers and veterinary students at Colorado State University.

We'll continue offering guided llama walks throughout the spring and summer on a contract basis through Buckhorn Llama Co., Inc. For more information, call (970) 667-7411 or (970) 613-0239. On the web, click the LlamaWalk Colorado section of our website at [www.outertainments.com](http://www.outertainments.com), or go to Day Hikes at [www.llamapack.com](http://www.llamapack.com).

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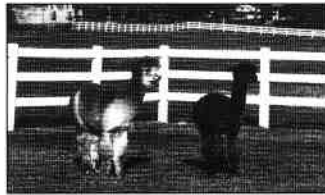
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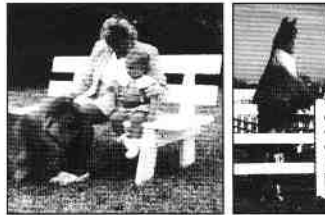
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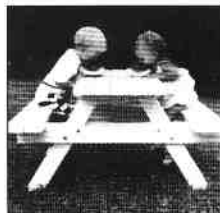
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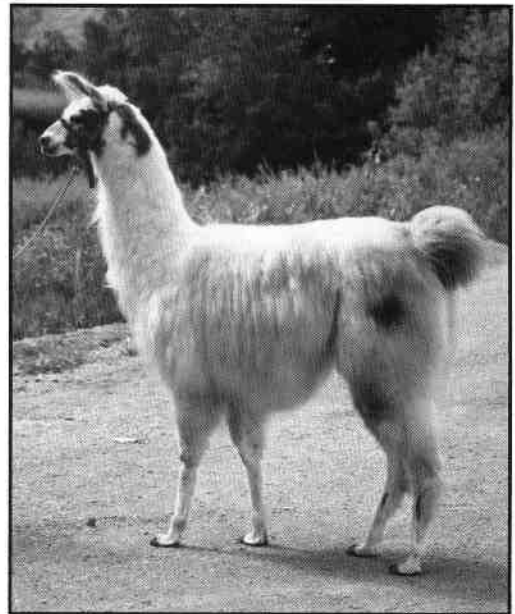
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# New Mexico 4-H: A Blend of Youth, Llamas, and Horses Or The Best of Both Worlds

Mary Summers, Rainbow Valley Llamas, Placitas, NM

Photographs courtesy of Kim Pisel, 4-H Leader

This is a tale in which Bonillo falls in love with a horse, Shianne spends her first night in the wilderness, and Invierno proves himself as a packer.

Mary Summers and Kim Pisel are 4-H leaders for a group of youth who are members of the Corrales, New Mexico, Amigos del Norte 4-H Club. Our youth are active in showing llamas, alpacas, and horses and in competing for 4-H Queen. They have qualified two of their llamas (along with Mary Summers' Invierno and Salsa) as Pet Partners with the Delta Society.

Ten year old Jesse Pisel's first camelid project was a rescued alpaca who had been imported from Peru. This poor little guy had lived in a 16 x 16 pen for 2 years, his only companion, being a duck. Bejor's toenails had grown so badly that he could not walk normally. It was very impressive to watch Jesse practice the Parelli technique of the "friendly game" with this neglected alpaca. Jesse needed only a little coaching from Mary who had been to a Parelli clinic. Bejor could not be touched or easily haltered. In less than two months Jesse had Bejor ready to perform at the New Mexico State Fair. Bejor accepted a camel hump fastened with cinches and covered with a Bedouin blanket for the costume contest. Jesse won first place! Bejor did not want to do our wilderness trek and by then Jesse had his own llama, Hercules who got to hike with only a small training pack.

So now with this background you will understand the skills of our marvelous 4-H group who participated in this summer's outing. Two of the 4-H families show both horses and llamas so when planning a wilderness trek it was natural to include the horses. Two horses, Magic and Thunder, were ridden by Jenna and Shianne alternating with the Pisel parents. Those not riding horses led our herd of 4-H llamas from Rainbow Valley Llamas. Cobre, Invierno, and Bonillo along with three young 4-H llamas in training, Hercules, Ringo, and Ace carried all the gear. The little llamas just carried sleeping bags.

This summer's trek took us into a remote New Mexico wilderness called San Pedro Parks, our destination the high parks with lush grass, alpine streams and beaver ponds. The hiking was gradually uphill through aspen, over meandering streams, and sunflower bestrewn meadows.

Bonillo llama wanted to keep up with his new horse friends even if he was carrying 100 pounds of equipment. This made for some pretty fast hiking. Magic, the horse, did not like to cross streams. At one particularly muddy crossing with deadfall on the edge, Magic balked. He pulled up short. With his head held high, his eyes grew as big as saucers with the whites showing and he started to back up. Bonillo was waiting to cross the stream behind his newly found friend. He imitated Magic "to a T"! Our wonderful pack llama, having crossed hundreds of streams, suddenly performed a perfect imitation of Magic's balk. We did not even *know* llamas could show the whites of their eyes! Fortunately on the way back, Bonillo got over his equine fixation and decided it was better to be a fearless pack llama.

Humans, especially 4-H youth, follow the line of least resistance. For a while the horse riders would not give up their positions until backsides became sore enough. Then all of a sudden everyone wanted to lead a llama. Bonillo was dubbed the "Energizer Bunny" for his desire to go and go and go. He would even keep on hiking without any other llamas or horses around.

A trek in the wilderness would not be complete without some excitement. Our excitement was getting "lost" for a while. We were never really lost, but just hiked farther than we had planned. As a result we made camp in a grassy clearing in the tall pines with pasture in a wide valley for the llamas and horses. Rock outcrops added to the picture perfect setting. Yeah, no cows! However, rain we did have, hail too! Tents and cooking tarp were erected just in time.




Our youngest pack llamas, Hercules and Ringo, at a year old were most happy to come to a more prolonged resting spot. "This wilderness thing is big! Who cares that we have all we can eat if we have to walk so far to get to it. Well, if Jenna and Jesse can do it, I guess we can too. Besides," Hercules thought, "I know Jesse will give me a nice back rub after he takes off my training pack." Ringo piped up with the observation that, "I guess I can forgive Jenna for ignoring me and riding that horse if she finds us a good sheltered spot in the trees to kush out of the rain. We've heard our 4-H'ers are used to the outdoors and will take good care of us." Ace, Kim's silky long woolled llama huffed, "All I'm doing is getting my pretty fiber all wet and muddy, yuck!"

Our youth learned how to tether llamas and horses in the meadow. As soon as the animals were unloaded they were fed alfalfa pellet treats as a reward for their effort. We walked and moved them from time to time to keep them from damaging the meadow. Low impact camping skills were practiced. Pure alpine streams were respected. Water was hauled to the animals. Wash up took place a hundred feet away from the stream as did the digging of cat holes.

During our rain enforced stay in our tents, Shianne revealed that this was the first time she had ever camped out and the first time she had ever spent the night away from her family. Lights out and sounds that go bump in the night were a new experience. Getting absorbed in reading a good book helped. Her 4-H "family" turned out to be a warm and caring substitute. No campfire horror tales were told, just games, camaraderie and companionship. The second night we all sat in awe of the star studded New Mexico night sky, tracing the milky way down the middle of the valley and watching for shooting stars.

The hike out was a cheerful downhill romp. Loads were lighter and spirits of youth and llamas were high. It was wonderful to watch the bond that had formed between our two new wilderness survivors, Shianne and Invierno. He followed effortlessly, crossed streams without imitating the bad examples of horses, dealt with the tie out line without incident and, according to Shianne, was a pleasure to handle. This bonding was probably an important factor in Shianne's winning high point youth with Invierno at the NM State Fair two months later. Invierno performed so well that he qualified for an extended pack trip with his sire, Cobre, to the Wind River Range of Wyoming, and *that* is another story!

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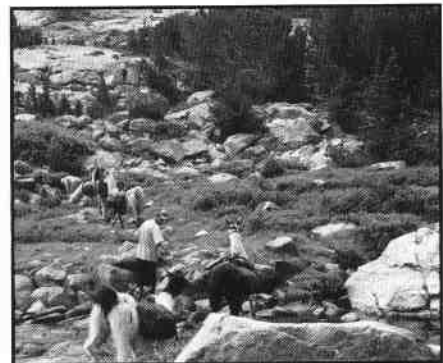
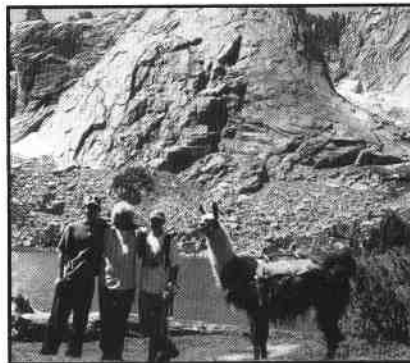
## The Joy of Llamas in the Wind River Range

Jerry Dunn, Bear Track Farm, Golden, Colorado

In 1970, I signed up for a National Outdoor Leadership School course with Paul Petzolt, in the Wind Rivers, near Lander, Wyoming. My course involved thirty days of backbreaking marches through rain, snow, rocks, and man-eating mosquitoes (with no llamas). I graduated a better person and swore I would never turn to the mountains again!

In 1979, I had the opportunity to become the back country ranger on the Shoshone National Forest in Wyoming. Money and solitude enticed me to return to the Wind River Range once again. It was my job to walk the trails of the Wind Rivers with no llamas and alone, make contact with the people using the forest and picking-up their trash. My pack seemed just as heavy as it had been nine years previous, maybe heavier. And again, I departed a better person for having survived!!

Soon following these self-searching summers, I discovered llamas. The Wind Rivers have never been so beautiful since the llamas have taken on my load. The real fun trips have been with Wes and Mary Mauz, their family members, and most recently again with the Mauz', Ben Riggs and Lloyd Wamsley. Now, each time I return, I leave happier and better, thanks to my llamas and my friends!!!



## RMLA Elections Committee Report

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.

Please submit all nominations by August 15, 2000 to Larry Lewellyn, Election Chair, 10715 W. Belleview Avenue, Littleton, Colorado 80127.

## Taos Wool Festival

Chris Switzer, Switzer-Land Alpacas

The Taos Wool Festival took place last October and featured a hand-spun skein contest. There were 28 entries which consisted of sheep, llama, and alpaca wool. There was one youth entry. The llama skein was a fine, white, 2 ply, smooth and even and was done by Claire Walker from Pagosa Springs, Colorado. She was awarded a 1st place in the class, plus the RMLA \$25 special award.

There was a category for blends and also novelty. Karen Winfield from Colorado Springs, Colorado, entered an 80% llama, 20% silk, Navajo plied yard and was awarded 2nd place. She also entered an alpaca plus silk blend with peacock feathers for which she was awarded 1st place. There were no entries for the more unusual fibers such as dog hair and buffalo. How about entering camel fiber in the future?

The 8 alpaca skeins had a wide variety, 2 singles in white and dark brown, a dyed peach multicolor, 2 ply, and 2 reddish brown, 2 ply, smooth and even, which was also done by Claire Walker and for which she was awarded Best of Show, Grand Champion! ABR awarded a special award of \$25 for a reddish brown, 2 ply, smooth and even skein. The question comes up, "Where's the Suri alpaca?" Hopefully, there will be entries in the future. As a judge, they should be judged separately for having such different characteristics.

"Fleece to Fashion" is judged separately, some fiber, some handspun yard, and the finished item. There were only a few submissions, so try to enter in the future.

The RMLA Co-op Fiber Booth was well received. Having llamas walking around with their owners is always a plus. The Switzers had several alpacas there, including a Suri. As usual, Christ Switzer had her booth there. She judged handspun skeins on Saturday and demonstrated weaving, while running her booth on Sunday.

Winter is a good time of year to spin and plan ahead. Let's get some youth representation. Everyone should try to enter several classes and the "Fleece to Fashion" class is highly recommended.



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# Living & Lloving Llamas: Our Experience

Carolann Evans, LadyHawk Llamas

Berthoud, Colorado

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As llama owners, I'm sure you've all been asked hundreds of times, "why do you have llamas? What do you DO with them?" I always give them an initial blank stare, stammer a bit, and follow with an intelligent answer like "I don't know. It just happened," or "Look at them! Aren't they the most awesome creatures?" Many times I get a blank stare back.

