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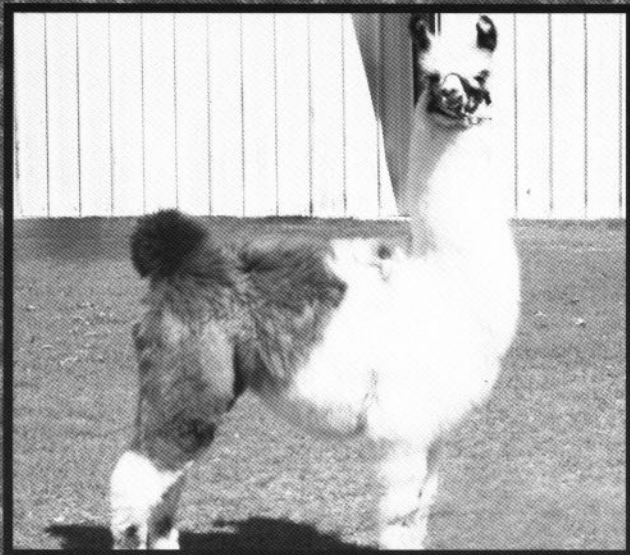
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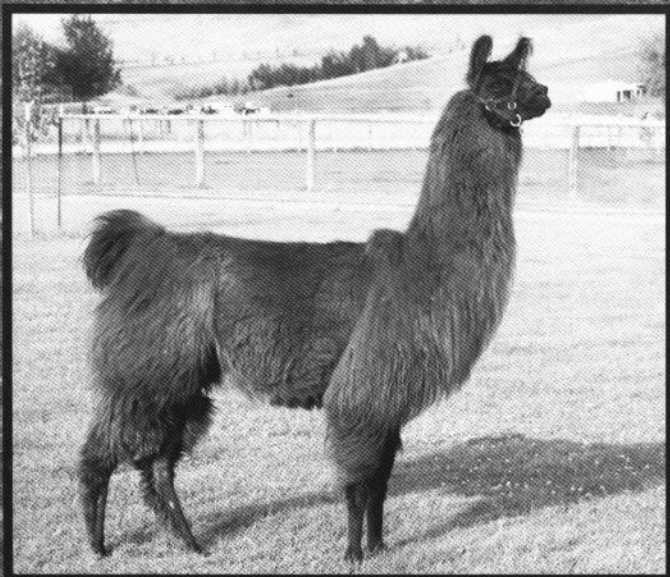
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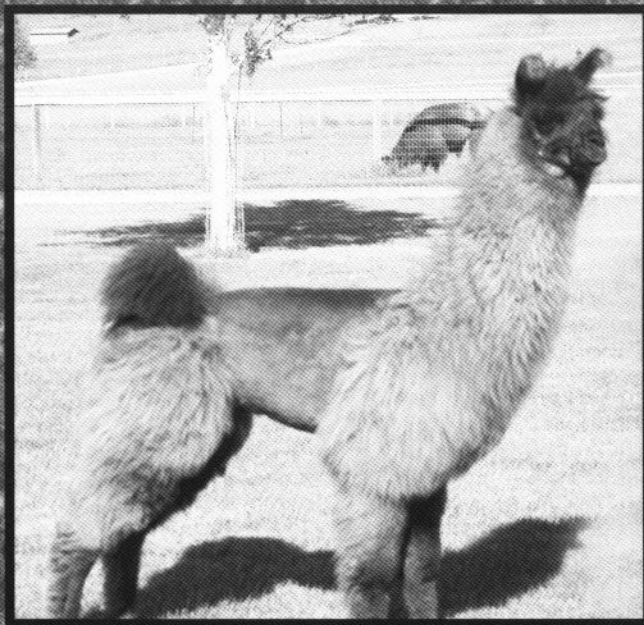
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President's Message

Hope everyone has had a great summer. It has been hot and dry in the north. A fire broke out a few miles away and just reaffirms the need for a disaster plan. Whether it comes in the form of a fire, flood, or other natural disaster we all need a plan just in case. Check out the RMLA web site for the fire plan and prepare yourselves just in case.

I would like to thank all the event superintendents and their volunteers for working so hard to put on the events we all enjoy so much. As you will see in this issue the youth have been very busy this summer. Who said the youth are not the future of the industry? It was great to see all the youth this past weekend at LOCC. They have all worked very hard. Look for great things at

Nationals from our youth of the RMLA region.

By now the votes are in and I hope everyone has taken the time to vote for the candidates of your choice and the bylaw revisions. We will be announcing the results and placing the new board members into action at the annual meeting. I hope everyone can come to the RMLA Annual Meeting and Mini Conference on October 20th. We have lined up topics for everyone's interest so please mark your calendars.

Just a reminder, before you hit the road on your next llama trek please check



your tires. They are your first contact with the ground.

See you in Littleton, on the 20th.

Paul Schwartz

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Membership Report 9-1-07

RMLA has: 54 Life memberships (69 members); 179 Adult membership (304 members); 2 Young Adults; and 27 Youth members in 20 states.

I, Barb Hance, have resigned the job of design and layout for both the Membership Directory and the Service Directory. I feel, after 8 years, it is time for some fresh ideas.

I hope each of you would consider taking this position. It is you folks out there who make RMLA a great organization.

If you feel you would care to give layout & design a try, please contact one or more of the BOD members.

THANKS to all of RMLA's wonderful Volunteers.

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April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 RMLA MEMBERSHIP

JOIN RMLA now! Your dues will assure the continuation of all the good RMLA has accomplished.

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Please consider making a donation to the RMLA Foundation Inc., for RMLA Youth scholarships.

Youth Membership: \$10.00 per year (must be 18 years or under AND have an adult RMLA member sponsor). Not entitled to vote, but eligible to receive scholarships from the RMLA Foundation Inc.

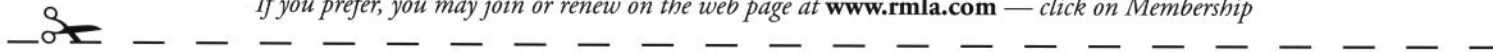
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Annual Membership: \$40.00 per year (Up to 2 adults per membership: 1 vote per person.)

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

October 20, 2007

RMLA Annual Meeting and Conference
595 West Quincy Avenue
Littleton, Colorado
Contact Larry Lewellyn, 303-870-7341
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NOVEMBER

November 3-4, 2007

Cherokee County Llama Lovers Pack Trials
(Basic & Advanced)
Columbus, Kansas
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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please be sure to let the Membership Committee know whenever your e-mail address changes. The RMLA e-mail list is most often used for announcements about RMLA sponsored events, but can also be used to notify members about emergency situations and health alerts. Your e-mail address changes should be sent to Barb Hance, at hancelama@att.net.

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting And Mini-Conference



October 20, 2007

Where: 9595 West Quincy Avenue **Cost:** Free to RMLA Members
Littleton, Colorado 80123 \$50.00 for non-members

Schedule: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Check-in and registration
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Educational Sessions
Noon – 1:00 p.m. – Lunch (included with registration)
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Educational Sessions
3:00 p.m. – Annual Business Meeting of the Membership
(Times are approximate and subject to change.)

Educational Sessions will include a mini-clinic about packing conducted by Charlie Hackbarth, as well as presentations by La Rue Johnson, DVM, and other doctors of veterinary medicine who are experts in the field of camelid health.

The Educational Sessions and lunch are free to RMLA members, but advance registration will be required for planning purposes. Additional information about how to register will be e-mailed to members. If you are not a member and would like to attend, please contact Paul Schwartz at the information below.

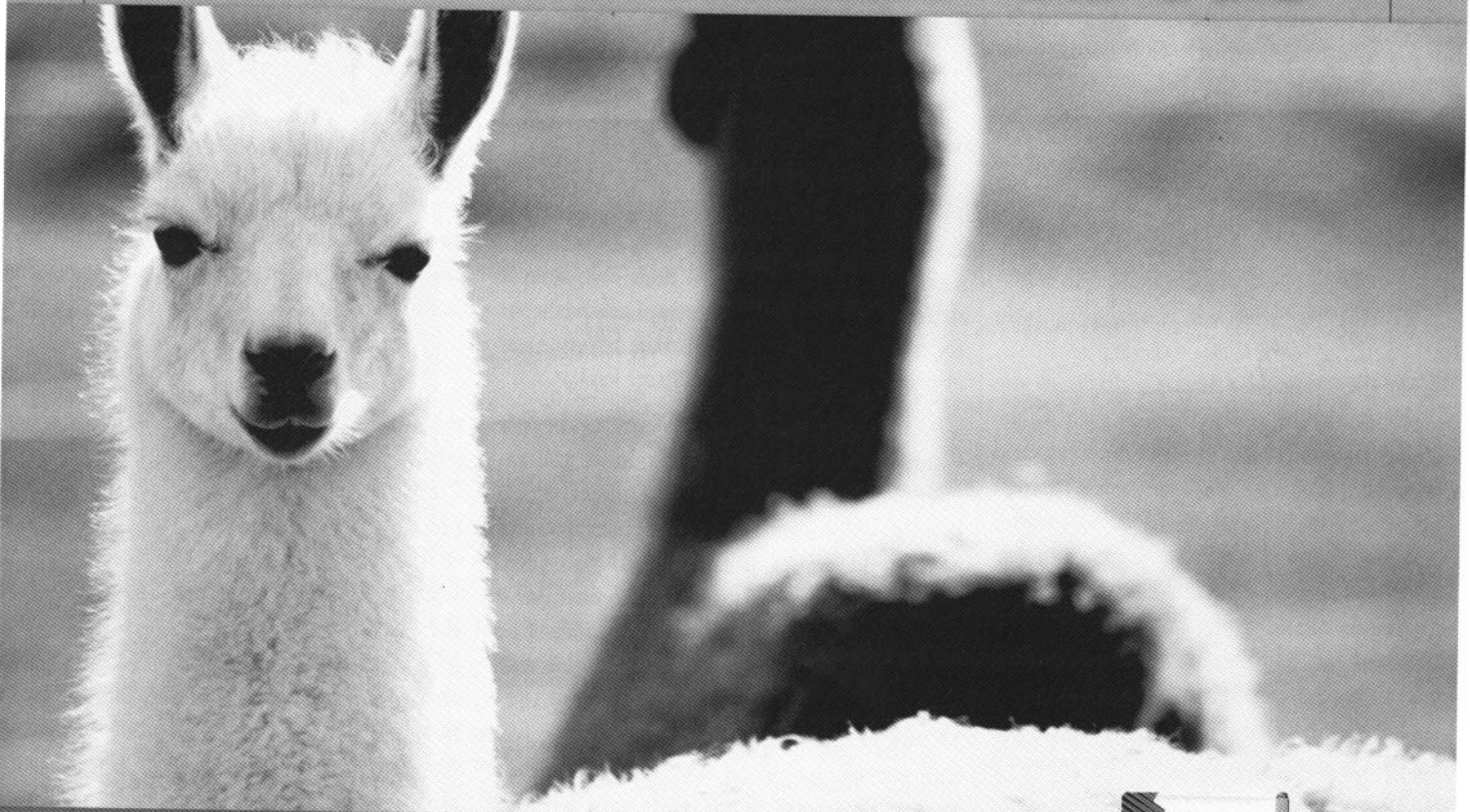
Proposed Agenda for Annual Business Meeting of the Membership:

1. Reading and approval of Minutes from 2006 Annual Meeting
2. Old business
3. 2007 Treasurer's Report
4. Committee Reports
5. New business
6. Announcement of Election Results

Please contact Paul Schwartz at chantar@fiberpipe.net or 307-672-5144 by October 10, 2007, if you have any items you wish to add to the agenda. The first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors will take place immediately following adjournment of the Annual Business Meeting of the Membership.

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Giving Credit Where Credit is Due

By Cheryl Juntilla

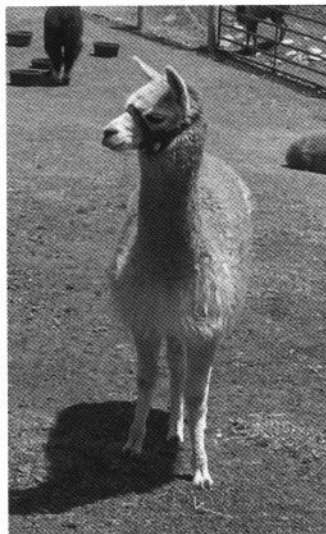
There is an article on the inside front cover of the 2007 – 2008 RMLA Membership Directory titled “What Makes the Rocky Mountain Llama Association a Successful Organization.” It is an excellent article and I wish I could take credit for it, but I am not the author. That credit goes to Larry Lewellyn.