We actually got our first llamas about three and a half years ago. I kept hanging around at shows...NWSS, Estes Park; even drove down to Colorado Springs for an LOCC show. I kept looking and looking...and asking questions. Even fell for a pretty little male (llama!) named Orion owned by someone in Nederland, I think...but didn't have a place for him yet. I met a lot of folks...everyone was very helpful, everyone was very friendly, everyone was very nice, and everyone was very *busy!* But what I noticed most was how everyone still took the time to speak with me...and I noticed that the reason behind that was not necessarily to *sell* me one, but simply because they love talking about their animals!

I remember talking with Cindy Burgess and rushing home to tell my husband we just *had* to fly to Texas to visit her ranch (we never have gotten there) but prior to the planned rush off to Texas, we decided to move from our 1 acre in Brighton, to 2.5 acres in Berthoud: just to have llamas! During that process, we met Betty & Jack Goetzinger, who ended up taking us under their wings, and also sold us our first two little boys. I still remember, shortly after Sage and Echo were delivered, calling Betty with panic in my voice telling her there was "something wrong" with Sage. I proceeded to describe the noise he was making....which turned out to merely be an alarm call! You just don't get to hear that sort of thing at the shows! Our neighbors had never seen llamas being walked and we became celebrities in our new neighborhood. What a great way to meet folks. One of the couples we met walking llamas now own their first two!

So here we are, three and a half years later. And you all know what I am about to say: We are now up to 16 llamas!! And we just bought 37 acres....for the llamas...and we have started putting up *miles* of fence...for the llamas....and we have started showing llamas....for *us!* We liked llama people so much, we just had to get more involved! Being the new kid on this block, I thought I would take a few more moments of your time, and give you all a few of my observations thus far about some of the people we have run across:

Jack & Betty Goetzinger—my second set of parents! I'm sorry they are no longer on the show circuit, but appreciate having them show up to help me groom and then attend the events. They're still out there supporting all of us!; Sharon Beacham — how did I end up lucky enough to hook up with her?!? She's a walking llama encyclopedia ...and has provided me with my herdsire! Her willingness to share knowledge is invaluable to the industry (and to me). Plus she has taught me how to have every llock of wool in place before entering that ring...not to mention the technicalities of the "facts of life" in the arena of breeding!; Larry & Deanna Llewellyn— Larry is that guy that is always there lending a hand. And Deanna is the one always there as you exit the show ring with a hug!; Gerry Lee — Right behind Deanna with the hugs. And so much fun to watch leaping when his llamas win!; Bobra Goldsmith—where does this lady get her energy?!?! Another wealth of knowledge, and a source of supplies & training tips.; Allaine Byers — Is there anyone *prettier* in the show ring?; Jerry Dunn—dynamic, involved, making the time to share with kids.; The Potts'—is there anyone out there that doesn't get teary-eyed every time Gretchen wins?!; Jane Shepard—another newbie...I always enjoy learning *with* her!; and Karen Kinyon — wow...fiber! leave the checkbook at home.

And there are so many more people who are always there with a kind word of encouragement, an offer of assistance, and a genuine "congratulations" even if you just beat their animal for first place! The character and integrity of the people are what keeps us involved and enjoying it all. And of course, then there's our friends—Banner, Blew, Cadfael, el Nino, Santana, Feather, Bounce (we'll miss him, Bobra), Socks, Resero, Moonshine.... and all the others!

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So next time I'm asked *why I love llamas*, I guess I'll have an answer! By the way—I *can* spell properly, but it seems much more fun in Llamaese!

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## YOUR RMLA BOARD MEMBERS THEN AND NOW

### YOUR RMLA BOARD MEMBERS THEN



1) Swimming is my thing, jumping on my trampoline, plus camping and fishing.



2) All I want to do is play baseball.



3) My hobbies are GIRLS, sports and 4-H.



4) I love music, milkshakes, 4-H and going to the beach.



5) My passion is playing, visiting my Grandpa's farm and riding horses.

Answers can be found on page 37

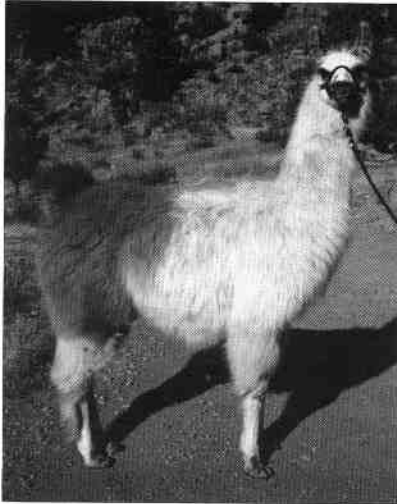
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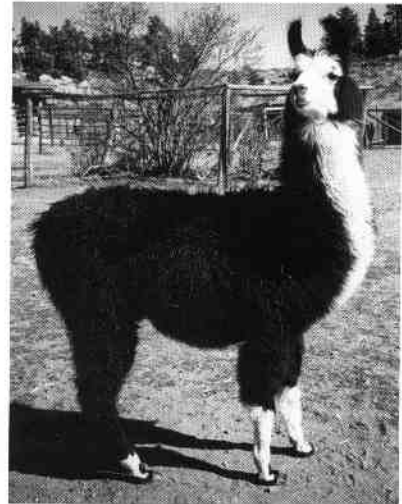
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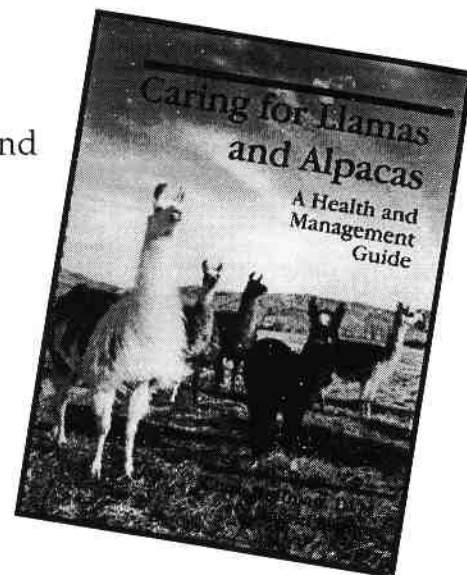
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# Digging Deeper: The New Buyers Litany of Questions

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Most of us have always been encouraged to ask questions. We are told, "No question is a stupid question unless you don't ask it." Despite the truth in such a statement, sometimes we find ourselves in situations where we might not know the right questions to ask. As intelligent beings, we may do our homework, talk with others, research information on the subject; however, being novices in a particular area and despite our valiant attempts, we simply lack the experience to truly know... what are the right questions to ask.

We have received calls from new llama owners who purchased animals and who later were faced with situations and circumstances they wished they could have avoided if they had known to inquire about particular details before making their purchase. Important information was not disclosed at the outset, either because of ignorance or the decision on the part of the breeder to not divulge information that might threaten a prospective sale.

Some who read this may feel this is more of an interrogation than an inquisition. However, when the discussion of ethics and questionable farm practices garners more and more attention, it is the hope of this writer that stringent evaluation and assessment of all farms and breeders become common place. It is in an arena such as this, that buyers (whether old or new) can objectively evaluate standards and practices of a seller, which in turn can lead to an informed and well thought out decision on the part of the buyer.

The following is a list of questions and/or observations to be made which sequentially takes the buyer from the initial stages of interest to a possible purchase. Many of these questions and/or considerations can also be used as a springboard for further discussion or clarification on the part of the buyer.

Individuals selling their llamas need to be assured that their animals are going to a safe environment to be cared for by well informed, educated folks to whom their animals have been entrusted. Buyers need to be fully informed about the animal(s) they are purchasing and have the assurance of mentorship with the seller if desired.

## Questions/Concerns to be Raised Prior to Purchasing Llamas

- Are the farm premises clean? Do poop piles appear to be picked up regularly and the areas limed?
- Are llamas adequately pastured with safe fencing and housing?
- Are water buckets filled with clean water?
- Does the breeder have a complete first aid kit?
- Look at the entire herd. What is your immediate impression of the type of care they are receiving?
- Examine nails, teeth, and overall physical presence of the animal(s) you wish to purchase.
- Are the nails trimmed?
- Does his/her coat have a luster to it?
- Is the animal desensitized by the owner?
- Can the owner brush the llama, trim the toe nails on both front and back feet, check the mouth, etc. easily or with difficulty?
- Is the animal halter broken and lead trained?
- Observe the owner catching the llama, putting on the halter and leading it away from the barn. Is it done easily or is the llama reluctant or hesitant?
- Are the llamas responsive to the owner?
- Ask the owner to critically assess the animal(s) you are interested in. Ask for the animal's strengths and weaknesses as well.
- Inquire about how that particular llama does in heat? Is he/she shorn yearly, every other year or not at all?
- Have there been instances of heat stress? If so, have the owner describe the incident and relate what was done to remedy it.
- What does the farm provide for their animals in both hot and cold weather?
- Ask to see medical records from birth to present.
- What is the farm's worming and inoculation regimen? Do the medical records/files support this?



- Did the llama have an IgG drawn after birth? If yes, what was the IgG level?
- If the IgG was low, was plasma given with a repeat IgG later on?
- What was the weight gain of that particular llama during his/her first three months of life?
- What inoculations are given in the first day? First week? First month? Second month and third month?
- Are the parents on the property? Ask to see other siblings.
- How many crias has this farm birthed successfully? How many stillborns? Deaths? Assisted deliveries?
- If purchasing a breeding/bred female, obtain the history on the mother regarding milk production, milking ability, mothering ability (attentiveness, etc.) and birthing records.
- What guarantees does the breeder offer? Is there a live birth guarantee?
- Will the owner refund your money or offer you equal market value for a replacement if the purchased animal is unable to hold a pregnancy, adequately nourish her cria or has problems with the actual birthing process?
- Inquire about the parents and genealogy AT LEAST four generations back.
- Ask the owner if either the dam or sire has given birth to or sired a cria with choanal atresia or other genetic defects (wry face, etc.). If there is any doubt as to the honesty of the disclosure, investigate further.
- If purchasing a prospective stud male, ask about the presence of genetic abnormalities in his line.
- If the male is unproven, what guarantees are in place?
- If he is a proven sire, ask for pictures of his offspring and visit them if possible.
- If purchasing a male or female to compliment your breeding male or female, cross check generations between your male and female. All too often, buyers purchase a male and female with the intent to breed them as a pair and then later learn they both share the same grandparents.
- Visit the farm more than once and work with the animal(s) before the actual purchase.
- Ask the seller to supply you with references from: previous sales, other breeders and his/her veterinarian. A farm's veterinarian is probably the most valuable reference you can get. The veterinarian has knowledge of herd management practices or lack there of, and is cognizant of the seller's knowledge and sophistication of both cria and elder care.
- Does the seller provide you with printed materials based on recommended timelines for inoculations, worming, etc.
- Are you provided with applications for state and national llama associations to join?
- Has the llama traveled in a trailer or vehicle for other types of transport?
- Does the seller offer a buy-back clause if the animal, for whatever reason, does not adjust to the new placement or after a short time, a buyer realizes he/she cannot invest the time into the care of the animal? Just how much does the seller "stand behind" their animal?
- What does the seller offer you as a new buyer in terms of follow up? Will they visit or phone to check on the llama's adjustment? If you are relatively new, will they be available to work with you in training, desensitizing, learning to give shots, shearing, troubleshooting problems which may arise, etc.? Talk with others who have purchased from this farm to assess the degree of involvement which carries through after the sale.
- If purchasing an animal advertised as a trained pack llama, request a pack trip (preferably overnight) with the owner and llama. Determine the frequency and length of pack experiences, the amount of weight carried, etc.
- Are the terms in the contract spelled out clearly? Ask to see a sample contract prior to any sale.
- Is the seller current in his/her knowledge of llama medicine, research, training, etc.?
- Evaluate the seller with a critical eye. Now that you have answers to your questions, begin your decision process.
- Think about it, talk about it, investigate thoroughly prior to any purchase.

Accountability along with ethical breeding and selling practices are in demand. A reputable breeder who stands behind their animals and their farm should have no difficulty with questions of this nature...and quite frankly, should endeavor to seek out an interested party who would be willing to investigate at this level of commitment.

Please note: The Click 'n' Reward Clinic scheduled for May 13 in Grand Junction, CO has been postponed.

# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fairplay Pack Llama Race/Walk

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**July 29, 2000, on-site registration starting at 9:00 a.m. at the starting line  
Pack Race will start at 11:00 a.m.**

NOTE: Change in date from previously published date - Race Date is 29-July-2000.

This is a request for assistance from RMLA ranches in the region to provide llamas for the PUBLIC walk of the racecourse after the pack race. We would appreciate volunteers to assist in registration, timing, course spotters, llama camp dinner Friday night, and course setup and tear down for Llama Lunacy.

This is an excellent opportunity to make your llamas available to the general public and allow them to experience abilities of the llama on a defined course. Last year we had to turn away approximately 15 walkers because we did not have enough llamas. We would like to prevent that this year and have more than enough llamas to go around! We also have the Llama Lunacy where children have a chance to take a llama on a small obstacle course and receive ribbons for their efforts – cameras are allowed! There are plans for other Lamas events during the day including the town parade on Sunday after the start of the burro race.

We will have the Llama Camp signs up by noon of Friday. The first sign will be on State Highway 9, which passes through Fairplay at the Southwest corner of the Park surrounding the library (was the old courthouse and jail) then turn North and follow the signs out of town to the Llama Camp site – approximately 4 miles. This is an excellent location for the llamas to graze for the weekend and for the llama owners, racers, and general public to gather. We will have a free Chili Mac dinner with drinks for racers and llama owners starting at 6:00 p.m. at the llama campsite. Please bring your favorite side dishes and desserts to accompany the Chili Mac and share with the racers and llama owners! So come to the gathering and enjoy the experience llama ownership beneath the beautiful Summer Colorado sky. The town and burro committee provide trashcans and port-a-potties for the Llama campsite.

This race is a 3-mile flagged course loaded with man-made and natural obstacles with three or more river crossings. The race will start at 11:00 a.m. at the ghost town on Front Street and finish in front of the Hand Hotel. The best time is just over 21 minutes for the 3-mile course. Each llama in the pack race will carry a total of 30 pounds (including pack and panniers) in the race from start to finish. Weigh-in will conclude about 15 minutes before race time. The runners and llamas on leads will run four blocks to the pack-load area, load packs onto the llamas and proceed through the marked course to the finish line.

The first two places in the Pro Pack Race Division will receive prize money. The Amateur Division is made up of the following age divisions: 12-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+ by male and female classes. Place ribbons will be given for the first three places in each division. Participant ribbons are given to all amateur pack racers and walk entries as well as each child entered in the Llama Lunacy obstacle course.

The price for race participant is as follows (includes a race t-shirt):

	<b>Pre-registration:</b>	<b>Race-day Registration:</b>
<b>Pro Pack Racers</b>	\$27.00	\$28.00
<b>Amateur Pack Racers</b>	\$16.00	\$18.00
<b>Walkers</b>	\$16.00	\$18.00
<b>Children's Llama Lunacy</b>	FREE	FREE

All racers, walkers and parents (or legal guardian) of children in the Llama Lunacy are required to complete the Release of Liability form before competing.

We invite the race winners and other participants of the 1999 race back this year to better their times and en-

joyment:

**Pro Pack Race Division:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Robert Veuthey
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Douglas Hugill
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jeff Prata

**Amateur Pack Race Division:**

**12 to 19 years of age:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Jason Hutchinson (male)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chris Hudson (male)

**20 to 29 years of age:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Carl Fronman (male)

**30 to 39 years of age:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Mark Lamb (male)
- 1<sup>st</sup>: Sandy Metzger (female)

**40 to 49 years of age:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Kelly Dinatale (male)
- 1<sup>st</sup>: Lauren Munger (female)

**60+ years of age:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Marilyn Burgermeister (female)

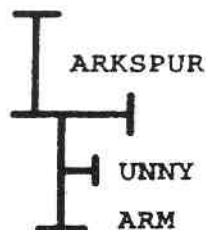
There were 57 happy children who completed the Llama Lunacy course in 1999.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the great merchants of Fairplay for their history, but specifically those merchants that donated prizes:

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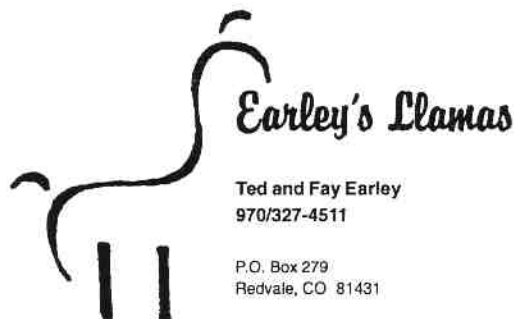
On this month's insert you will find the Pre-registration form for this year's race, please complete it and mail form back to the address shown. If you are bringing llamas for the public's use or simply find you have nothing to do the weekend of July 29, come up and give us a hand, we would greatly appreciate your assistance. If you have llamas that you would like to make available for the public walk get back to me, I have a lot of folks call in advance requesting llamas and this would give me an approximate number of llamas available. If you have any questions about that weekend's events or the race, please call me. I would be happy to answer questions.

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# Who Needs the Olympics When There's Llama Racing?

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What was I to expect from my first racing experience at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Fairplay Pack Llama Race last Saturday? Of course, I arrived at the race llama-less, but a fellow veteran racer, Jim Osmun, quickly and generously loaned me a walking llama named "Lunar."

Before my heat started. . .perhaps "heat" is a bad choice of words being that some llamas appeared to be attempting just that (although the llamas were all males). Before my race class started, I led Lunar around and became acquainted. We mingled with the other llamas, and I took a couple portrait photographs with the State Senator of the district, Linda Powers with a llama named Max. It was quite a festive event.

The competition looked serious—most people wore hiking boots and some even running shorts—but I was among the walking group opposed to the runners, so I had no worries about the race. Anyway, Lunar was a proud specimen of a llama, which seemed to be well behaved (on the pavement).

However, from among the crowd of racers, those dreadful words were muttered, "If you spit on me, I'll spit right back."

It made me wonder if the race, and especially the competition, was going to be tougher than I previously thought. There was in fact, eight liters of beer waiting at the finish line for the first place winner.

The race, an event at Fairplay's Burro Day, began around 11 a.m. with the running llamas starting first. There were some significant differences among the running and the walking group (yes, the runners ran) that made me thankful that I was leading a walking llama on the 3.5-mile cross-country course. At the start of the race, the runners had to quickly load a weighted pack on the llama in order to get out in front of the competition and win that first prize.

Llamas are pack animals often carrying an 80-100 pound load for their owner (as well as for shearing their woolly coat, guardians for a flock of sheep with a dislike for dogs and coyotes, and even therapy for the hospitalized). One would think that loading a small amount of weight on the llama should be an easy task. The major problem, however, was that the pack wasn't loaded onto the llama on his terms or time. While one racer struggled at least six times to get the pack (two bags that hang evenly on the llama's back) strapped down as his llama successfully threw it off each time (humoring the crowd, but not the racer), I thought to myself, "Never rush a llama."

After the runners cleared off of Main Street and began navigating the single-track cross-country course, I untied Lunar from a trailer and gathered with the group of walkers. The walking class followed the same course, but the llamas set the leisurely walk, or so I assumed. Obstacles to cross—three creeks, three jumps, a bridge and a tunnel—didn't concern me. Besides I was prepared with my Gortex hikers. What I didn't realize was that the cold mountain streams (Fairplay elevation over 10,000 feet) would come to my crotch. I thought the hardest part of my race would be dodging the steaming piles of llama waste that was sure to cover the path.

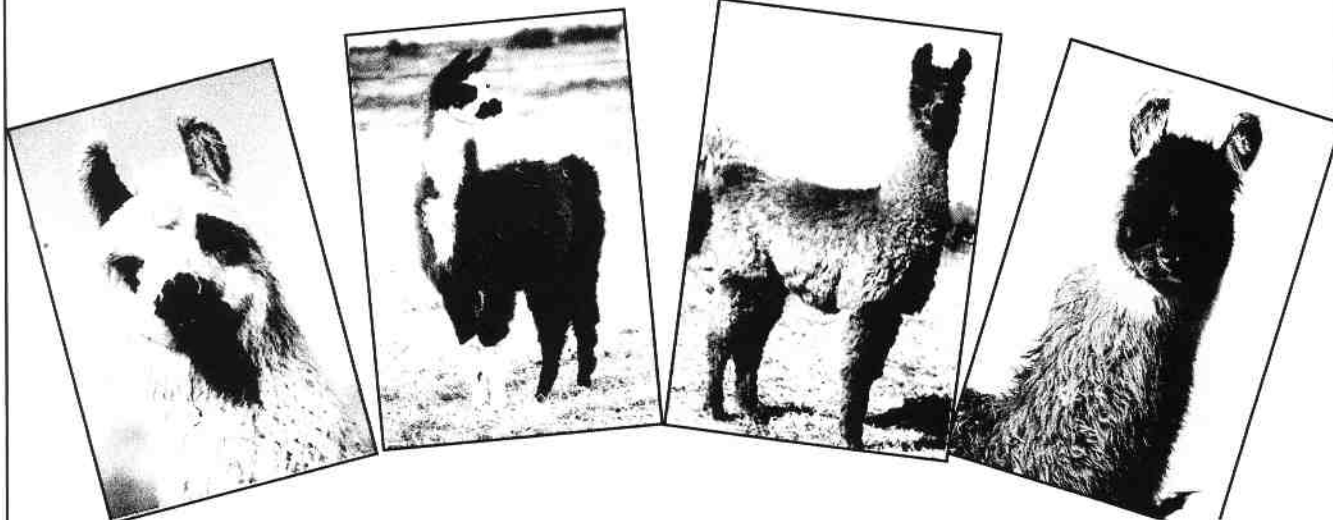
On the command of "GO!" we were off. But to my surprise, I wondered what was happening. The walkers out in front and leading the way were actually running. Thinking that pack animals only meant that llamas were good at carrying loads, I didn't realize that pack animals was in fact associated with the llamas' anxiety of being left alone on the trail. So, Lunar wanted to catch up, and next thing I knew, we were running to lead the pack of racers.

We even passed a runner whose llama had taken an extremely long break to relieve itself. The path winded through a field marked by little yellow flags. Lunar was truckin' along, but the course seemed easy enough to follow so I went with it. The path led down a small embankment and we sloshed through the first creek. The cold water quickly rushed in my boots and swirled just below my knees. I tugged on the rope but Lunar didn't budge. A glance to my right caught a squatting llama. However, what most concerned me, was that Lunar was only five feet away from his lengthy business—And, he was upstream from me! ***Continued on page 31***

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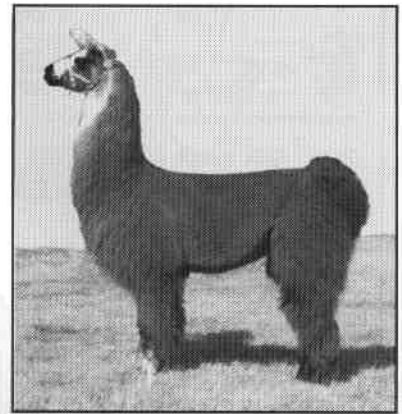
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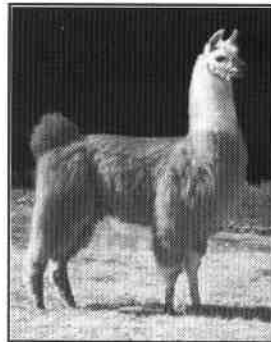
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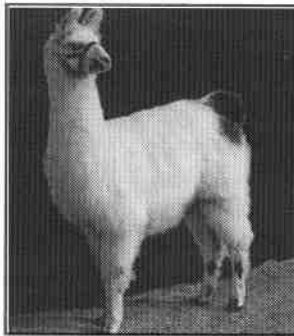
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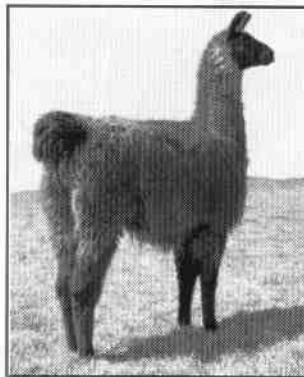
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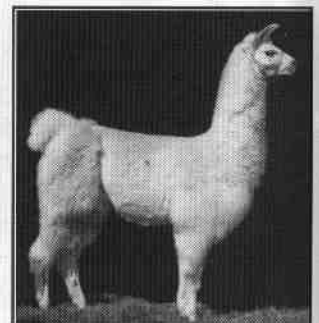
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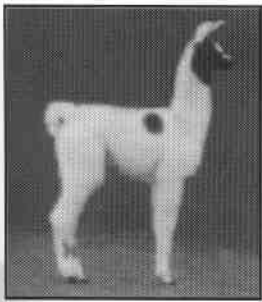