There is another excellent article on page 64 of the 2007 – 2008 Membership Directory, titled “The Sense of the Goose.” Its author is unknown, but it is very wise and well worth reading.

During the past few months we have been getting some very positive feedback about the Journal. The credit for the excellent content of the Journal goes to the members who have submitted articles and photographs for it. Recent issues include items from members located in Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Utah, Nevada, Montana and Wyoming, and reflect the diversity of our members and their interests. Much of the credit for the timeliness of publication goes to Paul Schwartz, who came up with the idea of working with New Wave Publishing, and to Monica Tocci-Brown, who makes it easy to get the Journal done on time.

Paco-Vicuñas Were a Hit at Estes Park

By Linda Hayes



The Paco-vicuñas had their own tent at this year's Wool Market. Seven ranches went together to sponsor the display, happy hour and speakers event held in Estes Park, CO.

There was a steady stream of people wanting to see these vicuña look a likes. Paco-vicuñas are a rare type of alpaca which has the coloration and fleece characteristics of the wild vicuñas of the Andes Mountains. They are being raised by alpaca breeders who are looking to recreate the extremely fine micron fleece now found only in the true vicuña.

The guest speaker at the Saturday evening function was Angus McColl of Yocom-McColl Testing Laboratories, Denver,

CO. His informative slide show not only gave the history of fiber testing but also explained current processing and best ways to send in samples. The event came off without a hitch due to the planning and hard work of Jane Levene, Denver and Phil Switzer, Estes Park.

Paco-vicuñas are becoming more and more popular as fleece producing animal. They are as gentle as alpacas and can be taught to lead and do anything else an alpaca can do. They have inquisitive personalities and are fun to be around. Birthing is easy and care no more trouble than any other camelid. They even have their own registry; www.paco-vicunaregistry.com.

More information can be found at www.paso-vicunas.com. Ranches participating in this year's event included: Phil Switzer of Switzer-land Farm philalpaca@aol.com; Bob and Barb Hance of Hance Ranch hancelama@att.net; Linda Hayes of The Chacu at Llama Linda Ranch hayestess@sopris.net; Jane Levene, Jefferson Farms jlevene@comcast.net; Carol and Tom Yerden of Wolf Den Ranch WDRALPACAS@aol.com; John & Margaret Cokely of Cienega Creek Farm alpaca@theriver.com

RMLA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The most recent meeting of the Board of Directors was on June 15, 2007. The minutes from that meeting were published in the Summer 2007 issue of the Journal.

Since the last meeting business conducted via e-mail included approval of payments of ordinary expenses and a motion to sponsor Camelid Conferences at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine on August 10 – 12, 2007, and to pay the travel expenses of Larry Lewellyn so that he could serve as RMLA's representative and set up a display with RMLA materials. This motion was passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be at Castle Rock, Colorado, during the weekend of September 21- 23, 2007.

Paco-Vicuñas *Linda Hayes*

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2007 Virginia Christensen National Llama Welfare Award Presented

News Release

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Gary Kaufman of Olympia, Washington has been chosen as the recipient of the 2007 Virginia Christensen National Llama Welfare Award. The honor, which includes a \$500 cash gift, was created in the name of llama lover, advocate, breeder, judge and organizational leader Virginia Christensen of Nevada. It is designed to recognize and support individuals dedicated to the long term viability and overall welfare of llamas in the United States.



According to award organizers, Kaufman was selected as this year's recipient in recognition of many years of hands-on, consistent llama rescue efforts. His passion for what is often difficult and heartbreaking work began in 1998, when he answered an ad for llamas that concerned him, and found two llamas living in horrid conditions. He bought the llamas, nursed them back to health, and began an ongoing dedication to both rescuing the neediest of llamas, as well as helping llama owners learn how to give good care to their animals in order to avoid the need for rescue placement.

Kaufman is also active in various local and state projects on behalf of promoting legislation and increasing enforcement

of animal welfare laws. He volunteers at numerous llama events and the local 4-H. He was recently appointed chair for Lifeline, the rescue arm of the Llama Association of North America.

One of the largest rescue efforts Kaufman has been involved in was also one of the most painfully educational of his work so far, bringing into sharp relief the all too common inadequacies of law enforcement when it comes to animal welfare.

In 2003, at the center of a highly public divorce dispute in Chehalis, Washington, suffered a herd of llamas. Over several months, neighbors of the herd had made repeated reports of dying and dead llamas to the local sheriff and animal control authorities, all to no avail.

Kaufman was called by the desperate neighbors, pleading for help after they arrived home one day to find yet another llama (a cria) dead in the pasture. Kaufman immediately launched a letter-writing campaign, deluging local authorities with letters of complaint, copying them to the national animal rights organization, PETA. He spent many long hours making phone calls on behalf of the stricken animals. He did not let up until legal seizure of the 17 surviving llamas was finally conducted four months after concerned people began to complain.

At long last, Kaufman was free to find appropriate homes for the neglected herd. He transported six males to the Humane Farming Association's lifetime sanctuary in California, and took on three of the llamas himself for rehabilitation and rehoming. One still resides at the Kaufman family home. Kaufman, along with his wife and helpmate, Chloe, found local permanent homes for the remainder of the herd.

For llamas having been subjected to severe abuse, for those on the verge of death, for those being haphazardly dispersed or sent to slaughter for lack of interest, for those in

simple need of a toenail trim and a haircut, Gary Kaufman has stepped up to be their champion.

Recipients of The Virginia Christensen National Llama Welfare Award are chosen through ongoing national research by the Award's nominating committee. Donations to the award go directly toward the cash gift and commemorative engraving given to each recipient. Donations may be sent c/o Llama Festivals, P.O. Box 536, Laramie, WY 82073. For more information, contact coordinator Gayle Woodsum at llamafestivals@aol.com, or 307.399.3815.

Virginia Christensen National Llama Welfare Award Criteria

To be awarded to an individual who has consistently, and over an extended period of time, promoted thoughtful care to llamas through public and private efforts in a variety of settings, including but not limited to demonstration of the following efforts:

- participation in the education of llama owners and potential llama owners as to the attentive care and compassionate handling of llamas
- leadership in volunteer and organizational settings that exhibit diversity of membership, philosophy and mission
- promotion of llamas as companion animals with basic physical and psychological needs that surpass their value as a commodity
- unflinching participation in public and private activities that support and implement the prevention and cessation of cruelty, neglect and desertion of llamas

Interview of a Trail Maintenance Volunteer

This interview was originally published in the Winter 2007 issue of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation's Trails Newsletter and is reprinted with the permission of Shannon Freix who is the editor and the Projects Coordinator of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation.

FEATURED VOLUNTEER: KONA THE LLAMA

Our volunteers are the best and we want everyone to know it, so we've added a "Featured Volunteer" section to our newsletter. We'll showcase an individual or group here each issue to thank them for their support and hard work.

This time we'd like you to meet Kona. He's a llama that has packed for the BMWF in the past and has already signed up for two projects in '07.

Q: What was your first volunteer project with BMWF?

A: My first BMWF project was the West Fork of the Sun trip last June when I took two of my cohorts, Bo and Levi out on their first service trip to show them the ropes.

Q: How many times have you worked with BMWF?

A: I've been on two trips with the BMWF since I moved to Montana a little over a year ago and I've done several with the Continental Divide Trail Alliance in NW Wyoming. My owners have packed in the Bob a lot but that was before I was born.

Q: Tell me a little bit about why you volunteer in the backcountry. What do you like, why do you do it?

A: My owners, Dick & Jeanne Williams, got me involved volunteering on trail projects several years ago. We had taken many trips into the Wind River Range in Wyoming together and they told me that it was my responsibility to help maintain areas that we

enjoy. I've gotten quite a bit of satisfaction out of it and it's been a lot of fun!

Q: Many volunteers come out of the backcountry with a distinct experience or memory. Perhaps it was their first grizzly bear sighting or how the crew rallied when it wouldn't stop raining. Do you have any special moments that stand out from your volunteer experiences?

A: My most memorable trip was the CDTA Hat Pass project three years ago in Wyoming. It was a long, tough trip in - 14 miles and a 4000' elevation gain - and the trail we worked on was the 1/2 mile of trail going down the back side of the pass. What a mess! We spent a week working on just that one section of trail. I carried 10 gallons of water up to the work site every morning so the people who were working with me had enough to drink and then helped them carry fill back to the places on the trail that needed it. I was really impressed (and grateful!) with how much better the trail was after we were finished when we hiked out over it on the way out. That was my favorite day because halfway out Dick (I follow him around in the woods) slipped on a rock during a stream crossing and fell in. That was great because a.) I got to stand in the cool water and rest for quite a while on a hot day and b.) I got to watch Dick trying to get back on his feet and out of the water. People can be so amusing at times!

Q: Do you have any favorite spots in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex?

A: My favorite spot in the Bob so far is the place where we camped on the South Fork of the Sun Project last August. Good grass, pretty spot, shade when I wanted it and some mule deer came down every evening and shared my dinner. My owners tell me that there are a lot of great places that I haven't been to yet. Dick says we're going to climb up Prarie Reef on the trip in July



and I really want them to take me to The Basin on Danaher Creek sometime.

Q: When you're not working with BMWF, what do you do at home? Hobbies? Other interests?

A: During the winter I mostly hang out in my field, eat hay and keep an eye on the other llamas in the next field. By March I start getting shed fever and tell Dick & Jeanne that I need to start going on hikes to get in shape for the summer. During the warmer months I try to get out in the woods as much as I can helping clear Forest Service trails near Plains or just going for hikes. Then of course there are the pack trips to go on. I also help out with our 4H llama club and tell the kids at the grade school about all the neat things I get to do with my friends.

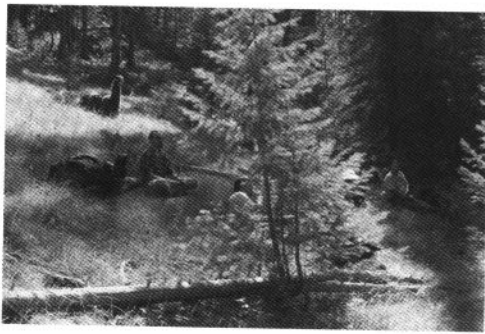
Q: What's your favorite backcountry meal?

A: One of my favorite parts of backcountry trips is the food! I sample lots of different plants that I usually don't get to eat at home and I love old dead pine needles (they taste like chicken!). I must confess that I always get Dick to put a bag of small packer pellets in my pack for snacks!!!!

Q: What's your favorite piece of backcountry gear that you can't live without?

A: Wow! That's a tough one! Dick forgot my pack saddle on one trip and we had to go home to get it but that really didn't bother me much. I guess it would have to be my halter and lead rope - it's the best way to keep track of your handler - otherwise they might get lost!

Q: Do you have any additional comments or thoughts you'd like to share with us?



A: I'd just want to say that my owners were right, I really get a lot of satisfaction from helping take care of areas that I enjoy being in so much. It's just another great reason to get out and enjoy the Bob!

TCR Kona is an eleven year old male llama who lives in Plains, MT with nine other llamas, three dogs and Dick & Jeanne Williams. He's been hauling stuff around in the woods for them for seven years in Wyoming, Utah and Montana.

Llamas in the Back Country

By Gary Carlton



There is nothing more refreshing than a few days spent in the back country with a pack string of llamas, away from the stress of modern day life. Turn off the cell phone, tell the world when you will return, and forget about everything except for the trail in front of you.

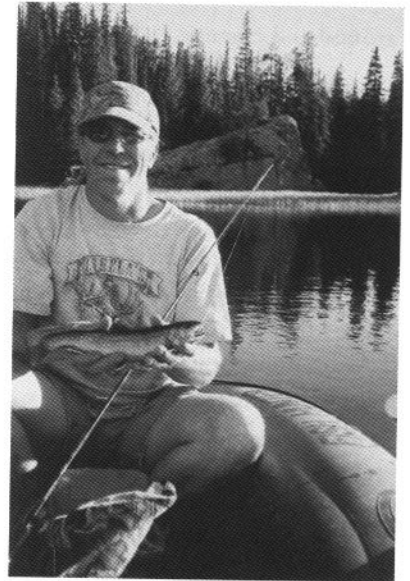
A good trip begins with a plan of some sort. Decide on a destination. This does not mean you have to end up in that exact spot, but a general direction will help in planning how far you can go with the time you have.