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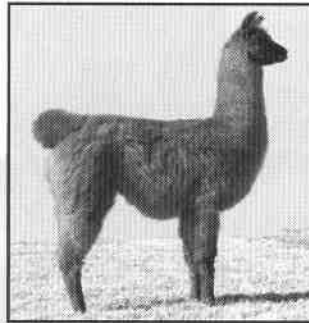


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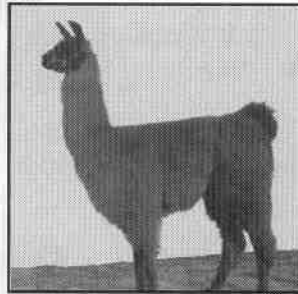
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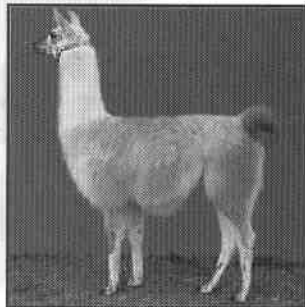


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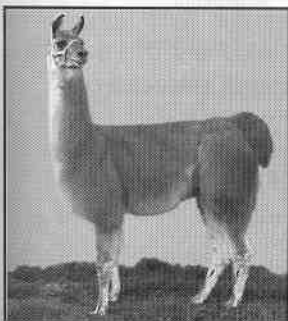


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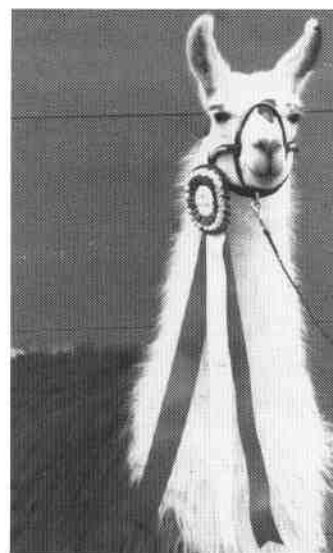
Banana Belt, 1st Place, Light Wool, 2 Year old

NWSS, 2nd Place, Light/Medium Wool, 2 Year old

1998

ALSA Grand Nationals, 6th Place, Medium Wool, 2 Year old

LOCC Fall Classic, Reserve Champion, Medium Wool, 2 Year old



**D's Pongo**

1999

ALSA Grand Nationals, 5th Place, Light Wool, 2 Year old

LOCC Fall Classic, Reserve Champion, Light Wool, 2 Year old

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But onward we went, still with enthusiasm for the race and the course. The little yellow flags were replaced by ribbons tied to branches. The people spread throughout the course to help the racers find their way became few and far between.

The first obstacle was in site—three, two-foot-high jumps. Lunar, however, went over them like it was an ordinary walk in the park. I praised him (to my best guess of how to praise a llama) and continued on our way. Throughout the course, there were a couple of steep, rocky descents. I let Lunar know the ramifications of him falling downhill on me, but the answer to who would have been injured most was too obvious (llamas weigh 300-450 pounds). We soon crossed the second creek with no problem whatsoever.

The bridge crossing came and went with little difficulty. I was thankful for the bridge and not having to wade yet another creek. Perhaps I was more thankful for the fact that there were no other llamas in site to make Lunar realize that he could be hanging out with a crowd instead of just me.

Yet, we soon came upon another llama and its human participant that slowed down our progress considerably. Both llamas stood frozen in their tracks and wouldn't move. If a llama could conspire to take over the human race, Lunar and that white llama were doing just that. After letting them communicate in their llama language, I managed to drag Lunar onward. He soon forgot about the meeting with the white llama. Until, that is, I lost the path and the white llama caught back up with us at the last and final creek . . . The place where Lunar got his revenge.

My llama refused to cross the creek and waited until the three-llama party (including the white llama) passed out of sight. After a few words of encouragement given to Lunar, I was ready to cross the deepest and seemingly, swiftest, creek of the course—but Lunar wasn't ready.

Time passed, my legs became numb and from the very end of his rope, I wasn't even halfway across the creek. My llama stood with his four feet barely in the water while I fought the swift current, and he showed no signs of going anywhere soon.

"Come on boy, you can do it," chanted a few times gave no result. My final choice of words is with unnecessary description. Several bone-chilling minutes later, Lunar finally gave in and I stumbled numbly across, convinced that I would plummet to the water and be swept downstream. Behind me, Lunar followed sure-footed as a mountain goat on his goat-like feet.

The spectators high above the creek saw the whole event unravel and made that clear to me as I grumbled past them on my way to the finish. My llama didn't seem to even stop once throughout the remainder of the course. He ducked through the tunnel, the last obstacle, and we trudged to the finish line. We were the third pair of "walkers" done, picking up a shiny participant ribbon from the registration desk.

We strolled to the hay bail and the water bucket for refreshments. I passed on the hay. Then it was time to bid a tearful farewell to my Lunar, and I handed the rope back over to his owner thanking him for a very rewarding experience—frustrating, and although I wouldn't admit it at the time, even fun. From across the finish line, I never heard any incident of llama/human spit fights. It was my first, and who knows if my last, llama race.

A total of 61 runners and walkers registered and competed. The state senator wasn't among them. The fastest time a runner ever finished in was twenty-four minutes, and the time for top finishers in last Saturday's race was between 35-45 minutes. The first place winners for each class are as follows:

Men under 19, Ryan Padilla, Loveland, 34:55; Men 20-29, Alan Lee, Denver, 38:20; Men 30-39, Scott Rojko, Fairplay, 37:29; Men 40-49, Robert Veuthey, Colorado Springs, 37:11; Men over 50, Ray Walker, residence unknown, 44:53; Women under 19, Emily Muth, residence unknown, 38:33; Women 40-49, Mary Jo Robinson, Divide, 45:29

## Profiles in Llamas: Bobra Goldsmith - Part 2

Bobra Goldsmith, Rocky Mountain Llamas

Longmont, Colorado

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The question put to me for the first part of this article was, "What was it like to get llamas way back in 1978?" How it came about, I related in Part 1, and one can only think of the cliché so often applied to the acquisition of llamas, "Watch out, they're like potato chips!" This certainly must have applied to me. Between August 31<sup>st</sup> and mid-November I had acquired 14 llamas and had my first baby, Surprise, who was born only a week after her mother came, although I had been told she was due in the spring. 1979 was a year full of llama adventures; more births, the challenge of training llamas and learning from them, going on my first commercial pack trip as a handler, managing a berserk male, and breeding some of the females. It was all a fascinating and rewarding experience.

### **Llama births: The only book was close observation**

In retrospect, I still feel fortunate that the very first llama birth I ever witnessed, that of Surprise in November 1978, was such a perfect, classic, standing delivery. Although I had had horses for many years, I never had a foal, so observing llama births was a totally new experience. Surprise's birth was a point of reference and an illustration of what little I had found to read about typical llama births. "Llamas usually deliver standing up" was about the extent of what I knew. So I began to make close observations. Of my first four pregnant females, it was Regal's turn to deliver next. With no information on breeding dates one could only observe udder development and behavior, which, even with delivery dates predicted, remains for me the surest way to detect an imminent birth.

On Feb 6th, I noticed that Regal's udder looked bigger and looked rather funnel-shaped above the teats, which it hadn't before. On the morning of the 8th my mother found Regal seemed eager to go into the big shed. I went out between teaching my classes at 10:30, spread straw, gave Regal hay, and put the others out. At noon she didn't seem too restless, but an hour later she seemed uncomfortable and whimpered a lot. She got up and down, rolled, and lay in various positions. I noticed that something tended to bulge out just below and on one side up near the base of the tail. About 2:30 one foot appeared, but was soon withdrawn. Regal lay down on one side and then on the other, sometimes kicking her hind legs out straight. Then, while she was still lying down, the muzzle appeared. The baby was clearly breathing and working its mouth. Regal then got up and the whole head appeared followed suddenly by two feet and ankles. When nothing further seemed to develop, we decided I should pull on the feet. I grasped above the ankles, but they were so slippery, and so was the straw, that I lost my grip. Quickly I put on my wool mittens, which were in my pocket. With these I could keep a firm grip. When Regal felt the resistance of my holding the feet, she pulled hard against me and the neck and shoulders appeared quickly. I did not know, as we have been taught later, that one should pull downwards when assisting with delivery. However, all went well. I let go of the feet and the rest came easily.

Although Regal interrupted me often, I was able to wipe off the membrane with a towel as the baby rolled and thrashed about in the deep straw. Paper towels proved to be more efficient absorbent I discovered. The baby soon managed to sit up then rolled some more. Within an hour she was on her feet, stumbling about in the straw and trying to nurse. As it was growing cold, we led Regal into the stall and I herded the baby along with her. We turned on the heat lamps we had installed, and Regal stood very still as I helped her new baby to find that essential first milk. It was good to see her truly suckling, and Regal passed the afterbirth soon after. I named this baby Paulette after my brother Paul, who had recently returned from the Navy.

After a few days when Paulette had gained some agility, Surprise enticed her new friend to run and play. Often in the late afternoon, when the other females were calmly eating in their shed, the two youngsters, led by the ever-inventive Surprise, would come running into the shed after a fast gallop around the pasture. Sometimes they would come sliding on the snow and ice, which brought them literally crashing into those busy eating. On these occasions Regal would scowl at them with her ears back and gesture something that seemed to say, "You rambunctious girls, just go outside and play!" We found later that Regal was quite capable of laying her ears back, stamping a foot, and arching her neck to look down and scold uncontrolled rowdy young human children when they came to visit. We had to caution visitors to keep a hand on 4 & 5 year olds prone to such behavior.

The next birth, from old Brown Velvet might well have been a disaster, had I not received Andy Tillman's Llama Newsletter just a day or two before. On a cold, drizzly, April afternoon I went out to care for the llamas after teaching. I found Velvet standing over a besodden, muddy mass. "Oh woe! I wasn't here and now I have a dead baby," I groaned to myself when I saw its eyes rolled back and lips parted. But then I saw that the little critter's chest was moving slightly. I snatched it up, putting its head over my shoulder and rubbed the rib area vigorously as I carried it to my parents' house. No one was home, but I went into the laundry room, and started running warm water into the big laundry tub. I folded the little llama's legs around to fit the body into the tub and held its head in the crook of my elbow. I filled the tub with very warm water and swished it around the baby. As the water cooled rather quickly, I pulled the plug slightly and ran in more hot water. The baby was so cold I repeated this till the hot water ran out. The baby began to look a little brighter and I began to wonder what I would do with this totally soaked baby. I glanced over my shoulder and saw an old terrycloth bathrobe hanging on a hook. Just the thing! I bundled the soggy but somewhat cleaner baby in the robe, carried it to the nearest phone and asked my husband to come out to the farm. I found an old wool blanket and had my husband sit in a chair and hold the baby while I went out to the barn to get the stall ready and bring in old Velvet.

When Ulo brought the baby out, he was accompanied by the couple who were house-sitting the folks' house while they were away. I told them that in Andy Tillman's article he had cautioned that the mother of a baby who had been "swum" might not accept the baby. It seems that "swimming" a cold baby calf in a bathtub of warm water was how some ranchers typically warmed up and saved hypothermic calves. It's a good thing that people have now devised better ways to warm up a cold cria with a box covering the baby's body and a warm air from a hair dryer blowing in. Andy had also suggested giving the baby some warmed, canned, condensed milk with a little shot of coffee in it. The friends went to the house and soon returned with an ovenbaster and the recommended milk with a bit of coffee. We had no tubing supplies in those days of our early llama care, but the husband, who grew up on a farm, was of a practical turn, and soon we had successfully fed the recommended milk to our drying baby. The milk mixture energized the baby so well that in a short time he was on his feet and looking where to nurse from his mother, who had patiently watched while we tended to her newborn. And good old Velvet accepted her son with no hesitation. Now that he was clean we could see that he had a white neck and shoulders, brown blanket and a nice black mask. This little fellow's well-deserved name instantly became Spunky, and he certainly was that.

The fourth and last of my adult pregnant females to deliver was Funny Face, and she dropped her baby, apparently with no difficulty on a warm, May day while I was still teaching. I found a nice little female, white with a black head and with large colorful patches on her back and rump--brown, grey, red turning to almost maroon on the tail. I named her Motley, from Shakespeare's phrase, to be "dressed in Motley."

### Rebreeding Lady

Surprise was born the first weekend in November '78, and part of the reason for buying Satin, along with old Brown Velvet and Funny Face, was that he was old enough to breed, whereas all my other males were too young. Sally Taylor had told me that she counted gestation to be 347 days, and I thought it would be a good idea to have Lady deliver earlier in the fall the next year. So when Satin arrived a few days after Surprise's birth, when she was seven days old I let Satin into the paddock with Lady and Surprise. At Satin's approach, which was politely tentative, Lady promptly plastered his cheek with green, and that was the end of their relationship for that day. Satin backed off and made no effort to approach. But what I observed was that this must have been the first time that baby Surprise smelled the odor of green spit. I could only make the analogy with the face of a human child who gradually screws up its face, preparing to cry. Her mouth began to open with lips dangling, nose wrinkled, nos-

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**Early llama transportation: Handsome, 1980**

trils half closed and a painful, puzzled, dismayed look on her face. Since then I've seen this many times on babies' first whiff of the pungent green.

Still hoping to rebreed Lady so that her next baby would come earlier in the fall, at ten days after Surprise's birth I put Lady into Satin's pasture keeping Surprise right next door in the paddock. For just a few minutes Lady and Satin ate hay together and then she sat willingly for the breeding. When they were through, and I had let Lady back into the paddock with her daughter, Satin did something I have never seen, or rather heard, from a male in these circumstances since. He began making the alarm call, hold-

ing head and tail erect and looking toward the younger male llamas, as if he was boasting, or "crowing" over his accomplishment and superior position. He continued making this alarm call and showing off fairly frequently the rest of the afternoon.

### **Spring Training: Learning from Llamas**

During available time on weekends and during spring break from teaching, I was able to spend more time working with the llamas and discovering effective ways of training. From my many years reading and trying horse-training methods with my few horses, I applied some of these to the llamas and then always let them teach me, in response, what worked and what didn't. Handsome, Fancy, and Pequeno, the first three, had learned to lead with just a neck rope, due to lack of any halter. After devising the halter for Hidalgo, I made a smaller one for the young Spook. With him I used an old horse arrangement of neck rope and halter. In the days before nylon halters for horses, no halter was really reliable or strong enough not to be broken by a horse if it were tied. So one technique was to tie a bowline knot around the horse's neck and then pass the end through the lead ring on the halter. One thus had control over the side to side direction of the head, but any strong pulls were carried by the rope around the neck. As an experiment I used this arrangement on Spook, and it worked fine. I would give him a pull slightly to the side, release the tension the instant he took a step and then stroke him on the neck after a few steps. In just two short sessions he was following me on a loose lead. One of the long term results of these first llamas' learning to lead with a neck rope was that they would lead willingly with just a piece of hay string I happened to have in my pocket, if at any time I had occasion to catch one for some reason and didn't have a halter handy. And, as I observed much later on a visit to Peru, the Indians there, if they lead a llama, usually just use a neck rope rather than a halter. However, it was also obvious during a show there, that real control of a willful or obstreperous llama requires a halter.

Another early technique for training a horse to lead, which I had read about, was using a "come along." With this technique one places a large loop of rope (like a lariat) with a slip knot over the animal's rump. The end of the rope is passed through the lead ring. If the animal does not move forward on a command from the regular lead line, a pull on the "come along" will jar him into forward movement. I only tried putting such a device on a llama once and found it such a distraction that I abandoned it immediately. Still, I've had many old horsemen ask me over the years if I used a come-along to teach llamas to lead. No! It's totally unnecessary.

### **Llama Transportation: Solutions found**

With the school year over and time to devote fully to my llamas and their care, training the males to be easy to transport and to accept some kind of pack became the central focus, since packing in the mountains was a natural activity for them when they were old enough. Having seen Steve Biggs transport his young llama in a Toyota truck with its peaked-roof camper top, initially, for transportation I had bought a little LUV truck with 13,000 miles on it, and we had built a rack with a roof on a lightweight 5'x 8' trailer. But when I had made the trip to pick up Lady and the two young males, Wooly and Cloud, I discovered that the LUV truck would only pull the trailer at about 45 mph on parts of the freeway, and I certainly felt like a road hazard. So, after some consideration I found a used Chevy cargo van. It was bare bones shell with just two seats and two windows in the back doors. This would obviously be like an oven in the summer. So we first had a sliding window installed in the side door and a Venturi roof vent put on the top. Then, with the help of my ever ingenious step-father, we

lined the interior with bats of insulation and covered that with smooth wallboard fastened to the ribs of the ceiling and walls. We then found a couple of captain's seats to allow for a couple more passengers, and there was still plenty of room for two llamas in the back. The final addition was a sturdy piece of old carpet, fitted around the wheel wells and long enough to hang down over the rear bumper so that no llama could catch a toe in the gap between the bumper and the body.

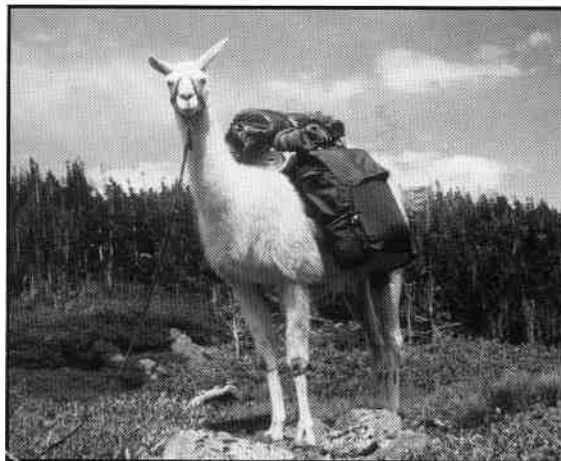
The next project, of course, was to teach the llamas to load in the van. A couple of them were already loading into the trailer, which was not as high as the van, though it was higher than any horse trailer--about 16 inches. So far, we had taught the llamas to load by my holding their lead firmly in the trailer and my stepfather picking up one front foot and putting it up into the trailer. Handsome and Spook had learned to load readily by this method, and Pequeno did, too. Both Handsome and Spook learned to jump into the van quite readily, and Pequeno needed just a little help with the front foot. With these first three, I had not yet discovered that teaching the llamas to jump over the irrigation ditch and also over some of the fallen trunks of some willow trees we had in one pasture, would be a very useful step in training them to load.

With Cloud, who was the next to learn, I did take him over the logs and ditches, and he learned how to respond to my asking him to do these things and to manage himself well making these leaps. When I took him to the back of the van and asked him to come in, he acted quite willing, but he stood with his legs so close to the bumper that he could not raise his knee even though he tried. It was this incident that prompted us to make our "loading board," which attaches to the bumper and angles out to the ground just far enough so that the llama can't stand too close. It simply functions as a spacer so that the trainee can raise a front knee and step in. With this arrangement, I have found over the years that the average llama learns to load easily, jumping in, after four repetitions--three, if they are extra bright. Typically the first time is a bit of a scramble, the second is still awkward, the third they do it very willingly and more smoothly, and the fourth time they jump in like a pro--end of lesson for the day.

Now with some of the male llamas transportable, we enjoyed taking them on short outings in our nearby mountains or walked them around the little lake near my folks' cabin. All of this was useful training as they encountered various kinds of terrain and got used to the pattern of riding in the van, taking a hike and then returning to the van and home. Learning this pattern is excellent preparation for future pack llamas, I have found.

### **A First Commercial Pack Trip**

In summer we were scheduled to go out to California again to my Dad's ranch, and of course, I was interested to learn how things were going with Steve Biggs' first packing season and to see his llamas. As luck would have it, Steve's partner was unable to go on one of the five-day treks, so Steve invited me to go along as assistant llama handler. What an opportunity! I got to see gorgeous areas in the Marble Mountain Wilderness, learn how things were being done with the guests and also perceive a few problems. Steve had designed packs and had them very well made. The llamas were all between 20 and 30 months old, well trained to accept the packs, and followed along very well on the trail. None of us knew then, as we do now, that packing llamas full weight before they are physically mature can be detrimental to their future well being. I was in charge of two llamas and regularly brought up the rear, which, I found is the ideal spot to observe the group, both guests and llamas, making sure that packs are straight and whether somebody needs a rest. I also discovered it was a good practice to tie the lead rope of my second llama to the lead ring of the first llama's halter, for, if the second llama stopped for some reason, the first llama would then stop, and I would thus get the message. I still find this is the safest way to manage llamas in a string, rather than just tying the lead ropes to the pack.



Steve's packs reflected the fact that he was a long-time back-packer. The saddles were made of good leather with two

**Hidalgo, wearing the original Shasta pack.**

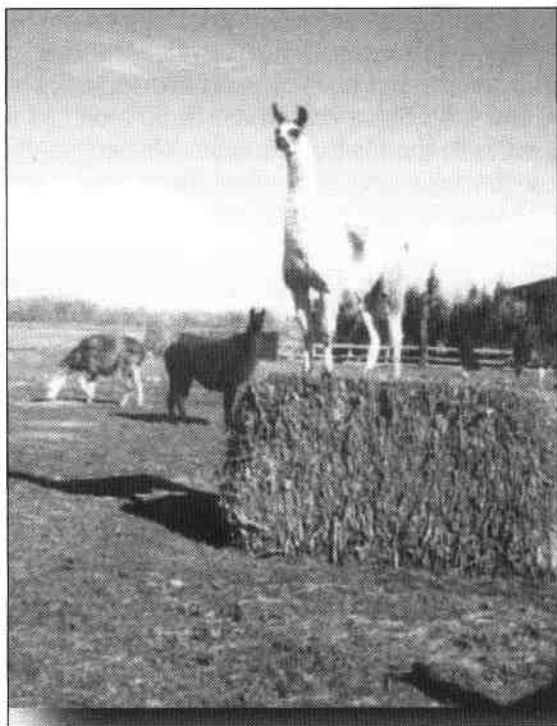
cinches fastened with Velcro. Sewn on to these saddles were two "Kelty" style packbags, just as would fit on a human pack frame, tall, and with four exterior pockets on each bag. Because the bags were sewn onto the saddles, it was a little awkward to weigh each side of the pack separately to insure even weight distribution. And when putting the loaded packs on the llamas, it took two of us to place the pack over the llama's back. Then the person on the right side had to steady the weight while the left side bag was held up and the cinch straps fastened.

Because these packbags were long, they tended to hang down near the llamas' knees, especially since the llamas were not full grown. After observing this for a few days, I remarked to Steve, "You know, humans are built vertically, like these bags, but llamas are built more horizontally. Why don't you make the packs wider and less deep next time?" And so he did. In fact, that was the beginning of much discussion and revisions of the Shasta Packs over the years, especially since my horse background gave me an awareness of the fit and function of saddles. I did bring one of those original packs home with me and have it to this day. It worked well on my very tall but short-coupled Hidalgo, while the newer versions worked well on my other llamas. And even today, because of its tall shape, that original pack is used yearly to carry oxygen bottles safely up to Hope Pass for the support group for the Leadville 100 Race.

Participating in Shasta Llamas' pack trip gave me cause to ponder the possibility of my introducing llama trekking here in Colorado in our magnificent mountains. My male llamas were maturing, and I was now dedicated to devoting full time to learning about and using these fascinating creatures. Upon our return from California, I continued training all our llamas and taught the more mature males to accept the pack and to be staked out safely.