Plan ahead when putting together your gear list. I like to travel with three or four llamas on most trips, and pack them light so that everyone has an enjoyable time. I use one animal for coolers. I freeze water in two liter plastic pop bottles and put two in each cooler. They last about three days and you can drink the water on the trip out.

A good water filter is a must. I use the Pur Hiker series and have found it to be very reliable over the years. Bring along some grain that your llamas are used to eating - this can be very helpful if you ever need

to catch a loose animal. Always make sure you have a variety of clothing and rain gear. I have been snowed on every month of the year at high elevations. Pack a first aid kit with items for cuts, allergies, headaches and upset stomachs. A spare halter is a good idea in case one should break.

It's a good idea to give some thought to what you will need in the way of keeping yourself entertained. Boredom can set in if you do not have some things to keep yourself busy after a few days. Plan a variety of activities, such as fishing. Back country lakes and streams offer opportunities for catching large fish not found in places lots of people frequent. Bring along a good pair of binoculars and go out looking for wildlife. Practice your skill at getting close to them without them knowing you are there. Bring along a camera and get some good sunrise and sunset photos. And don't forget to pack some good books or magazines in case you get stuck in the tent during a rain storm.



Sometimes a short hike on a side trail can help break up the day. Climbing to the top of a mountain may bring on a good afternoon nap. I bring along a six foot inflatable boat and enjoy floating around and fishing in back country lakes. Picking wild berries or mushrooms can make for a tasty side dish if you know what to look for. (Always take caution when picking wild fruits or plants and be sure you know what you are eating.)

There is no need to over do it, or push yourself beyond your limits. The key to success on back country adventures is to stay within your limitations and enjoy yourself. Wilderness opportunities are shrinking every day as the world becomes more populated. Take a few days off and plan those footsteps you will look back on for years to come.

HAPPY TRAILS

Camelid Community 2007 Report

"Celebrating Diversity, Sharing Goals"

By Sheila Fugina and Barb Baker,
moderators

Aug. 3-5, 2007

Radisson Hotel, Kansas City, MO

Background and History

Camelid Community is the only national forum that offers the opportunity for dialog among representatives of national, regional and local camelid organizations as well as interested individuals and owners, providing a unique opportunity for an assessment of the "state of the union" of the camelid world. In the 1990s, the International Llama Association (now defunct) sponsored an annual Llama Assembly, the last of which was held in Colorado Springs in 1997. Representatives of a number of llama and alpaca organizations got together to host Llama & Alpaca Symposium in Kansas City in 1998, a highly successful and representative event. No group or combination of groups sponsored a similar national gathering in 1999. Feeling a need to see such a gathering held on an annual basis, several members of the Llama Association of North America tried getting it going again by hosting a Lama Community in 2000 in Kansas City. Though numbers were few at first, attendance grew as hosting and facilitating rotated among various groups and individuals. At the 2004 event the group voted to change the name to Camelid Community to better reflect the background and interests of attendees. Unlike most conferences, Camelid Community's agenda is set by participants, and those unable to attend also are encouraged to submit proposed agenda items.

Strengths and Weaknesses Listed

Camelid Community 2007 got off to a solid start in its opening session with a candid sharing of our community's weaknesses as well as strengths. By stressing how much more the llama and alpaca industries have in common with one another than not,

organizers emphasized where we already work together as a true camelid community and the need for continued collaboration. Friday night's exercise asked groups not only to list the strengths and weaknesses of their respective llama or alpaca industry, but also for the camelid community as a whole. Answers were open and candid and set the stage for the rest of the weekend, encouraging everyone present to participate and contribute. Attendees came from all over the country, from California to Massachusetts and many points between, and both llama and alpaca organizations were represented. National, regional and local groups were included, as well as interested individuals.

Rescue and Welfare

The attitude the camelid community has toward rescue and intervention was listed as a weakness, especially as compared to the attitude held by other animal industries (horses and dogs in particular). It was felt that "embracing" rescue efforts should be seen as an opportunity for the camelid community, and one of the ideas suggested was Halter Donation Stations set up at local, regional and national llama and alpaca shows. The donated halters would be used in camelid rescue and welfare situations across the country, including donating to local animal control officers and existing rescue organizations.

In an attempt to help educate people and keep many rescue situations from developing in the first place, the National Llama Intervention & Rescue Coordination Council (IRC Council) is putting together a plan recommending how to reach various audiences with the specific camelid education they need. The first module is designed to help educate animal control authorities and will be sent to llama and alpaca organizations by late fall 2007. Additional modules are being put together for other audiences, such

as new owners, the general public, etc. The IRC Council also plans to send organizations a survey designed to assess camelid welfare needs across the country.

Educational efforts are being made by camelid organizations and individuals in various regions to help reduce the number of rescue situations created by lack of knowledge. Several Camelid Community attendees described some of those efforts. Marc Page, who was representing the Greater Appalachian Llama & Alpaca Association (GALA), shared copies of a simple single-page handout called "A Guide for Basic Llama Care". The brochure is printed in larger quantities and distributed at sales barns, auction houses, feed mills, etc., to try and reach prospective buyers before they bring a llama or alpaca home. It provides basic care and handling tips designed to prevent the health and behavior problems that too often occur when a totally uneducated buyer leaves a sale barn with a llama but no information on what to do when they get home. Contact information for state and regional camelid organizations is provided, as well as titles of several camelid care books.

Another educational tool available to the camelid community, a llama and alpaca standards of care Power Point presentation was given by Karen Conyngham. It covers the main points provided in two written standards of care documents presented at Camelid Community 2005 and is available for downloading at www.camelidcare.info. The two care documents also are available on the same web site, but attendees complained the documents are not being widely distributed because there are problems in printing them from the site. Karen will work with those involved to make the documents more accessible. Participants agreed that the contents of the documents were good, but they need to be easier to print if they are to be more widely used.

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Government Relations

Attendees listed the camelid community's involvement in the established government relations network at the federal level as a real strength, but they also felt other areas involving government relations were a weakness—especially biosecurity, the threat of an infectious disease outbreak and lack of support for animal ID and premises ID. Karen Conyngham gave a Power Point presentation on biosecurity for camelid owners that provided an excellent overview of biosecurity practices that should be followed by all camelid owners. Most attendees, however, agreed that far too few camelid owners follow even some of the practices, let alone all of them. They also agreed that the biosecurity practices as presented could go a long way toward heading off the transmission of infectious diseases. (If you wish a copy of the biosecurity Power Point presentation, contact Karen at 72040.3361@compuserve.com. It is a short PPT file and can be sent by e-mail.)

Karen, who is the International Llama Registry's (ILR) representative to the U.S. Animal Health Association (USAHA), is also a member of the Camelid Working Group (CWG). She provided an update on the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) and reported that the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has no plans to make participation in any component of NAIS mandatory during the remainder of this administration. She did caution camelid owners, though, to be aware of what is required in their state because individual states may move forward with an animal identification plan as they deem necessary. At this point emphasis by both USDA and the states is still on premises registration rather than individual animal identification.

Research and Medical Issues

Though the good research entities available to the camelid community, as well as our support of medical research, were listed as strengths, providing funding for more projects was seen as a weakness for our community. Attendees were highly supportive of the Llama Medical Research Group (LMRG), Morris Animal Foundation

(MAF) and the Alpaca Research Foundation (ARF), all of which provided written reports for Camelid Community 2007. One of the requests at last year's Camelid Community was to find "additional qualified and committed people to participate on the LMRG and camelid organizations willing to provide financial support" for them. That was accomplished with the addition of Dr. Karen Pihera, sponsored by the Southern States Llama Association (SSLA), and Dr. Joy Bishop-Forshey, sponsored by the Ohio River Valley Llama Association (ORVLA). A third new member also may soon be added.

One of the research projects included in ARF's report to Camelid Community that should be of special interest to llama and alpaca owners is the development of a teaching model for venipuncture and intravenous catheter placement by Dr. Jeffrey Lakritz of Ohio State University and Dr. Claire Whitehead, formerly of OSU. The model is intended for sale and distribution to veterinary schools and other interested parties virtually at cost. Camelid owners who have watched a veterinarian try to find the vein in their animal's neck will be happy to know that a realistic model on which to practice is now available.

Organizational Problems and Ethics

"Strong local and national organizations" was listed as one of the strengths for the camelid community as a whole, but organizational conflicts and politics topped the list of threats to our community. Participants discussed declining memberships, a breakdown in regional organizations and a general lack of cooperation and collaboration as they pointed to the problems of personal agendas, the baggage of history and fear of change. In an attempt to get at some of these problems, the group suggested organizations not only review their mission statements, but also make them accurate and live up to them. The group also felt a need to encourage people to "develop a problem solving mindset".

Nearly everyone present, llama and alpaca representatives alike, had stories to share of "unscrupulous breeders and sellers," some of them members of reputable camelid organizations. Ethics can be tough to discuss in our local and national groups, but participants felt we as a community

have a critical need for responsible breeding practices—a need to avoid overbreeding, indiscriminate breeding and leaving too many males intact.

Education and Communication

Two words came up again and again throughout the exercise on industry strengths and weaknesses: education and communication. This was true in the lists for the individual llama and alpaca industries, as well as for the camelid community as a whole. The most critical need for education and accurate information seemed to be with new and potential owners, in part because of the prevalence of misinformation, especially on the Internet. Several participants noted that guard llamas in their regions suffered heat stress this summer because owners didn't realize they needed to be shorn. Suggestions were discussed on how to reach camelid owners who don't belong to llama or alpaca organizations (and there are many such owners), and attendees were encouraged to work with their associations to implement some of the suggestions. Kathy Lamphear of the Missouri Llama Association volunteered to contact sheep and goat associations and write articles for their publications on caring for guard llamas.

The concern was raised that because many people are becoming llama and alpaca owners at retirement age, more attention needs to be given to helping them plan for what happens to their animals when they die or become unable to care for them. It was suggested that sellers include information on estate planning for camelids in all new owner packets so owners understand the realities of being responsible for animals that are so long lived. Participants also felt it was wise to help new owners set goals, getting them to think about why they want llamas or alpacas and what they want to do with them, in order to prevent them from getting in over their heads.

Communication has been a constant theme at Camelid Community gatherings, and Camelid Community 2007 was no exception. Participants this year stressed the need for more cross communication between the llama and alpaca industries, as well as the need for the camelid community as a whole to communicate more with

other livestock and companion animal industries. In addition, it was felt camelid organizations need to do a better job of communicating with their own members and with each other. Attendees also said we need to cooperate and communicate more with the agricultural community in general, including the Extension Service. Some of the communication “take aways” from this year’s gathering included communication about Camelid Community itself: create an information sheet on Camelid Community for distribution at national and regional events, and provide more publicity on Camelid Community throughout the year.

Marketing and Promotion

Development of our animals’ fiber as a real industry was seen as vital for both llama and alpaca industries, as well as for the camelid community as a whole. Creating small, higher end niche markets makes sense because we have fine exquisite fiber, and we also cannot produce the quantities of fiber necessary for large scale commercial markets.

Though we do overlap in so many ways, one area where the llama industry and alpaca industry each stands on its own is in the marketing and promotion of their animals. Alpaca representatives, in fact, cited marketing of their animals as one of their industry’s strengths, including DNA testing and the ability for owners to track animal pedigrees. But they also listed the high cost of entry into their industry as a weakness and were concerned that there is no real “unified vision of the future”

for their industry. They also have suffered growing pains in the transition of the Alpaca Registry, Inc. (ARI) and the Alpaca Owners & Breeders Association (AOBA) into their own offices. ARI and AOBA each will be going through a strategic planning process and then will come together for a joint ARI/AOBA planning process.

On the other hand, llama representatives saw marketing as one of their industry’s biggest weaknesses. “Marketing to ourselves and not other groups” was listed as one of the industry’s biggest problems, and the diversity of uses for llamas and the diversity of the owners themselves has been a real impediment to marketing. Though we as an industry should be able to take advantage of the many uses of llamas to market to a variety of audiences, instead we have pulled in different directions, resulting in lack of promotion of the industry in general. The biggest negative image to overcome was felt to be spitting and the problem of llamas in petting zoos. A variety of positive steps were suggested to begin developing an overall marketing plan, and a group is starting to work in that area.

The Bigger Picture

In very candid and far reaching discussions, participants in Camelid Community 2007 felt we as a community cannot afford to ignore the bigger picture if we are to succeed. Issues like the economy at home and abroad, global warming and climate change, and biosecurity and the threat of infectious diseases on an international level are critical to our existence as an industry

and community—and even to existence on our individual farms and acreages across the country. We cannot afford to ignore them.

Take Away Topics from Camelid Community 2007

Camelid Community—Provide CC press release to all 2007 attendees for use with their local media; provide final CC 2007 report to attendees, organization presidents, newsletters and other publications; provide publicity on CC throughout the year; create an information sheet on CC for use at local, regional and national camelid shows and events and for distribution to camelid organizations and newsletters; contact heads of camelid organizations to encourage their presence at CC.

IRC Council—Provide camelid organizations by late fall 2007 with educational module or template for educating and training animal control authorities regarding camelid care and handling; continue to create and distribute educational modules for other audiences such as new owners and the general public; distribute camelid welfare survey to camelid organizations by early fall 2007.

ALSA and AOBA—Have members set up Halter Donation Stations at shows and other events to collect new and used halters for use in camelid welfare and re-homing situations involving llamas and alpacas.

ARI and ILR—Provide place on registration certificates to list the location of an animal’s microchip.

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Standards of Care Group—Make standards of care documents more easily accessible and easier to print so they can be more widely used.

Various 2007 CC Attendees—Create the following for camelid organizations to share with their members: model for local camelid herd health day or health fair; model for special local camelid fair or festival to help educate the general public; information sheet listing the top reasons why llama and alpaca owners need to belong to a camelid organization; information sheet listing many small ways owners can help the camelid community; list of ideas on how to reach new and prospective llama and alpaca owners who don't belong to any camelid organizations. Contact sheep and goat associations, and offer to write articles on caring for guard llamas for use in their publications and newsletters.

Camelid Community welcomes input from any and all members of the llama and alpaca community on these and other

ideas. Please feel free to contact us with your suggestions and comments (see contact information below). Your suggestions will be forwarded to the appropriate individuals or groups and will be added to the discussion list for next year's Camelid Community.

Reports Submitted at Camelid Community 2007

Reports and documents submitted at Camelid Community 2007 are available on the web site for the International Camelid Institute (ICI) at www.icinfo.org, as is this overall summary and report. Reports include:

“Biosecurity for Camelid Owners”

“National Animal Identification System—Update August 3, 2007”

“IRC Council Report to Camelid Community 2007”

“Estate Planning for Camelids”/
“Thoughts on Planning for the Care of Your Animals”

“Pack Llama Trial Association”

“The Alpaca Registry—Report to Camelid Community”

“Alpaca Owners & Breeders Association Report for Camelid Community 2007”

“The State of the ILR—August 2007”

“Alpaca & Llama Show Association Report to Camelid Community 2007”

“Lama Medical Research Group Report to Camelid Community—August 2007”

“Morris Animal Foundation—Report”

“Alpaca Research Foundation Update—Camelid Community August 3-5, 2007”

“Web Links—Camelid Community 2007 Presentations and Discussions”

Camelid Community 2008

Work already has begun on Camelid Community 2008, which is set for Aug. 1-3, 2008, at the Radisson Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. For information on how you or your organization can be involved, contact Sheila Fugina (bsfugina@presenter.com, 715-246-5837) or Barb Baker (bebaker@hughes.net, 740-397-1736).

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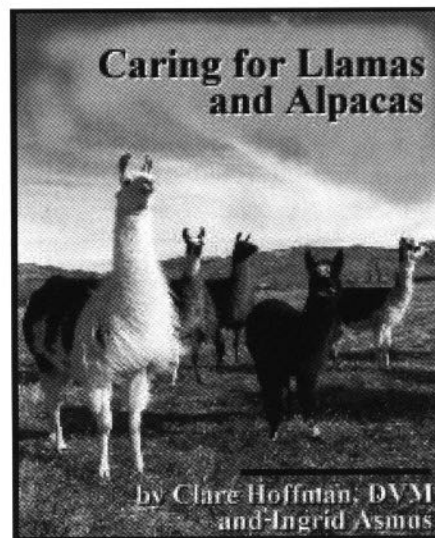
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Camelid Care

Camelid Standards of Care

www.camelidcare.info

This site contains the Minimum Standards of Care and the Recommended Practices documents developed by the Standards of Care Working Group and released in 2005. There is also a Power Point presentation covering the main points of both documents available for downloading from this site. Please be sure your camelid organization's web site has a link to this URL.

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This is the definitive site for camelid owners with concerns regarding all aspects of camelid ownership. Questions submitted online are routed to the appropriate consultants and answers returned within 24 hours. Though not to be used for emergencies, owners may submit inquiries to veterinarians with specialties in the areas of surgery, medicine, nutrition, training/behavior and reproduction. There is an online library for research on camelid matters, and owners will find instructions on how to sign up for the Emergency Alert System (electronic notification of emerging disease alerts, epidemics, outbreaks or other issues needing an immediate response) at this page: <http://www.icinfo.org/Pages/emergency.html>

The site is being redesigned and enhanced; check the site often for new information.

National Lama Intervention & Rescue Coordination Council

www.icinfo.org

A description of the IRC Council and its work in camelid welfare is available on this site for the International Camelid Institute, along with the names and contact information for the council's seven regional coordinators who have access to a list of more than 100 groups and individuals across the country willing to provide help in rescue and re-homing situations.

Medical Research

Alpaca Research Foundation

<http://www.alpacaresearchfoundation.org/>

Morris Animal Foundation

<http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/Llama/Alpaca> page:

http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/llamas_alpacas

Current studies page: http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/current_studies

National Animal Identification System

USDA's NAIS home page

<http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/>

This site also contains links to all the individual state ID web sites:

<http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/about/projects.shtml>

National Conference of State Legislatures

To find out the status of any pending or existing legislation in your state that pertains to ID, see:

<http://www.ncsl.org/public/leglinks.cfm>

Camelid ID Working Group

www.camelidid.org

This site contains all documents released by the CWG, initial survey results and many links to other animal ID resources.

Equine Species Working Group

<http://www.equinespeciesworkinggroup.com/>

This site has useful information for the species that has uses and movement patterns similar to those of camelids, including the ESWG's list of recommendations to USDA.

http://www.equinespeciesworkinggroup.com/images/ESWG_Recommendations_-_August_1,_2006.doc

GAO Report, "USDA Needs to Resolve Several Key Implementation Issues to Achieve Rapid and Effective Disease Traceback: (GAO-07-592)

Just released Aug. 3, 2007, this document was compiled at the request of Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) and discusses shortcomings in USDA's preparation of the NAIS. There are a few references to camelids in this report; camelids as a species were included in the survey sent out to 32 people whom the GAO considered experts in animal identification. Survey results are included in the report. The full text (90 pages) of this document can be found at:

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d07592.pdf>

Camelid Organizations Participating in Camelid Community 2007

National Organizations

Alpaca & Llama Show Association
(representative not present at CC, but provided written report)

<http://www.alsashow.org/>

General alpaca information for the public: <http://www.alpacainfo.com/>

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AOBA members only site:

<http://www.alpacaowners.com>

AOBA show site:

<http://www.AlpacaShows.com>

Alpaca Registry, Inc.

<http://www.alpacaregistry.net>

International Camelid Institute

<http://www.icinfo.org>

International Lama Registry

<http://www.lamaregistry.com>

Pack Llama Trial Association

<http://www.packllama.org/>

Regional/State Associations

**Greater Appalachian Llama
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<http://www.galaonline.org/>

Illinois Llama Association

<http://www.illinoisllamas.org/>

Llama Association of Southern

California <http://www.llamasofsocal.org/>

Missouri Llama Association

<http://www.missourillamaassociation.org/default.aspx>

Ohio River Valley Llama Association

<http://www.orvla.com/>

Southeast Llama Rescue

<http://www.southeastllamarescue.org>

(Note: there is also a

Southwest Llama Rescue

<http://www.southwestllamarescue.org>)

Southern States Llama Association

<http://www.ssla.org/>

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<http://www.wisconsinorgle.org/page.asp?nid=140&pid=54>

Ear Treatment for Camelids

By Theresa J. Holmes

This article originally appeared in the August, 2007, issue of The Lama Letter, Vol. XII, No. 3, published by the Pennsylvania Llama & Alpaca Association and is reprinted with the permission of the author and editor. As advocated by the author, always consult with your own veterinarian before beginning any treatment as different problems may have similar symptoms.

For about two years I had a llama who held her right ear down and back. In the beginning it was just occasionally, usually during wet weather. Over time, she held it in that position quite consistently, and began to shake her head. I had my vet examine her ear on several occasions and even consulted some of the top camelid vets in the country, but no one could come up with a definitive diagnosis or effective treatment. With nothing to lose and acting with a little divine intervention, I came up with the following treatment which was successful.

The first three days:

- **Put 2-3cc of saline solution in the ear one time daily.** (I use contact lens solution for sensitive eyes and get it into the ear via a syringe without a needle. Usually I put the saline in the syringe and carry it around in my bra while I do chores to warm it up.) As soon as you put the saline solution in the ear, continue to grasp the base of the ear and massage for about 20-30 seconds—mostly so the llama can't shake its head. As soon as you let go, the llama will either tilt its head to pour it out or shake its head or both.
- **Next, immediately follow up by putting about 1-2cc of diluted Betadine** (4 parts water to 1 part Betadine) **in the ear one time daily,**

following the same procedure as with the saline.

The next four days:

- **Mix up about one part Polysporin ointment with three parts mineral oil.** (You'll need to stir this mixture and you can make up all four days worth at one time and store it. I mix it up in a pill vial and pull it up into a syringe from there.) **Put about 1-2cc of this mixture in the ear following the same procedure as with the saline.**

This combination of treatment covers several issues: The saline will clean and flush the ear; the Betadine will kill bacteria, virus and fungus in addition to drying the ear which changes the environment; the Polysporin will also kill bacteria and remoisturize the ear canal after the drying effect of the Betadine; and the mineral oil will suffocate mites and help dissolve wax.

After years of obvious discomfort, she stopped shaking her head several days into the treatment and began to hold her ear up sporadically. It did take several weeks for her to consistently hold her ear up due to the muscles needing to get stronger. I had to repeat this treatment once, eight months after the initial treatment, but never had to again. She has now been symptom free for two years.

I consulted my veterinarian before beginning this treatment and he stated that it couldn't do any harm, however, I do suggest you consult your own vet for their professional opinion before beginning any treatment, you would not want to overlook a serious problem which could present itself with similar symptoms as this llama.



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Pack Llama Trial Association Update

by Viv Fulton, PLTA President

It's been almost five months since our initial notice of reorganization went out to the membership of PLTA. Since then, your Board has been putting in lots of hours in sorting out generalities into the specific details necessary to keep PLTA running in spite of vacations, computer crashes, and the vagaries that life throws at us from time to time. Jo Sheehan filling in as a summer Santa, has been sending us boxes and flash drives of data. And, just when we think we have everything, we discover there's more.

The changeover requires modifications to every form and template letter. As we review all documents, we are reminded that many previously Board-approved revisions have not been documented in corresponding hardcopy guides or in the Rulebook. And while previous Board discussions may have intended specific expectations, without a written document, expectations are left to personal interpretation or exclusion. As the Board reviews and updates each PLTA publication, we hope to clarify, maintain consistency, and streamline our processes whether it's applying for a renewed membership, or initiating a new trial.

One of our greatest problems has been trying to keep the membership informed without resorting to costly mailings. We are grateful to Nancy Hester for her tireless efforts to create a website that will become PLTA's fastest link to its membership. We expect to be able to update these pages in a timely manner and hope that you, the membership, will find more of what you're looking for about llama packing right at your fingertips. Please let us know if you encounter any problems either accessing or using the PLTA website. We already have a bunch of great add-ons in mind such as a buy/sell board where simple classified ads can be placed, listings of packing equipment suppliers, outfitters, trainers of pack llamas, and a listing of breeders that sell pack llamas. We'll have separate pages for PLTA members-only like listings of PLTA Library selections (a work in progress) that will include copies of articles about the impact of pack llamas on trails and all manner of publications about llama packing, separate pages for Certifier concerns, and one

for tips for trial organizers. If you have ideas for the website, please contact Nancy Hester 530-365-9530 latitudellamas@aol.com or me at 607-674-9488 bvfulton@frontiernet.net.

We're also trying very hard to keep the disruption to a minimum so you, the members, can continue to schedule pack trials across the country. From Utah to North Carolina and from Pennsylvania to Nevada, PLTA trials *are* being held. If you were considering scheduling a PLTA pack trial, please contact Mike Thompson 707-923-1016 cornomike@gotsky.com. He'll make sure you have the correct forms and update you on any recent changes in the rules.