## In Memoriam ~ Rocky Mountain Bounce

**November 2, 1991 - February 16, 2000**



The loss of Bounce is deeply painful, not because, like his uncle Jester, he won so many ribbons we don't know what to do with hem, but because of his character. He was one of the brightest, quick-learning llamas I've known. He took new challenges cheerfully and was self-confident without being aggressive. He very athletic and loved to jump up on our big bales. He was just plain fun and a delight.

Bobra Goldsmith ~  
Rocky Mountain Llamas

The next year, 1980, was full of even more adventures. The biggest adventure was to take Handsome and Spook with us to Dad's ranch, a 1250 mile journey one way, travelling with the llamas in the van. From there we took the llamas with us to attend the first ever Llama Convention in Bend, Oregon, organized by Francie Greth of Mama's Llamas and Avril Hyder. Then we returned to the ranch, and later, on the way home we visited Sally Taylor, and had Spook's fighting teeth removed by her vet. And later in the year, the decision to start commercial trekking here sent me hunting for more adult males to add to my incipient pack string. Trips to Taos New Mexico and a ranch in Eastern Colorado brought me seven new adult male llamas. All of which only expanded my llama adventures into volunteer work with the Forest Service as well as starting my own trekking business.

Answers from Page 19: 1, Jill Knuckles; 2, Bruce Ellis; 3, Larry Lewellyn; 4, Lougene Baird; 5, Jerry Dunn.

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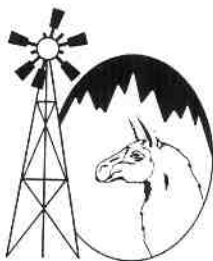


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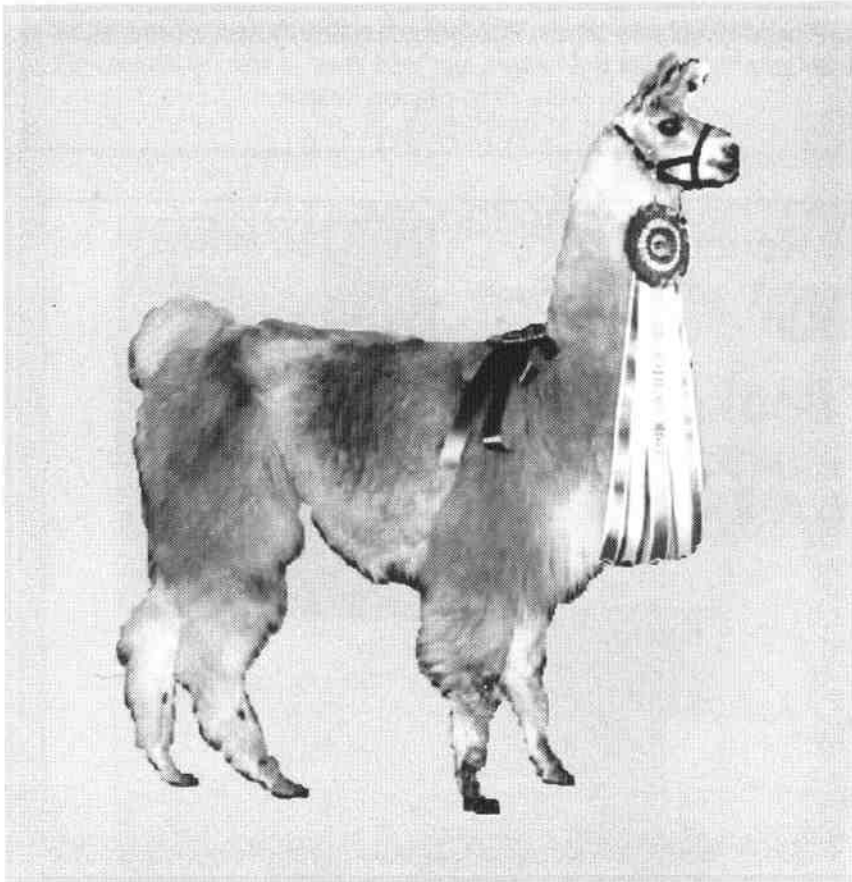


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# An Evening With a Llama at the National Western Stock Show

Jerry Dunn, NWSS Llama Show Superintendent & Barbara Harris, Committee Member

Jerry says, "The first time I saw a llama, I wanted to get close, touch it, and go for a walk." Many people who meet llamas or alpacas for the first time experience a similar desire. It was the intent of the committee members, Barb Harris, Bob Welsh, Ken Gaunt and Jerry Dunn, to make the first meeting for the public a special happening at the NWSS. We wanted to encourage people to get up close and experience the animals hands-on.

Following the last class on Saturday evening, the spectators were invited to come down to the arena from the bleachers and from the hallways of the stadium. Simple obstacles were arranged on the arena floor for people to negotiate with the animals. Visitors were also able to ask questions of the llama owners and visit with spinners and weavers. Many visitors just stood close and hugged the animals while chatting with the owners.

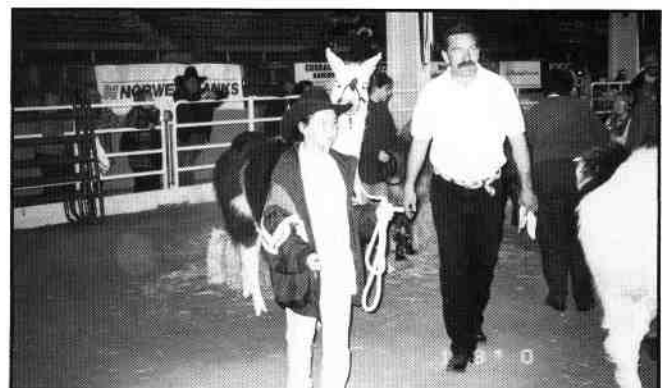
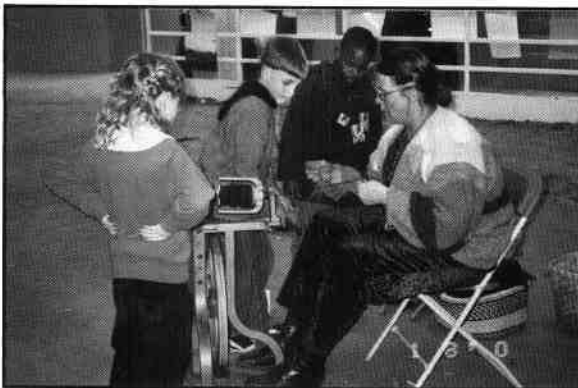
Over the public address system, Ken Gaunt interviewed individuals who organized special events and shows, such as Roger Miller with the Fairplay Pack Llama Race, Barb Harris for LOCC events, Outfitter Barb Flinn, 4-H youth, Tiffany Coffman, and board members of RMLA. Barb and Bob worked with the volunteers to help connect people with llamas. Sally Rucker, Karen Kinyon and Sue Grimm showed their expertise in spinning and weaving during the evening.

Deanna Lewellyn created llama coloring books for children which were handed out as the public entered the arena. The new RMLA brochure was handed out to nearly 350 people. Louise Wamsley walked around taking Polaroid photos of kids with the alpacas and llamas and gave them the photo as a souvenir. Jim Vance kept busy by video taping all that was going on.

In addition, a few of our exhibitors and NWSS volunteer staff were bilingual and were able to converse about llamas and alpacas with families from Germany, Mexico, Japan and France.

The 45 minute event turned out to be a beautiful way to share and market our wonderful animals. Public response was very positive and a comment that was heard a few times was how "friendly" members of the llama community were, not only with the public, but with each other.

We want to thank all of the great llama owners who gave of their time after a long show day, and please keep this event in mind for the 2001 National Western Stock Show.



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1. PHF Cadfael's Banner Carolann & Kimmel Evans Berthoud, CO
2. Stage Stop Midnight Hour Vance Florissant, CO
3. Wild Cat Musketeer Barb Harris Canon City, CO

### Adult

1. PHF Picacho's Rambutan Larry & Deanna Lewellyn Littleton, CO

2. Tiny Tim Too Dwayne Flinn Story, WY
3. Cloud Peaks Top Banana Dwayne Flinn Story, WY

**Grand Champion:** PHF Cadfael's Banner

**Reserve Champion:** Stage Stop Midnight Hour

## Light/Medium Wool Halter Females

### Juvenile

1. PVL R Shay Blanc Lougene Baird Sedalia, CO
2. RM Fast Break Patti Morgan Arkansas City, KS
3. Grand Valley's Fanny Flight Judith A. Sealy Hotchkiss, CO

### Yearling

1. Bauernheim's Chrystal Terry Lynch Longmont, CO
2. Feather RTC Rob/Jill Knuckles Grand Junction, CO
3. Seque Dwayne Flinn Story, WY

### Adult

1. Overland Trail's Metallica Dale Pettigrew Livermore, CO
2. Cloud Peaks Cecila Dwayne Flinn Story, WY
3. Tabernash's Hocus Pocus Sue Grimm Georgetown, CO

**Grand Champion:** PVL R Shay Blanc

**Reserve Champion:** Bauernheim's Chrystal

## Heavy Wool Halter Males

### Juvenile

1. Overland Trail's Fleetwood Mac Dale Pettigrew Livermore, CO
2. Jefferson Starship Dale Pettigrew Livermore, CO
3. Cloud Peaks Calvin Klein Dwayne Flinn Story, WY

### Yearling

1. Wheatfield Fudge Rex/Dalene Reinecker Quinter, KS
2. Santana RTC Byers/Zeschin Ward, CO
3. Federally Mary Beth Hartsough Platteville, CO

### Two-Year Old

1. MGF Nottingham Mary Beth Hartsough Platteville, CO
2. Shalom's Shazzam Chris Ward Aguilar, CO
3. SOL Sterling Silver Roger Miller Colorado Springs, CO

### Adult

1. Shalom Royal Elrico Chris Ward Aguilar, CO
2. Shale Hills Mattel Barbara Peterson Rapid City, SD
3. Signature Tim Swanson Calhan, CO

**Grand Champion:** Shalom Royal Elrico

**Reserve Champion:** Wheatfield Fudge

## Heavy Wool Halter Females

### Juvenile

1. Llamarage's Unbelievable Mary Beth Hartsough Platteville, CO
2. Winding Trails Blanca Jan Redenbarger Golden, CO
3. Nino's Jovita Susan Miller Lamar, CO

### Yearling

1. Bailarin De Fuego Rob/Jill Knuckles Grand Junction, CO

2. Wheatfield's  
Misty Melody Rex/Dalene Reinecker Quinter, KS  
3. Keosa Norene Foulger Powell, WY

### Two-Year Old

1. If It Makes  
You Happy Susan Miller Lamar, CO  
2. Shilo Ridge Jen'ai Barbara J. Snakenberg Peyton, CO  
3. Brahm's Molly Brown Jacque Robbins Falcon, CO

**Grand Champion:** Llamarage's Unbelievable  
**Reserve Champion:** If It Makes You Happy

### Produce-of-Dam

1. LV Ice Cream  
Sundae Rex/Dalene Reinecker Quinter, KS  
2. Overland Trail's  
Metallica Dale Pettigrew Livermore, CO

### Get-of-Sire

1. Cadfael Sharon Beacham Boulder, CO  
2. SV One Eyed Jack Patti Morgan Arkansas City, KS

### Performance Classes

#### Junior Youth Obstacle

1. Jackie Vance Florissant, CO  
2. Emily Varela Kiowa, CO  
3. Tara Schwartz Sheridan, WY

#### Intermediate Youth Obstacle

1. Brianna Livengood Westcliffe, CO  
2. Tiffany Coffman Story, WY  
3. Heather Grimm Georgetown, CO

#### Open Obstacle

1. Tiny Tim Too Tiffany Coffman Story, WY  
2. Cloud Peaks Sisco  
Kid Dwayne Flinn Story, WY  
3. SOL Sterling Silver Roger Miller Colorado Springs, CO