We regret that we have not yet been able to reinstate the quarterly newsletter. We will be bringing that back and also hope to make much of it (if not all) available electronically to those members that would prefer to receive it that way. We will continue to provide a paper newsletter for members who don't have computers or prefer to tuck them into a pannier for a light read after a great day hiking. To help make up for the lack of services this year, we have reduced the cost of PLTA memberships due in 2007 to half price at \$15.00. If you prefer to pay the full annual fee of \$30.00, your membership will be extended from now until December 31, 2008. The regular annual membership fee of \$30.00 will resume as of January 1, 2008. At this time, all other fees remain the same.

One additional note. While the old Board had voted to pay Jo a small salary, Jo never did receive any compensation. As the tasks are rolled out to the Board Members, no payments are anticipated.

The total current membership in PLTA is down from previous years, but we expect that as the PLTA management continues to expand and update, the new PLTA will regain those memberships and grow into the premier Llama Packing resource in the country. We are excited about upgrading the PLTA and hope that you enjoy the results of our new organization.

Thanks for your continued support and happy trekking.

Viv

CHANGES IN THE PLTA FOR 2007

Effective September 1, 2007

- Closure of central office
- Distribution of core tasks to individual board members:
 - ✓ Membership — Viv Fulton
 - ✓ Trials — Mike Thompson
 - ✓ Website — Nancy Hester
 - ✓ Bookkeeping — Shirley Weathers
 - ✓ Newsletter — currently unassigned
- Rulebook review in progress — member input welcome.
- Certifier workshops — content under review
 - ✓ At least one certifiers' "refresher" workshop is planned for spring 2008
 - ✓ At least one certifiers' workshop for new candidates is planned for summer 2008
- Certifier requirements are under review — anyone currently pursuing the position of PLTA course certifier is asked to contact Mike Thompson or Viv Fulton.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact any of the board members.

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Lleaping Llamas 4-H Club

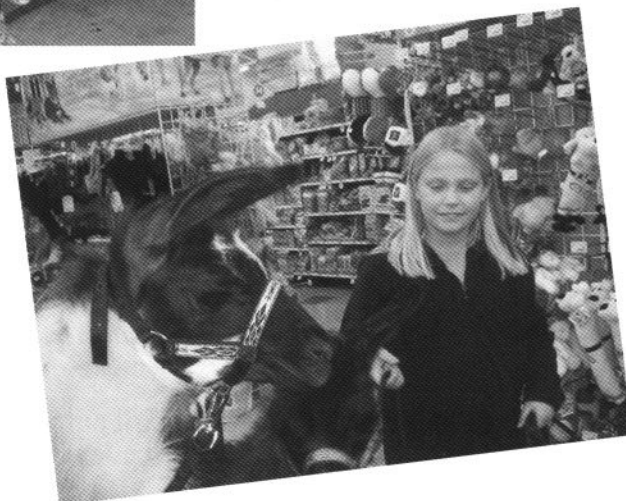
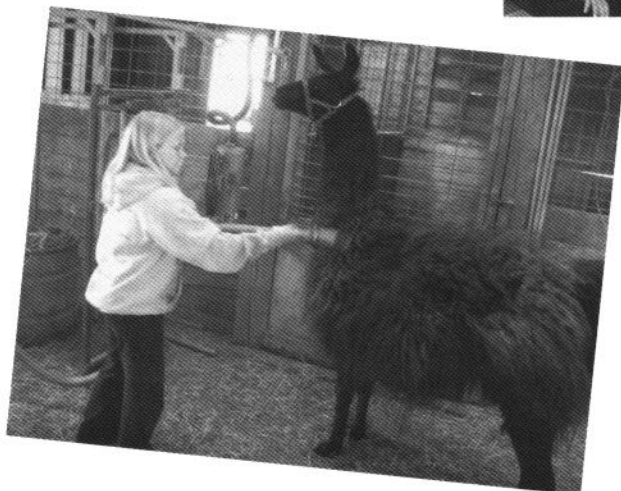
By Emy DiNatale

The Lleaping Llama's 4-H club has been a club for three years now. We are a small club in Boulder, Colorado and we do many things with our llamas like go to Petsmart, nursing home visits, parades, hikes, training and working on showing skills. We have our club meetings at Rocky Mountain Llamas. More than half our club doesn't own their own llamas so Bobra Goldsmith and L'illette Vasquez lend their llamas to us.

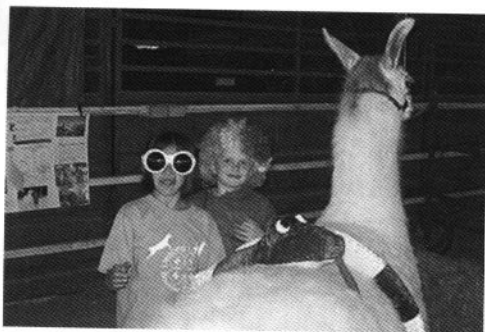
This year we had the Boulder County Youth Llama Show and the night before the show, we had a demonstration night, which we called Llama Fun. At Llama Fun, we had demonstrations on packing with llamas, what you can do with llamas, how fast llamas learn and how smart they are, general llama information, llama rescue and lead a llama. We had friends, family and public come to this event.

The next day we had the Boulder County Youth Llama Show. Again, as always we had the Timnath Goal Diggers come and show their alpacas. Everyone had fun and did well.

The Lleaping Llamas 4-H group had lots of fun at everything we did!!



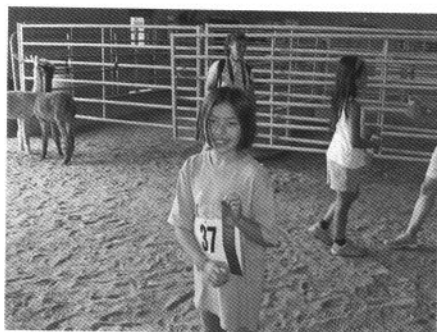
Boulder County Fair Youth Llama Show



The Boulder County Fair Youth Llama Show was a lot of fun this year. It was held on August 6, 2007, at the Boulder County Fair Grounds. Heather Grimm was our judge. Lillette Vasquez donated time and feet to be our Ring Steward. Many thanks to all the Leaping Llamas parents that worked hard for a smooth running successful show. Pat Alger, once again was willing to wear whatever costume I dreamed up, thank you. We had 10 entries this year. The kids worked hard. The llamas and alpacas had a fun stimulating day. Each entry took home a souvenir for the day, everyone got ribbons, and everyone was a star!

There are already plans being made for some fun classes for next years show. You won't want to miss it. Keep your calendars open for Monday, August 4, 2008. See you there!

Leigh DiNatale
Superintendent



Junior Showmanship

- 1st Sage Thomas, Aztec
- 2nd Erica Howe, Ace
- 3rd Marisha Hoag, Knickels
- 4th Abigail Straight, Dawn of Hemingway

Junior Obstacle

- 1st Marisha Hoag, Knickels
- 2nd Erica Howe, Ace
- 3rd Sage Thomas, Aztec
- 4th Abigail Straight, Dawn of Hemingway

Junior Public Relations

- 1st Erica Howe, Ace
- 2nd Marisha Hoag, Knickels
- 3rd Sage Thomas, Aztec
- 4th Abigail Straight, Dawn of Hemingway

Junior Pack

- 1st Marisha Hoag, Knickels
- 2nd Sage Thomas, Aztec
- 3rd Abigail Straight, Dawn of Hemingway
- 4th Erica Howe, Ace

Junior Grand Champion

Marisha Hoag, Knickels

Junior Reserve Grand Champion

Erica Howe, Ace

Intermediate Showmanship

- 1st Emily DiNatale, MHL Sunchero
- 2nd Keara Lenehan, Rocky Mountain Solitaire
- 3rd Tiffany Ericksen, Opal of Timnath
- 4th Alyssa Carson, Rocky Mountain Samurai
- 5th Victoria Alger, Dawn of Hemingway
- 6th Jonathan Alger, Moonglow

Intermediate Obstacle

- 1st Emily DiNatale, MHL Sunchero
- 2nd Tiffany Ericksen, Opal of Timnath
- 3rd Alyssa Carson, Rocky Mountain Samurai

- 4th Jonathan Alger, Moonglow
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Intermediate Pack

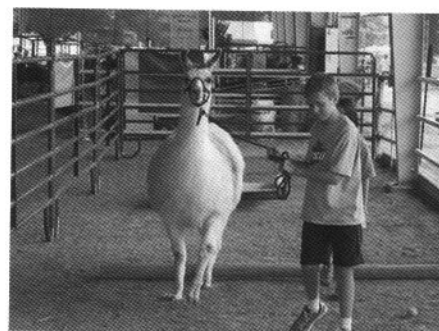
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Intermediate Grand Champion

Emily DiNatale, MHL Sunchero

Intermediate Reserve Grand Champion

Alyssa Carson, Rocky Mountain Samurai



Out On The Prairie Youth Llama Show

By Maureen Bergenfeld

A great time was had by all youth competing in this combined 4-H/ALSA show on July 22nd at the El Paso County Fair Grounds in Calhan. There were 7 youth competing in the County 4-H contest judged by Brianna Livengood and 10 youth competing in the ALSA show judged by Patty Morgan. Although the day was hot, we were in the indoor arena and were spared the sun. Youth competed in Showmanship, Performance, Costume and Llama Limbo. Thanks to Patti Maginetti, youth were awarded beautiful embroidered blankets and chairs for overall performance champions. Showmanship winners received llama statues and embroidered llama pictures.



Sheree Friedel and Alonna Bonvillain showing off Grand and Reserve Grand Performance awards

Sheree Friedel was the top senior winner in this year's competition. Using Paul Bunyon for the 4-H competition and Escarpment's Homer for the ALSA competition, she won Showmanship and Performance in both contest. Kelly Allen was the winner in the costume contest. Other champions in both 4-H and ALSA included:

Intermediate Showmanship

Sarah Budney

Intermediate Performance

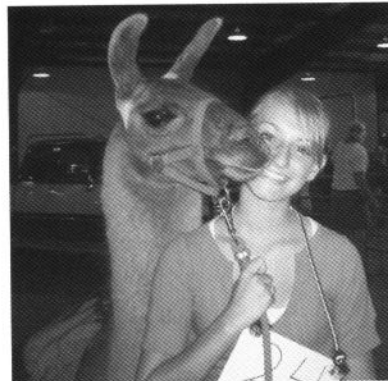
Sara Jenkins

Junior Showmanship

Hanna Jenkins

Junior Performance

Hanna Jenkins



*Taking some special time with their llamas...
Top left: Sam Gotthoffer
Bottom left: Sara Jenkins
Bottom right: Adam Maginetti*



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- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
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Kiowa Creek Youth Llama & Alpaca Show



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Senior Youth Showmanship

- 1st Russel Gotthoffer, Double J's Autumn Dancer
- 2nd Midori Matsuda, TRR Night & Day
- 3rd Ashley Fillmore, Senior Besame Mucho

Intermediate Youth Showmanship

- 1st Alonna Bonvillain, Escarpment's Crimson
- 2nd Sara Jenkins, Escarpment's Sterling El Sol
- 3rd Kyra McElroy, Kactus Jack

Junior Youth Showmanship

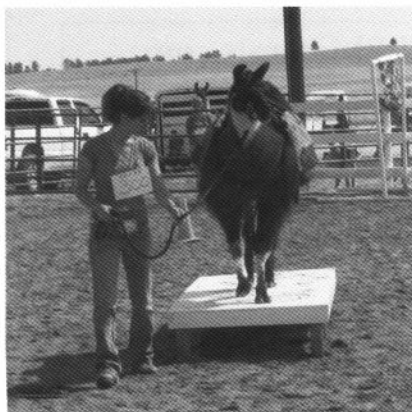
- 1st Hanna Jenkins, Escarpment's Sterling El Sol
- 2nd Samuel Gotthoffer, Double J's Sand Dune

Sub-Junior Youth Showmanship

- 1st Aubrey Metzler, Jo Jo

Senior Youth Obstacle

- 1st Sheree Friedel, Escarpment's Silver Homer



- 2nd Andy Darter, Carla's Mystic Lightning
- 3rd Ashley Filmore, Senior Besame Mucho