### Junior Youth Public Relations

1. Jackie Vance Florissant, CO  
2. Michael Flavin Conifer, CO  
3. Emily Varela Kiowa, CO

### Intermediate Youth Public Relations

1. Brianna Livengood Westcliffe, CO  
2. Tiffany Coffman Story, WY  
3. Halley Coffman Story, WY

### Open Public Relations

1. Cloud Peaks Polar  
Bear Paul Schwartz Sheridan, WY  
2. Cloud Peaks Sisco  
Kid Dwayne Flinn Story, WY  
3. Tiny Tim Too Tiffany Coffman Story, WY

### Open Pack Llama

1. Cloud Peaks Sisco  
Kid Dwayne Flinn Story, WY  
2. Tiny Tim Too Tiffany Coffman Story, WY  
3. Stage Stop Nimbus Jim Vance Florissant, CO

### Junior Youth Pack Llama

1. Jackie Vance Florissant, CO  
2. Emily Varela Kiowa, CO  
3. Tara Schwartz Sheridan, WY

### Intermediate Youth Pack Llama

1. Halley Coffman Story, WY  
2. Heather Grimm Georgetown, CO  
3. Tiffany Coffman Story, WY



Shalom Royal Elrico

### Young Pack Llama

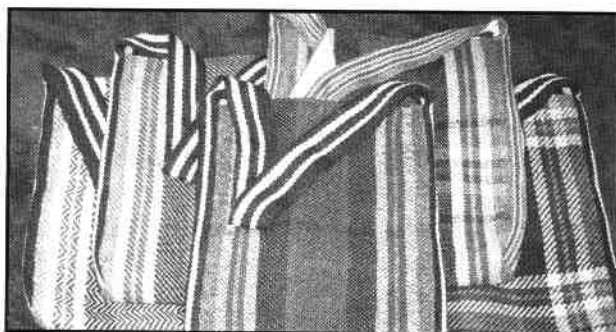
1. Rocky Mountain  
Ninja Bobra Goldsmith Longmont, CO  
2. Cloud Peaks Polar  
Bear Paul Schwartz Sheridan, WY  
3. Cadfael's El-Nino Sharon Beacham Boulder, CO



Junior Youth Showmanship, Tara Schwartz

### Short Stack (packstring)

1. Cloud Peaks Top  
Banana Barb Coffman-Flinn Story, WY



Handwoven llama totes were presented to Champions.

# "Where Used and Abused Meet:" Learning from Llamas

By: Karen Reyer, New Mexico Girls Ranch, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Caesar, Harry and Tyra were the first llamas donated to Girls Ranch. Sadly, the donor had become allergic to them. She knew the three would work for the Girls Ranch girls because her daughters had been showing them in ALSA shows.

Caesar was an absolute marvel! He would do anything asked of him by anyone. Harry, Caesar's two-year old son, had gorgeous long red hair. His white eyebrows gave him a distinctive professorial look. Tyra was the all black grand-dame. She knew more about being a llama than any of the others - just ask her. She became the teacher of llama behavior.



**Training opportunities teach patience to Jenna and Sara as they learn new techniques.**

The girls immediately began vying for the llamas' affections.

Paula was bound and determined to have Caesar love only her. He did. Paula had moved to Girls Ranch at age 12. She and 8 siblings had been living in a VW bus for two years and both parents held odd jobs when they could find work. Paula didn't understand personal boundaries but Caesar did - so he helped her understand where she should be when working with him, he taught her that constant talking confused him so she



**Training to trek can be fun: Sara and Melody hit the trail.**

learned to use only single word verbal commands to elicit certain behaviors. Paula's table manners even improved when she was asked to eat more like Caesar. She learned to eat small bites and chew with her mouth closed. When showing Caesar, Paula had to wear dark pants and a light shirt - which had to stay clean enough to enter the ring in "show shape". This single item was almost the undoing of Paula and Caesar because Paula's shirt had always been her napkin. Grooming Caesar helped Paula understand that grooming for both of them created a spiffy show pair that was hard to beat. One other thing she learned from Caesar was how to memorize a show course and imagine how Caesar would perceive the obstacles so she could present him to his and her best advantage. Paula has now gone on to live her life independently. Caesar also moved on and became a companion llama to another llama that is much like Paula when she first came to Girls Ranch.

Harry was full of being a two-year old male with all the testosterone exuberance that went with his age yet he was compliant with anything Betsy asked of him.



**Togetherness among friends: Sara, Melody, Aisha, and Antonio share a quiet moment.**

Harry was a fast learner but more nervous than his father, Caesar. Betsy had come from a chaotic home where constant fighting was common so when Harry became agitated Betsy learned to calmly ask him to adjust and to work with her, which he did. Her calmness had an incredible impact on this llama's behavior. When it was show time they communicated and floated through courses together. The two of them loved any kind of obstacle class, the more complicated the better. Halter classes were boring to them but they did well in them. Harry was the fourth place "Heavy Wool Male" in two different shows competing against 12 - 15 other male llamas. For three years Betsy was highly competitive with Harry. Time has passed now and Harry is the Girls Ranch herd sire. Betsy, who just

completed her GED as a junior in high school, has moved into a transitional living program since there is no viable home to which she could return. Her goals are well established and she is looking forward to accomplishing them.

Tyra, the grand-dame, gave birth to two female offspring while at Girls Ranch. Both are named after girls who have been residents. The first-born cria at Girls Ranch was named after Melody, a 12-year old resident. She chose to name the new cria Girls Ranch Melody's Harmony. Melody, the child, is now a sophomore in college with her sights set on veterinary school. The other cria is Girls Ranch Jeannie's Marie. Jeannie is a seventeen year old and is back home living with her mother and is a senior in high school. Both these female llamas have been part of our animal exhibit for children's activities. Over 150,000 children and adults have petted them in the last four years. Both are also part of the Girls Ranch llama show string. Melody is capable of being handled by children who have ADHD. Marie's speciality is to bond with girls who are slow to process information. Marie waits patiently for her child to make a decision and then they perform together with precision.

The Girls Ranch herd now stands at 13 llamas. Fletchie, Venus, Guliet, Mystika, Haley, Navajo, EK, MoMO, Ebony and Brenda are all examples of llamas that were no longer useful to their owners but to Girls Ranch girls they are priceless companions and mentors.

In addition to learning animal care with the llamas, the girls also enjoy packing for hikes, 4-H llama shows and felting llama wool.

New Mexico Girls Ranch is a residential ranch for girls who come from difficult backgrounds. The girl must request to come there to work on changing her life. Most are asked to commit their lives to ranch living for 18 months. Occasionally, girls come to live and do not leave until they are 18 because the home has disintegrated while they were away. The girls aged 8 - 18 years must be from New Mexico or have a New Mexico relative or connection.

4-H programming is an integral part of the daily activities. The girls attend school on the ranch because the majority of them come to the ranch without the basic skills required to complete an education in public school.

New Mexico Girls Ranch is part of The Ranches, Inc.

## Wild Apple Llamas

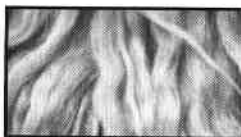
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There are three additional ranches that accept children and there is also a foster care/adoption group under The Ranches umbrella. The Ranches, Inc., is operated on donations - no state or federal monies are accepted. Our motto is, "Guiding children, uniting families - since 1944."

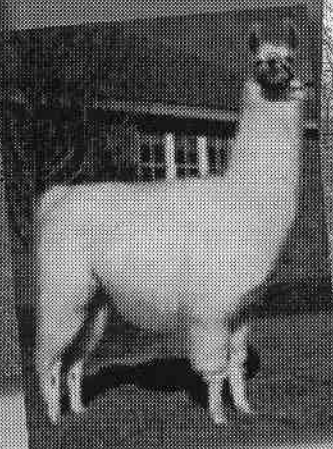


Llamas create opportunities to accept new challenges.  
Jenna and Mysticka love to jump.

# Llamalennium



**BAL Copy Me ♀**  
Silver Peru x Cat's Carrots



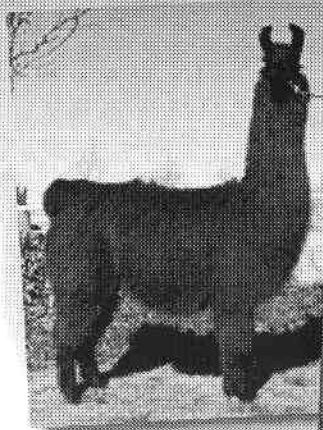
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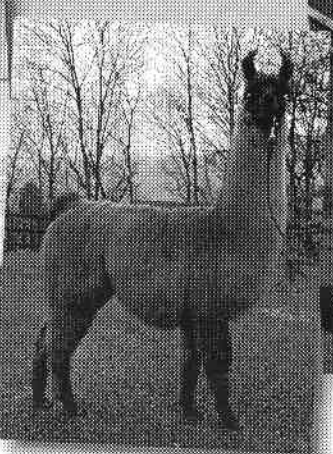
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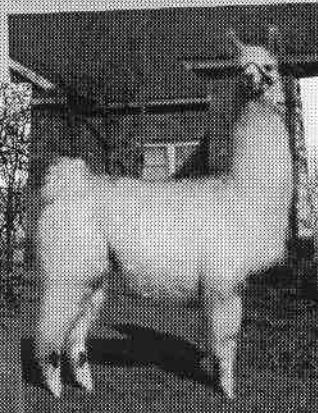
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LW Santa Fe x SFTL Spicy



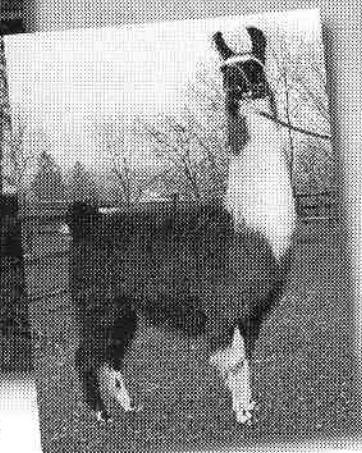
**X-Static ♀**  
Chilean Black Jack x Chalula



**BAL Libretto ♀**  
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## RMLA Youth Foundation Celebrates the Graduates

Jerry Dunn, President, Lougene Baird, Vice President, Jerry Thorson-Boudreaux, Treasurer

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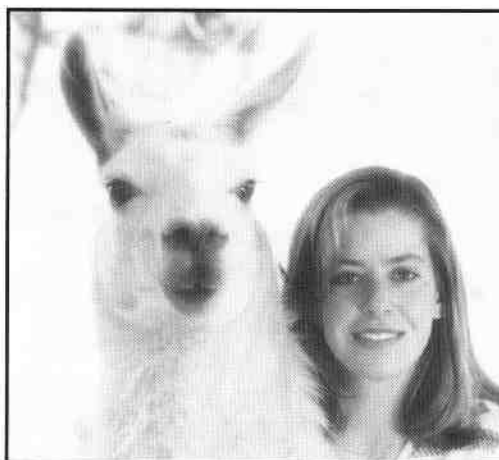
Since the formation of the foundation, RMLA youth members have been supported through stipends, loans and scholarships. Three of our youth have graduated and we would like to share their accomplishments with you. With the help of the proud parents, we were able to "squeeze" out the following information!

Kim Hartsough, daughter of Joe and Mary Beth Hartsough, graduated from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, in 1997, with a degree in Zoology. Kim is a member of the Army Reserve and will be discharged as a Sergeant this spring. She received the Army Achievement Medal for outstanding service while on special assignment along the Texas/Mexico border. Over the years she worked with Dr. Tim Thompson, DVM, and presently has a position with the CU Health Sciences Center in Boulder and will be moving to a new job this fall with Ribosome Pharmaceuticals, Inc. She returned to graduate school in April to pursue her interest in the field of Pathology.

Alex Hackbarth, daughter of Charlie and Sandy Hackbarth, graduates in May 2000, from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, with a double major in Biology and English, and a minor in Music. She was editor-in-chief of the college newspaper and voted outstanding senior by the staff and class members. Alexa loves to travel and recently was awarded an opportunity to travel to Japan to teach English for the U.S. Air Force. This summer she will be helping her dad conduct packing clinics all over the U.S. One day, she hopes to settle down and have her own llama ranch.