Senior Youth Pack

- 1st Andy Darter, Carla's Mystic Lightning
- 2nd Sheree Friedel, Escarpment's Silver Homer
- 3rd Ashley Fillmore, Senior Besame Mucho

Senior Youth Public Relations

- 1st Andy Darter, Carla's Mystic Lightning
- 2nd Sheree Friedel, Escarpment's Silver Homer
- 3rd Russel Gotthoffer, Double J's Autumn Dancer



Intermediate Youth Obstacle

- 1st Sara Jenkins, Escarpment's Silver Homer
- 2nd Alonna Bonvillain, Escarpment's Crimson
- 3rd Kyra McElroy, Kactus Jack
- 4th Jessica Schmidt, El Roy

Intermediate Youth Pack

- 1st Sara Jenkins, Escarpment's Silver Homer
- 2nd Alonna Bonvillain, Escarpment's Crimson
- 3rd Kyra McElroy, Kactus Jack
- 4th Jessica Schmidt, El Roy

Intermediate Youth Public Relations

- 1st Sara Jenkins, Escarpment's Silver Homer
- 2nd Alonna Bonvillain, Escarpment's Crimson

- 3rd Kyra McElroy, Kactus Jack
- 4th Jessica Schmidt, El Roy

Junior Youth Obstacle

- 1st Hanna Jenkins, Escarpment's T-Tres
- 2nd Samuel Gotthoffer, Double J's Sand Dune

Junior Youth Pack

- 1st Hanna Jenkins, Escarpment's T-Tres
- 2nd Samuel Gotthoffer, Double J's Sand Dune

Junior Youth Public Relations

- 1st Hanna Jenkins, Escarpment's T-Tres
- 2nd Samuel Gotthoffer, Double J's Sand Dune

Sub-Junior Youth Obstacle

- 1st Aubrey Metzler, Jojo

Sub-Junior Public Relations

- 1st Aubrey Metzler, Jojo

Senior Grand Champion

Sheree Friedel, Escarpment's Silver Homer



Senior Reserve Champion

Andy Darter, Carla's Mystic Lightning

Intermediate Grand Champion

Sara Jenkins, Escarpment's Sterling El Sol

Intermediate Reserve Champion

Alonna Bonvillain, Escarpment's Crimson

Junior Grand Champion

Hanna Jenkins, Escarpment's T-Tres

Junior Reserve Champion

Samuel Gotthoffer, Double J's Sand Dune

Sub-Junior Grand Champion

Aubrey Metzler




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Llamas and More Gold and Silver Shows

May 5-6, 2007

The Llamas and More Association (LAMA) held its 5th annual show May 5-6, 2007 in the Oasis of Nevada: Fallon. Fallon is located about 50 miles Southeast of Reno. The judge for LAMA Gold was Patti Fischer and LAMA Silver was Hank Kauffman. We were also honored to have Virginia Christenson as the Ring Steward. If you hear her yelling it's because we are twisting her arm to have her back.

Matthew Kimbro received the LANA Youth Award for his untiring, dedicated assistance he provided to the show staff to ensure that everything ran smoothly. He was greatly appreciated by all!

The show has grown each year. It started as the Sierra Nevada Llama Network Gold and Silver in 2003. This year we had about 165 llamas and alpacas. The show is popular because of the following:

1. Low entry fees of \$12 per class.
2. Performance contestants do the course for each show, once on Saturday and once on Sunday.
3. Relaxed – no grooming, llamas need only be free of surface debris and not sheared. (There is only one Hobo Classic!)
4. Youth classes are held.
5. Pleasure driving and we are adding obstacle driving in 2008.
6. Creative grand and reserve grand championship awards.
7. LAMA provides the main course for a BBQ Saturday night while everyone who attends brings a side dish. (Thank you to the Trauths for the cooking!)
8. It is FUN and low key.

The 2008 show will be held May 3-4, 2008 in Fallon, Nevada. We look forward to seeing you all there. Check our web site at www.lamandmore.com.

LAMA Gold Show Results Youth Classes

Intermediate Youth Obstacle

- 1st HLM T Rex, Jocelyn Katzakian
2nd Presidio's Isis Pyramid CR02, Adam Kimbro

Intermediate Youth Pack

- 1st HLM T Rex, Jocelyn Katzakian
2nd Presidio's Isis Pyramid CR02, Adam Kimbro

Intermediate Youth Public Relations

- 1st Presidio's Isis Pyramid CR02, Adam Kimbro
2nd HLM T Rex, Jocelyn Katzakian

Junior Youth Obstacle

- 1st Red's Arroyo Grande, Matthew Kimbro
2nd Maquis, Emma Katzakian
3rd MH Hot Chocolat, Ashley Bolger

Junior Youth Pack

- 1st Maquis, Emma Katzakian
2nd Red's Arroyo Grande, Matthew Kimbro
3rd MH Hot Chocolat, Ashley Bolger

Junior Youth Public Relations

- 1st Maquis, Emma Katzakian
2nd Red's Arroyo Grande, Matthew Kimbro
3rd MH Hot Chocolat, Ashley Bolger

Grand Champion Youth Performance

Jocelyn Katzakian

Reserve Champion Youth Performance

Emma Katzakian

Intermediate Youth Showmanship

- 1st HLM T Rex, Jocelyn Katzakian
2nd Presidio's Isis Pyramid CR02, Adam Kimbro

Junior Youth Showmanship

- 1st Maquis, Emma Katzakian
2nd Red's Arroyo Grande, Matthew Kimbro
3rd MH Hot Chocolat, Ashley Bolger

LAMA Silver Show Results Youth Classes

Intermediate Youth Obstacle

- 1st HLM T Rex, Jocelyn Katzakian
2nd Presidio's Isis Pyramid CR02, Adam Kimbro

Intermediate Youth Pack

- 1st Presidio's Isis Pyramid CR02, Adam Kimbro
2nd HLM T Rex, Jocelyn Katzakian

Intermediate Youth Public Relations

- 1st Presidio's Isis Pyramid CR02, Adam Kimbro
2nd HLM T Rex, Jocelyn Katzakian

Junior Youth Obstacle

- 1st Maquis, Emma Katzakian
2nd Red's Arroyo Grande, Matthew Kimbro
3rd MH Hot Chocolat, Ashley Bolger

Junior Youth Pack

- 1st Red's Arroyo Grande, Matthew Kimbro
2nd Maquis, Emma Katzakian
3rd MH Hot Chocolat, Ashley Bolger

Junior Youth Public Relations

- 1st Maquis, Emma Katzakian
2nd MH Hot Chocolat, Ashley Bolger
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Grand Champion Youth Performance

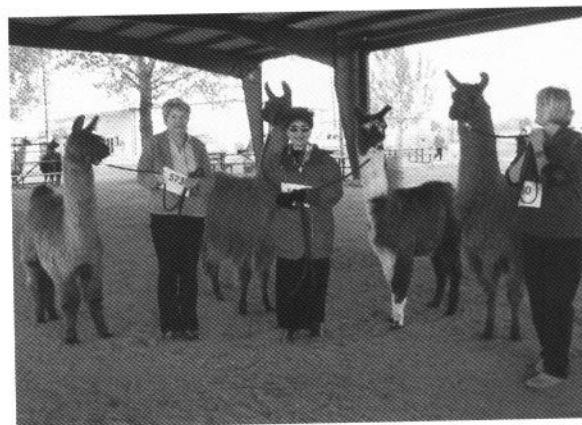
Emma Katzakian

Reserve Champion Youth Performance

Adam Kimbro

Intermediate Youth Showmanship

- 1st HLM T Rex, Jocelyn Katzakian
2nd Presidio's Isis Pyramid CR02, Adam Kimbro





Junior Youth Showmanship

- 1st Maquis, Emma Katzakian
- 2nd Red's Arroyo Grande, Matthew Kimbro
- 3rd MH Hot Chocolat, Ashley Bolger

LAMA Gold Show

Halter and Open Performance Classes

Get of Sire

- 1st Besakih, Kay E. Patterson
- 2nd Chileno El Toro, Ken Austin
- 3rd Skansen's Private Enterprise, Sylvia Hammarstrom

Produce of Dam

- 1st Nevasca, Kay E. Patterson
- 2nd Roaring Ruby, Lora Lee Crawford
- 3rd Chatka, Ken Austin

Suri Female Juvenile

- 1st Integrity's Mirage, Dan & Marilyn Milton
- 2nd Bradford Morning Star, Dan & Marilyn Milton
- 3rd Tapa The Class, Dan & Marilyn Milton

Suri Female Yearling

- 1st Pluma, Dan & Marilyn Milton
- 2nd M.R.S. Madelynn, Dan & Marilyn Milton
- 3rd M.R.S. Sweet Melody, Dan & Marilyn Milton

Grand Champion Suri Female

Pluma, Dan & Marilyn Milton

Reserve Champion Suri Female

Integrity's Mirage, Dan & Marilyn Milton

Suri Male Juvenile

- 1st Aloha Andiamo, Linda Rogers

Suri Male Yearling

- 1st Integrity's Gustavo, Ken & Karen DeHart
- 2nd Javelin, Elizabeth Muskie-Petkus
- 3rd Delight's Lockinvar, Genevieve Haley

Suri Male Two Year Old

- 1st Tapa the Charts, Pat Leighton/John & Annika Rehard

Grand Champion Suri Male

Integrity's Gustavo, Ken & Karen DeHart

Reserve Champion Suri Male

Javelin, Elizabeth Muskie-Petkus

Light Wool Male Juvenile

- 1st RDR Sterling Silver, Greg & Esther Sue Sykes
- 2nd Tangaleo, Lorene Grassick

Light Wool Male Yearling

- 1st JNK The Canadian's Miracle, Keven & Gretchen Gattis

Light Wool Male Two Year Old

- 1st MH Blizzard, John & Pam Trauth
- 2nd Charon, Lorene Grassick
- 3rd Gold Leaf Auricsson, Lorene Grassick



Light Wool Male Adult

- 1st MH Nevada Aztec Dream, John & Pam Trauth
- 2nd MH Happy's Little Spook, John & Pam Trauth
- 3rd MH Kuzko, John & Pam Trauth

Grand Champion Light Wool Male

MH Nevada Aztec Dream, John & Pam Trauth

Reserve Champion Light Wool Male

RDR Sterling Silver, Greg & Esther Sue Sykes

Light Wool Female Juvenile

- 1st MH Angel, John & Pam Trauth

Light Wool Female Yearling

- 1st PM-CLR's Rain, Polly Ann Huggins
- 2nd Mmemphis, Russ & Susan Lewis
- 3rd Greenview's Shasta Girl, Marlys T. Green
- 4th Toffee Treasure, Lorene Grassick
- 5th SDA Rocket Girl, Les & Sherri Flynn

Light Wool Female Two Year Old

- 1st SummerDance, Lorene Grassick

- 2nd MH Nikita, Denneille Hansen
- 3rd SY01 Mystical Jezebel, Greg & Esther Sue Sykes
- 4th RDL Snow Wren, Dolly Peters
- 5th MH Dora the Explorer, Marlys T. Green

Light Wool Female Adult

- 1st MH Aztec Princess, John & Pam Trauth
- 2nd MH Crème's CoCoLatte, John & Pam Trauth
- 3rd MH Boo's Jessie, John & Pam Trauth
- 4th MH Miss California, Les & Sherri Flynn
- 5th Ritzie Crackers, Carol Hamlin

Grand Champion Light Wool Female

SummerDance, Lorene Grassick

Reserve Champion Light Wool Female

PM-CLR's Rain, Polly Ann Huggins

Medium Wool Male Juvenile

- 1st KL/HS Spindrift, Keven & Debbie Ulrich
- 2nd M.R.S. Tripple Digit, Randy & Diane Sanders
- 3rd Humming Hill Antoine, Genevieve Haley

Medium Wool Male Yearling

- 1st Muru, Toni Strassburg Pearce
- 2nd Miku, Wayne C. Rankin
- 3rd Chanson de Noir, Lorene Grassick
- 4th Skansen's Rimfire, Sylvia Hammarstrom
- 5th Twist N Shout's Beau, Lee & Linda Beringsmith

Medium Wool Male Two Year Old

- 1st Cuzco's Midnight Flight, Tim & Sandra Nesmith
- 2nd Takhe, Mary Adams
- 3rd Questor, Margaret Ricci
- 4th MH Galeno, John & Pam Trauth
- 5th IceBreaker, Holly Russell

Medium Wool Male Adult

- 1st Ferti, Wayne C. Rankin
- 2nd Cabernet's Brunello, Karen Dini
- 3rd King Onyx, Karen Dini
- 4th Fastrack, Elizabeth Muskie-Petkus
- 5th Koa, Michelle & Steve Katzakian