Joy Hernbrode, daughter of Bob and Janine Hernbrode, graduates in May 2000, from the University of Arizona in Tucson with a Juris Doctorate. Whew, where does the time go? Joy was our first RMLA youth to receive scholarship monies from the foundation. Joy recently received the Natural Resources Law Award and has been nominated by the Pima County Bar Association for the Professionalism Award. Joy has been volunteering her time working with junior high and high school students through the Youth Lawyers Division teaching peer counseling and mediation. She still finds time to play in the out of doors touring the back country roads in her Jeep. Her goal is to purely litigate the rest of her working life. Her mother's concern is the root word for litigator is alligator. Enough said!

These three young people represented here are out in the world community, making it a better place. Congratulations to you and your families.



**Clockwise, from top left:** Kim Hartsough, Alex Hackbarth, and Joy Hernbrode.



# Fairplay Pack/Walk Llama Race

## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Fairplay, CO  
 Saturday, July 29, 2000  
 Contact: Roger Miller – 719/749-0119

Join in the fun of the 18<sup>th</sup> running of this annual event, held in conjunction with Fairplay Burro Days! There will be activities for all ages and abilities.

- ❖ Llama Lunacy obstacle course and fun for the kids and public on Front Street after the races.
- ❖ If you can, bring extra llamas for "loaners" for other non-llama people to use (what a great way to get your llamas seen by the public).
- ❖ Camp Friday (Free Chili Mac dinner – bring side dishes and/or desserts) and Saturday night at the "Llama Camp."
- ❖ Check In will be Saturday morning, July 29, starting at 9:00 a.m. Race starts at 11:00 a.m.

### Make Checks payable to RMLA

**Mail registration and check to:** Roger Miller  
 P.O. Box 62996  
 Colorado Springs, CO 80962-2996

Registration includes a T-shirt; please specify size when registering.

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	DIVISION (CIRCLE ONE)			GENDER (CIRCLE)	AGE	SHIRT SIZE (CIRCLE)
		PRO \$27	AMATEUR \$16	WALKER \$16			
		PRO \$27	AMATEUR \$16	WALKER \$16	MALE FEMALE		Small Medium Large X-Large
		PRO \$27	AMATEUR \$16	WALKER \$16	MALE FEMALE		Small Medium Large X-Large
		PRO \$27	AMATEUR \$16	WALKER \$16	MALE FEMALE		Small Medium Large X-Large
		PRO \$27	AMATEUR \$16	WALKER \$16	MALE FEMALE		Small Medium Large X-Large

### Contact Information – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you know of someone who is interested in volunteering to assist with: registration, course setup, timing, spotters, and Lunacy setup; please list their name and phone number. Volunteers will receive a T-shirt for their assistance!

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# RMLA Youth Foundation

Board of Directors: President, Jerry Dunn, Vice-President, Lougene Baird, Treasurer, Jerry Thorson-Boudreaux

The RMLA Youth Education Fund was started in the fall of 1989, by a group of members who wanted to encourage and support the youth in the organization who were involved in the industry. The fund was established for those who would request financial assistance to meet their goals for their various endeavors. This fund operates as a separate entity from RMLA in order that the fund can maintain a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Fun auctions and donations brought the RMLA Youth Education Fund to a bank balance of nearly \$50,000.

Use and purposes for the Fund are as follows: **Scholarships... for the purpose of pursuing additional education after high school.** A candidate must have demonstrated an active and continuing interest in llamas/alpacas in high school, have a good academic standing and have been an RMLA member for at least the final two years of high school. Funds are made available for 8 semesters of college, to be dispersed at the beginning of each semester at the present amount of \$350.00 per semester. **Stipends... for the purpose of encouraging young people to actively participate with llamas/alpacas at shows, clinics, parades, PR opportunities and other community activities.** A candidate may apply for a stipend once a year to help offset expenses for any of the above mentioned activities. Maximum stipend is \$50.00, and eligibility is for those 15 years and younger. **Loans... for the purpose of helping young people purchase their first llama/alpaca, equipment (such as a cart, pack system, grooming equipment).** Maximum loan amount is \$500.00. Requests for a higher amount must be submitted by letter to the Board of Directors for approval. Eligibility is for youth 13 years or older. Youth applying for a loan must be sponsored by a RMLA adult member. The loan is not to exceed 3 years and interest is to be paid quarterly at the prime rate.

Any RMLA youth member interested in participating in receiving any of these funds must mail a letter of application to Jerry Dunn. The letter should include a history of your activities with llamas/alpacas, your contributions to the llama/alpaca community, and your sponsor's name. State what part of the fund you have a need for and the amount of your request.

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## Membership Report

The membership committee has processed over 100 NEW members since this time last year. We think you will agree, this means the lama industry is still active and growing in this part of the world.

New members receive: A letter of welcome, a note asking for their input into our Journal, an order form for "Caring for Llamas & Alpacas", a Membership Directory, a Service Directory, the promotional May Journal, and usually the most recent Journal. We hope this package helps fulfill their need for lama information.

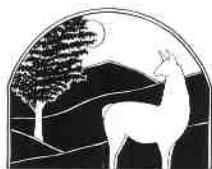
We urge our members to contact those new members who are near you to give them support in finding tack, feed supplies and veterinarians, and let them know you are there to answer their questions.

FYI, the Membership Directory and the Service Directory have gone to the printer, and should be in your hands soon.

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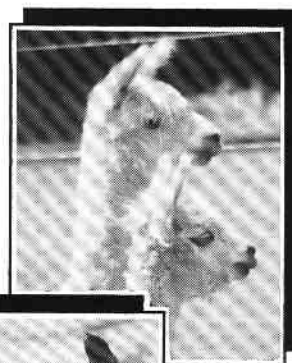


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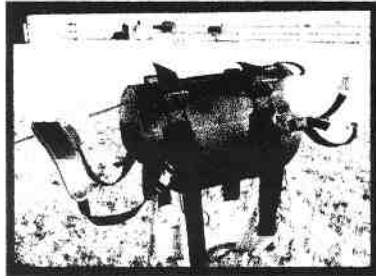
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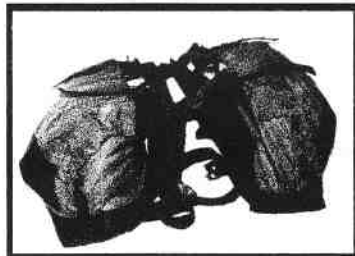
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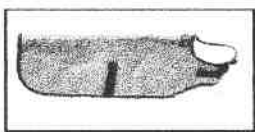
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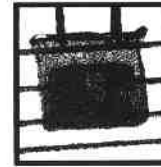
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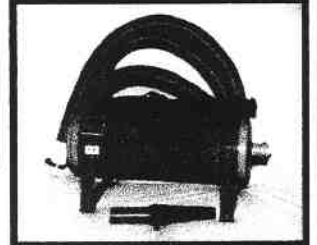
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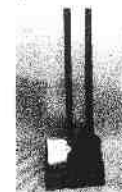
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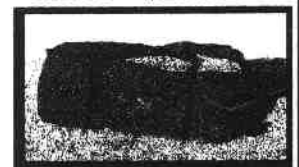
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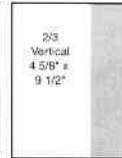




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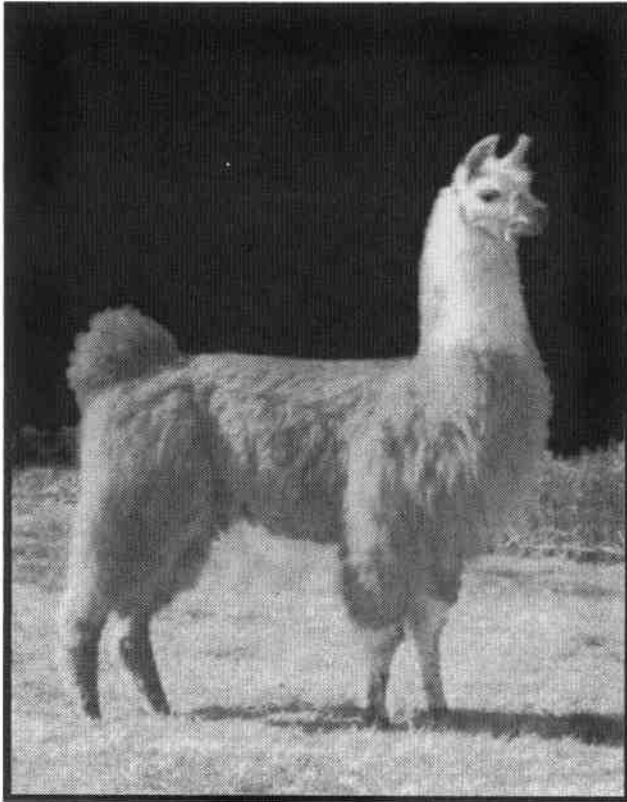
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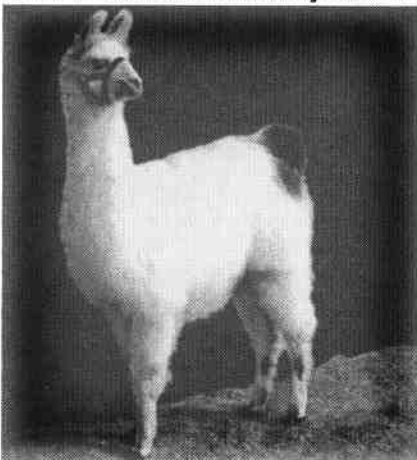
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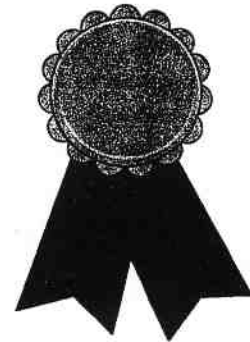
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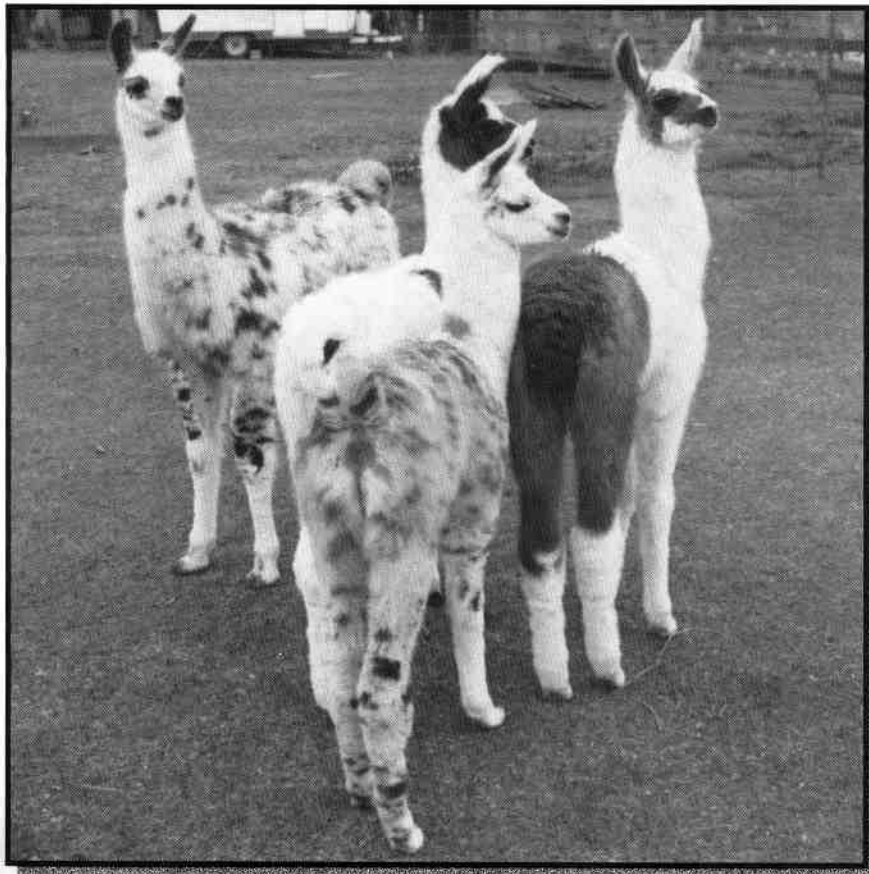
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