Grand Champion Medium Wool Male

Cuzco's Midnight Flight, Tim & Sandra Nesmith

Reserve Champion Medium Wool Male

KL/HS Spindrift, Kevin & Debbie Ulrich

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Medium Wool Female Juvenile

- 1st RDL Dick Z Ann, Dolly Peters
- 2nd Nutu, Wayne C. Rankin
- 3rd Skansen's Stormy, Sylvia Hammarstrom
- 4th WOL Daisy, Mary Adams
- 5th PM-CLR's Savannah's Mystique, Polly Ann Huggins

Medium Wool Female Yearling

- 1st Skansen's Liberty Bell, Sylvia Hammarstrom
- 2nd RDL Alexandria, Lee & Linda Beringsmith
- 3rd Tarabethia, Dennielle Hansen
- 4th Miss Lulu, Ken Austin
- 5th Quisha, Wayne C. Rankin

Medium Wool Female Two Year Old

- 1st Suna, Wayne C. Rankin
- 2nd Skansen's Vera Cruz, Sylvia Hammarstrom
- 3rd Huni, Wayne C. Rankin
- 4th 4R DeeMarie, Linda Rogers
- 5th JLL Mid-Summer's Dream, Margaret Ricci

Medium Wool Female Adult

- 1st JLL Magnolia, Holly Russell
- 2nd CV Tiara, John & Pam Trauth

Grand Champion Medium Wool Female

Suna, Wayne C. Rankin

Reserve Champion Medium Wool Male

RDL Dick Z Ann, Dolly Peters

Heavy Wool Male Juvenile

- 1st Chilean Chatsworth RDRL, Ken Austin
- 2nd McShaggy's Mykor, Arleen & Ed McCombs
- 3rd WOL Maximus, Mary Adams
- 4th Happy Hiker Super Nova, Holly Russell
- 5th Chilean El Gaucho RDRL, Ken Austin

Heavy Wool Male Yearling

- 1st NASCAR, Wayne C. Rankin
- 2nd RDL Czar Czar, Dolly Peters

- 3rd Phantom's Thunder, Mary Adams
- 4th SRL Mark Your Mark, Lora Lee Crawford
- 5th Phantom's Magic, Lee & Linda Beringsmith

Heavy Wool Male Two Year Old

- 1st Chilean Zandero, Ken Austin
- 2nd SSRMT Chilean Frosted O's, Nina Pedersen
- 3rd RDL Misha, Dolly Peters

Heavy Wool Male Adult

- 1st Wins Hot Notes, Margaret Ricci
- 2nd Spectacular Knockout, Wallace Baker
- 3rd CV Chilean Casanova, John & Pam Trauth
- 4th Girlfriends's Taylor, Jerry & Katy White
- 5th Misty's Mister, Jerry & Katy White

Grand Champion Heavy Wool Male

NASCAR, Wayne C. Rankin

Reserve Champion Heavy Wool Male

Chilean Chatsworth RDRL, Ken Austin

Heavy Wool Female Juvenile

- 1st Nevisca, Kay E. Patterson
- 2nd Mariposa La Bonita, Ken & Karen DeHart
- 3rd Nanaq, Wayne C. Rankin
- 4th WOL Change, Mary Adams
- 5th MGF Sand Starr, Mary Adams

Heavy Wool Female Yearling

- 1st GNLC Domino, Arleen & Ed McCombs
- 2nd Neskowin, Kay E. Patterson
- 3rd M&W Bush Woman, Dan & Marilyn Milton
- 4th Chilean Cachina, Ken Austin
- 5th East Fork Sayuri, Ken & Karen DeHart

Heavy Wool Female Two Year Old

- 1st RDL Ekaterina, Dolly Peters
- 2nd MGF Machi's Momento (ET), Arleen & Ed McCombs

Heavy Wool Female Adult

- 1st Kobra's Rhiannon, Lora Lee Crawford
- 2nd HS Silverdrift, Kevin & Debbie Ulrich

Grand Champion Heavy Wool Female

Nevisca, Kay E. Patterson

Reserve Champion Heavy Wool Female

Mariposa La Bonita, Ken & Karen DeHart

Non-Breeder Two Year Old

- 1st Papucho, Mary Adams

- 2nd HLM T Rex, Michelle & Steve Katzakian

Non-Breeder Adult

- 1st HLM Chop Sticks, Wallace Baker
- 2nd Beijing's Salty Dog, Eileen Ditsler
- 3rd Kaza, Tracy Ames
- 4th MH Hot Chocolat, Ashley Bolger
- 5th Ilse Tivo, Ken & Gretchen Gattis

Grand Champion Non-Breeder

Papucho, Mary Adams

Reserve Champion Non-Breeder

HLM T Rex, Michelle & Steve Katzakian

Novice Obstacle

- 1st Double C's Raven, Ann Nally
- 2nd Cuzco's Midnight Flight, Tim & Sandra Nesmith
- 3rd Muru, Toni Strassburg Pearce
- 4th Misty's Mister, Jerry & Katy White
- 5th Kobra's Rubicon, Lora Lee Crawford

Novice Pack

- 1st MH Dora the Explorer, Marlys T. Green
- 2nd Ritzie Crackers, Carol Hamlin

Novice Public Relations

- 1st Cuzco's Midnight Flight, Tim & Sandra Nesmith
- 2nd Kobra's Rubicon, Lora Lee Crawford
- 3rd Misty's Mister, Jerry & Katy White
- 4th Double C's Raven, Ann Nally
- 5th HS Silk Tiger, Eileen Jacobs

Grand Champion Novice Performance

Cuzco's Midnight Flight, Tim & Sandra Nesmith

Reserve Champion Novice Performance

Double C's Raven, Ann Nally

Advanced Obstacle

- 1st RMP Chill Out, Eileen Ditsler
- 2nd Kaza, Tracy Ames
- 3rd HLM Chop Sticks, Wallace Baker
- 4th Something to Cheer About, Kathy Nichols
- 5th Whitworth Hall, Wallace Baker

Advanced Pack

- 1st RMP Chill Out, Eileen Ditsler
- 2nd Whitworth Hall, Wallace Baker
- 3rd Spectacular Knockout, Wallace Baker
- 4th HLM Chop Sticks, Wallace Baker
- 5th Something to Cheer About, Kathy Nichols

Advanced Public Relations

- 1st Something to Cheer About, Kathy Nichols
- 2nd Whitworth Hall, Wallace Baker
- 3rd RMP Chill Out, Eileen Ditsler
- 4th Kaza, Tracy Ames
- 5th Spectacular Knockout, Wallace Baker

Grand Champion Advanced Performance

RMP Chill Out, Eileen Ditsler

Reserve Champion Advanced Performance

Whitworth Hall, Wallace Baker

Open Pleasure Driving

- 1st RMP Chill Out, Eileen Ditsler
- 2nd Kaza, Tracy Ames

Adult Showmanship

- 1st Wins Hot Notes, Margaret Ricci
- 2nd 4R DeeMarie, Linda Rogers
- 3rd SCR Dusty Roan, Kathy Nichols
- 4th Jorjio, Tracy Ames
- 5th Elk Hill's Do Right, Michelle & Steve Katzakian

LAMA Silver Show

Halter and Open Performance Classes

Get of Sire

- 1st Besakih, Kay E. Patterson
- 2nd Chileno El Toro, Ken Austin
- 3rd Skansen's Private Enterprise, Sylvia Hammarstrom

Produce of Dam

- 1st Nevasca, Kay E. Patterson
- 2nd Chatka, Ken Austin
- 3rd Roaring Ruby, Lora Lee Crawford

Suri Female Juvenile

- 1st Bradford Morning Star, Dan & Marilyn Milton
- 2nd Tapa The Class, Dan & Marilyn Milton
- 3rd Integrity's Mirage, Dan & Marilyn Milton

Suri Female Yearling

- 1st M.R.S. Madelynn, Dan & Marilyn Milton

- 2nd Pluma, Dan & Marilyn Milton
- 3rd M.R.S. Sweet Melody, Dan & Marilyn Milton

Grand Champion Suri Female

M.R.S. Madelynn, Dan & Marilyn Milton

Reserve Champion Suri Female

Bradford Morning Star,
Dan & Marilyn Milton

Suri Male Juvenile

- 1st Aloha Andiamo, Linda Rogers

Suri Male Yearling

- 1st Integrity's Gustavo, Ken & Karen DeHart
- 2nd Javelin, Elizabeth Muskie-Petkus
- 3rd Delight's Lockinvar, Genevieve Haley

Suri Male Two Year Old

- 1st Tapa the Charts, Pat Leighton/
John & Annika Rehard

Grand Champion Suri Male

Tapa the Charts, Pat Leighton/
John & Annika Rehard

Reserve Champion Suri Male

Integrity's Gustavo, Ken & Karen DeHart

Light Wool Male Juvenile

- 1st RDR Sterling Silver, Greg & Esther Sue Sykes
- 2nd Tangaleo, Lorene Grassick

Light Wool Male Yearling

- 1st JNK The Canadian's Miracle, Keven & Gretchen Gattis

Light Wool Male Two Year Old

- 1st MH Blizzard, John & Pam Trauth
- 2nd Charon, Lorene Grassick
- 3rd Gold Leaf Auricsson, Lorene Grassick

Light Wool Male Adult

- 1st MH Nevada Aztec Dream, John & Pam Trauth
- 2nd MH Happy's Little Spook, John & Pam Trauth
- 3rd MH Kuzko, John & Pam Trauth

Grand Champion Light Wool Male

MH Nevada Aztec Dream, John & Pam Trauth

Reserve Champion Light Wool Male

RDR Sterling Silver, Greg & Esther Sue Sykes

Light Wool Female Juvenile

- 1st MH Angel, John & Pam Trauth



Light Wool Female Yearling

- 1st PM-CLR's Rain, Polly Ann Huggins
- 2nd Mmemphis, Russ & Susan Lewis
- 3rd Greenview's Shasta Girl, Marlys T. Green
- 4th SDA Rocket Girl, Les & Sherri Flynn
- 5th Toffee Treasure, Lorene Grassick

Light Wool Female Two Year Old

- 1st SummerDance, Lorene Grassick
- 2nd MH Dora the Explorer, Marlys T. Green
- 3rd MH Nikita, Denneille Hansen
- 4th RDL Snow Wren, Dolly Peters
- 5th SY01 Mystical Jezebel, Greg & Esther Sue Sykes

Light Wool Female Adult

- 1st MH Miss California, Les & Sherri Flynn
- 2nd MH Crème's CoCoLatte, John & Pam Trauth
- 3rd MH Aztec Princess, John & Pam Trauth
- 4th MH Boo's Jessie, John & Pam Trauth
- 5th Ritzie Crackers, Carol Hamlin

Grand Champion Light Wool Female

PM-CLR's Rain, Polly Ann Huggins

Reserve Champion Light Wool Female

Mmemphis, Russ & Susan Lewis

Medium Wool Male Juvenile

- 1st KL/HS Spindrift, Keven & Debbie Ulrich
- 2nd Humming Hill Antoine, Genevieve Haley
- 3rd M.R.S. Tripple Digit, Randy & Diane Sanders

Medium Wool Male Yearling

- 1st Miku, Wayne C. Rankin
- 2nd Twist N Shout's Beau, Lee & Linda Beringsmith
- 3rd Skansen's Rimfire, Sylvia Hammarstrom
- 4th Muru, Toni Strassburg Pearce
- 5th Chanson de Noir, Lorene Grassick

Medium Wool Male Two Year Old

- 1st Cuzco's Midnight Flight, Tim & Sandra Nesmith
- 2nd MH Galeno, John & Pam Trauth



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- 3rd Takhe, Mary Adams
- 4th Questor, Margaret Ricci
- 5th MH Alejandro, John & Pam Trauth

Medium Wool Male Adult

- 1st Cabernet's Brunello, Karen Dini
- 2nd Ferti, Wayne C. Rankin
- 3rd King Onyx, Karen Dini
- 4th Sykes Mystical Vagabond, Greg & Esther Sue Sykes
- 5th Fastrack, Elizabeth Muskie-Petkus

Grand Champion Medium Wool Male

Cuzco's Midnight Flight,
Tim & Sandra Nesmith

Reserve Champion Medium Wool Male

KL/HS Spindrift, Kevin & Debbie Ulrich

Medium Wool Female Juvenile

- 1st RDL Dick Z Ann, Dolly Peters
- 2nd WOL Daisy, Mary Adams
- 3rd PM-CLR's Savannah's Mystique, Polly Ann Huggins
- 4th Chilean Okara RDRL, Ken Austin
- 5th Happy Hiker Mahogany, Holly Russell

Medium Wool Female Yearling

- 1st Skansen's Liberty Bell, Sylvia Hammarstrom
- 2nd Miss Lulu, Ken Austin
- 3rd Chilean Lilac Calliope RDRL, Ken Austin
- 4th Tarabethia, Dennielle Hansen
- 5th Quisha, Wayne C. Rankin

Medium Wool Female Two Year Old

- 1st Skansen's Vera Cruz, Sylvia Hammarstrom
- 2nd Suna, Wayne C. Rankin
- 3rd Huni, Wayne C. Rankin
- 4th Ariel, Kevin & Debbie Ulrich
- 5th 4R DeeMarie, Linda Rogers

Medium Wool Female Adult

- 1st JLL Magnolia, Holly Russell
- 2nd CV Tiara, John & Pam Trauth

Grand Champion Medium Wool Female

RDL Dick Z Ann, Dolly Peters

Reserve Champion Medium Wool Male

Skansen's Liberty Bell, Sylvia Hammarstrom

Heavy Wool Male Juvenile

- 1st McShaggy's Mykor, Arleen & Ed McCombs

- 2nd Chilean Chatsworth RDRL, Ken Austin
- 3rd M.R.S. Double Digit, Randy & Diane Sanders
- 4th Happy Hiker Super Nova, Holly Russell
- 5th Chilean El Gaucho RDRL, Ken Austin

Heavy Wool Male Yearling

- 1st Chilean Okiddo, Ken Austin
- 2nd Kobra's Rubicon, Lora Lee Crawford
- 3rd NASCAR, Wayne C. Rankin
- 4th Phantom's Magic, Lee & Linda Beringsmith
- 5th SRTL Mark Your Mark, Lora Lee Crawford

Heavy Wool Male Two Year Old

- 1st Chilean Zandero, Ken Austin
- 2nd RDL Misha, Dolly Peters
- 3rd SSRMT Chilean Frosted O's, Nina Pedersen



Heavy Wool Male Adult

- 1st Wins Hot Notes, Margaret Ricci
- 2nd Spectacular Knockout, Wallace Baker
- 3rd Misty's Mister, Jerry & Katy White
- 4th Girlfriends's Taylor, Jerry & Katy White
- 5th CV Chilean Casanova, John & Pam Trauth

Grand Champion Heavy Wool Male

Chilean Okiddo, Ken Austin

Reserve Champion Heavy Wool Male

Chilean Zandero, Ken Austin

Heavy Wool Female Juvenile

- 1st Nevisca, Kay E. Patterson
- 2nd Mariposa La Bonita, Ken & Karen DeHart
- 3rd MGF Sand Starr, Mary Adams
- 4th WOL Chante, Mary Adams
- 5th Nanaq, Wayne C. Rankin

Heavy Wool Female Yearling

- 1st Neskowin, Kay E. Patterson
- 2nd East Fork Sayuri, Ken & Karen DeHart
- 3rd M&W Bush Woman, Dan & Marilyn Milton
- 4th Chilean Cachina, Ken Austin
- 5th GNLC Domino, Arleen & Ed McCombs

Heavy Wool Female Two Year Old

- 1st MGF Machi's Momento (ET), Arleen & Ed McCombs
- 2nd RDL Ekaterina, Dolly Peters

Heavy Wool Female Adult

- 1st HS Silverdrift, Kevin & Debbie Ulrich
- 2nd Kobra's Rhiannon, Lora Lee Crawford

Grand Champion Heavy Wool Female

Neskowin, Kay E. Patterson

Reserve Champion Heavy Wool Female

Nevisca, Kay E. Patterson

Non-Breeder Two Year Old

- 1st Papucho, Mary Adams
- 2nd HLM T Rex, Michelle & Steve Katzakian

Non-Breeder Adult

- 1st Kaza, Tracy Ames
- 2nd HLM Chop Sticks, Wallace Baker
- 3rd Ilse Tivo, Ken & Gretchen Gattis
- 4th Double C's Raven, Ann Nally
- 5th Jazztime, Greg & Ester Sue Sykes

Grand Champion Non-Breeder

Papucho, Mary Adams

Reserve Champion Non-Breeder

HLM T Rex, Michelle & Steve Katzakian

Novice Obstacle

- 1st Double C's Raven, Ann Nally
- 2nd Neskowin, Kay E Patterson
- 3rd Muru, Toni Strassburg Pearce
- 4th Rebel's Persnickety, Jana Kane
- 5th Kobra's Rubicon, Lora Lee Crawford

Novice Pack

- 1st Carson Valley Caesar, Ellen Goldsmith
- 2nd Jazztime, Greg & Esterh Sue Sykes
- 3rd Ritzie Crackers, Carol Hamlin
- 4th Rebel's Persnickety, Jana Kane
- 5th MH Dora the Explorer, Marlys T. Green

Novice Public Relations

- 1st Cuzco's Midnight Flight, Tim & Sandra Nesmith
- 2nd Neskowin, Kay E. Patterson
- 3rd Kobra's Rubicon, Lora Lee Crawford
- 4th Jazztime, Greg & Esther Sue Sykes
- 5th Rebel's Persnickety, Jana Kane

Grand Champion Novice Performance

Neskowin, Kay E. Patterson

Reserve Champion Novice Performance

Double C's Raven, Ann Nally

Advanced Obstacle

- 1st Whitworth Hall, Wallace Baker
- 2nd HLM Chop Sticks, Wallace Baker
- 3rd Spectacular Knockout, Wallace Baker
- 4th Carson Valley Caesar, Ellen Goldsmith
- 5th Mmemphis, Russ & Susan Lewis

Advanced Pack

- 1st HLM Chop Sticks, Wallace Baker
- 2nd Whitworth Hall, Wallace Baker
- 3rd Beijing's Salty Dog, Eileen Ditsler
- 4th HS Igota Secret, Toni Strassburg Pearce
- 5th IceBreaker, Holly Russell

Advanced Public Relations

- 1st Something to Cheer About, Kathy Nichols
- 2nd Whitworth Hall, Wallace Baker
- 3rd HLM Chop Sticks, Wallace Baker
- 4th Mmemphis, Russ & Susan Lewis
- 5th Desert Heart's Rockford, Holly Russell

Grand Champion Advanced Performance

Whitworth Hall, Wallace Baker

Reserve Champion Advanced Performance

HLM Chop Sticks, Wallace Baker

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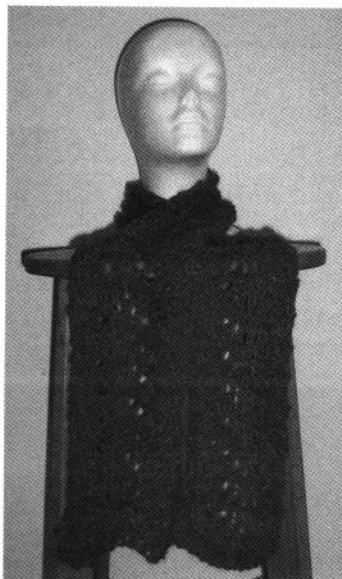
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Adult Showmanship

- 1st 4R DeeMarie, Linda Rogers
- 2nd Jorjio, Tracy Ames
- 3rd IceBreaker, Holly Russell
- 4th Wins Hot Notes, Margaret Ricci
- 5th SRL Make Your Mark, Lora Lee Crawford

Easy Gift Scarf

By Cheryl Juntilla



Hand-made gifts are always the most meaningful and there is nothing more satisfying than to give someone a gift made from your own lama's fiber. The only problem is finding enough time to get the gift completed in time to give it. It just isn't the same if you have to wrap the gift with a note enclosed that says "IOU one sleeve." Christmas will be here before we know it, but there is still be plenty of time for even a beginner to knit a scarf with this pattern. The sample in the photos was mostly completed in one-half day while watching the female halter classes at the LOCC Fall Show.

This pattern will adapt well to just about any kind of yarn and needle size. I used size 11 needles and about 120 yards of hand-spun llama yarn for a scarf that is five inches wide and 55 inches long. The exact width of your scarf will depend upon the yarn you use, but you don't have to try to match any particular gauge. Try a few sample rows to determine what size needle works best with your yarn. The larger the needles, the faster your scarf will grow. Smaller needles with finer yarn will take more time and result in a narrower and more delicate scarf.

Experienced knitters may recognize this pattern is based on Old Shale Lace, a well-known stitch design. The design is worked on a multiple of 18 stitches. For the scarf, two stitches have been added at the end of each row to make a garter stitch border. Once you get the hang of this pattern, you can get creative by adding stripes or novelty yarn accents. You could make a wider scarf or shawl by adding more repetitions of the 18 stitch design with a couple of garter knit stitches between each section. Or, if you're feeling really ambitious, make an afghan. Here's the basic pattern:

Cast on 22 stitches and knit one row. Then repeat the following four rows until your scarf is as long as you want it to be, or you run out of yarn or time:

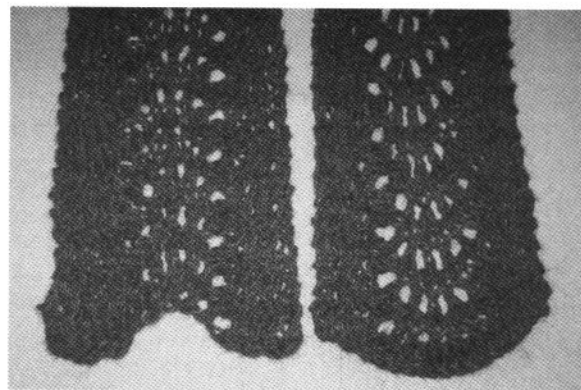
Row 1: Knit all stitches

Row 2: Knit all stitches

Row 3: Knit 2; (k2tog) 3 times; (yo, k1) 6 times; (k2tog) 3 times; Knit 2

Row 4: Knit 2; purl 18; knit 2

End with three knit rows and bind off loosely. Light blocking will enhance the lace pattern and add a little to both the width and length of the scarf. The two ends of the scarf will not look exactly alike, because they are the opposite ends of the lace design. If that bothers you, you can make the difference less noticeable by using more rows of garter stitch at each end.



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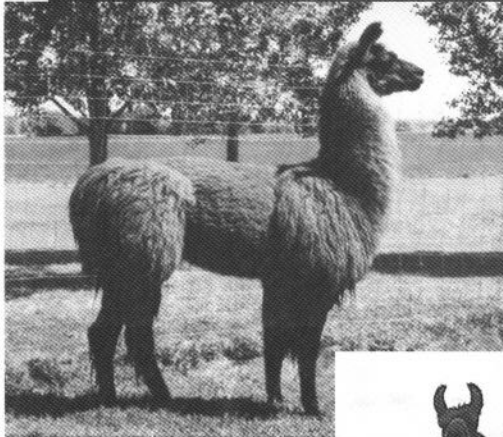
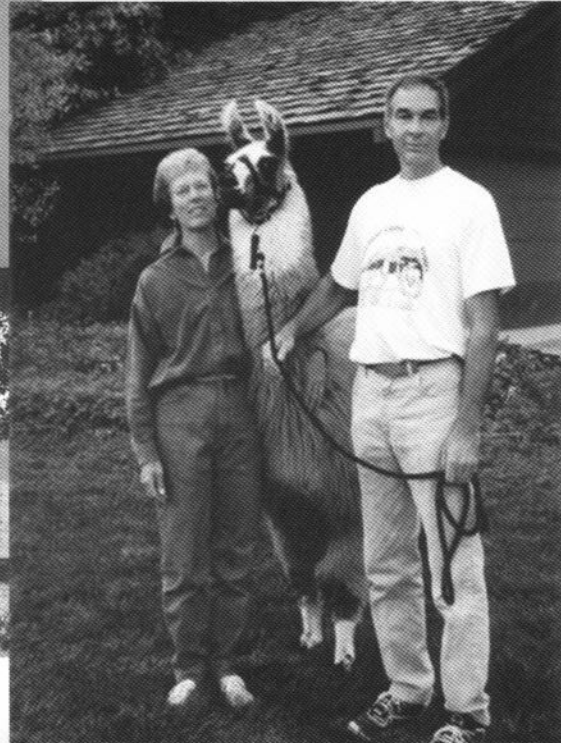
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