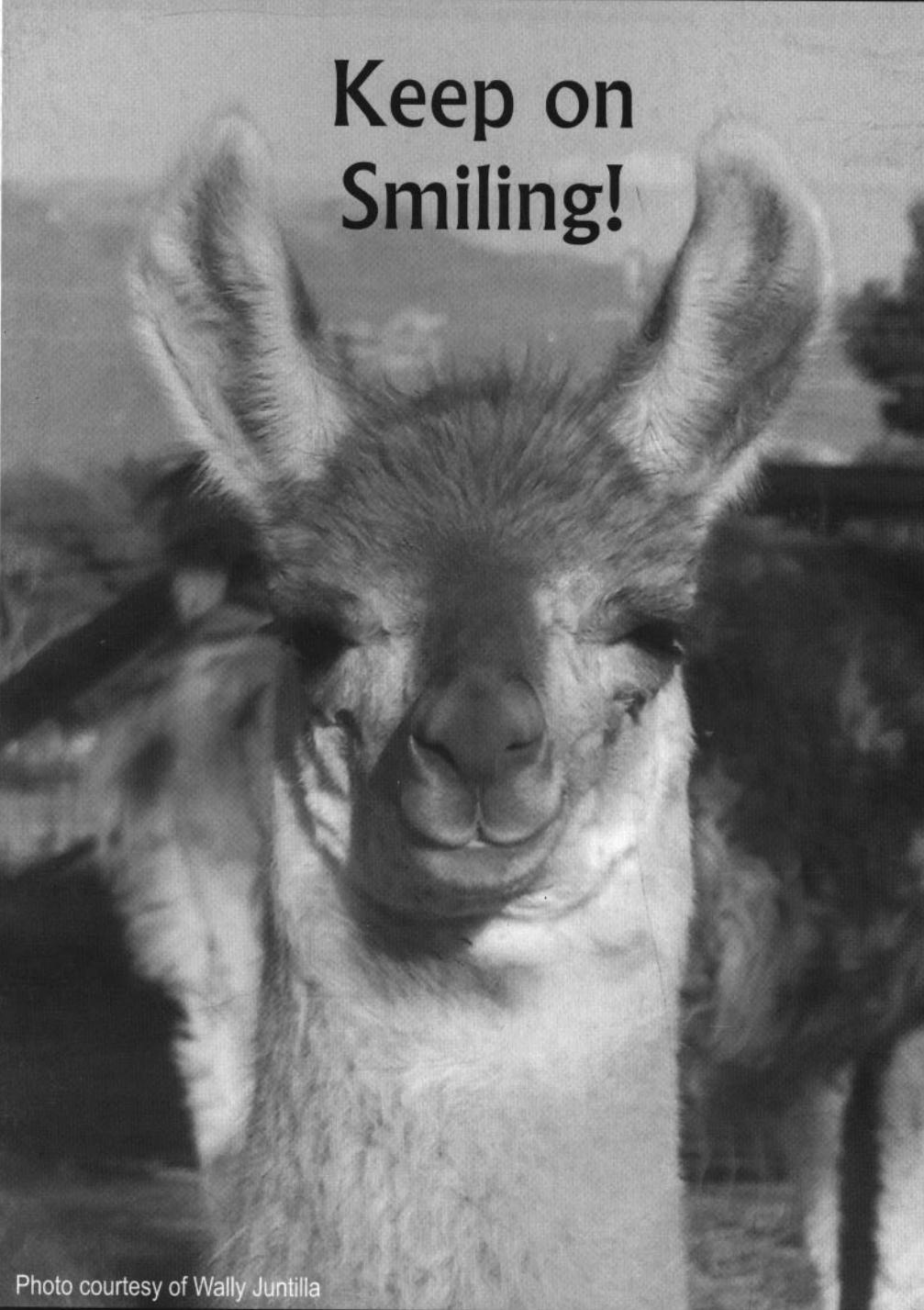


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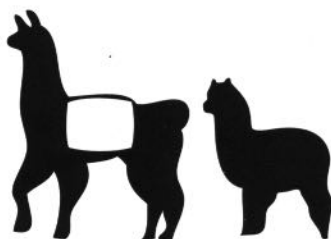
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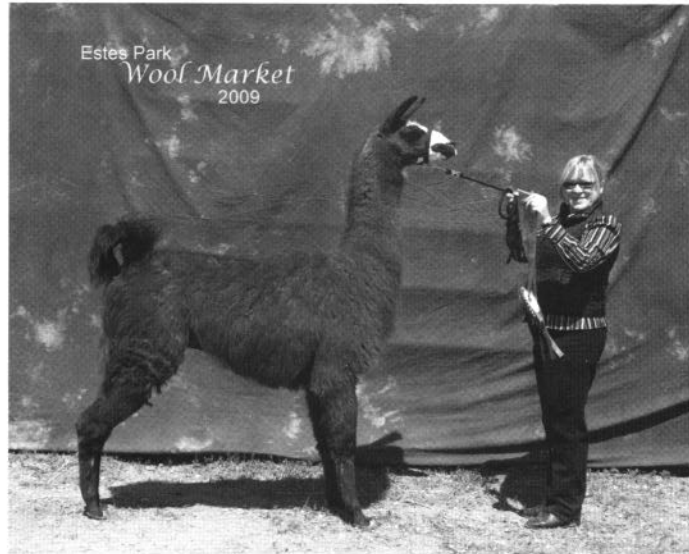
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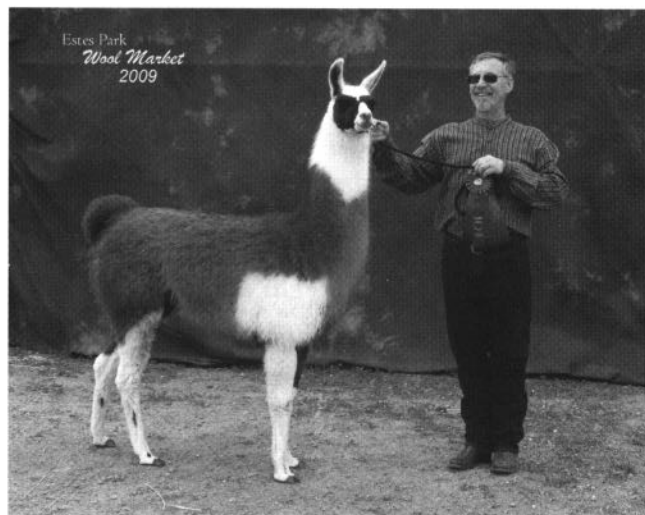
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## Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER

- September 5-6 LOCC Fall Classic, Castle Rock, CO. Contact Barb Harris, 719.275.9457, [WildCatLlamas@aol.com](mailto:WildCatLlamas@aol.com)
- September 19 Looking For The Gold, Golden Gate Canyon State Park. Contact Jerry Dunn, 303.277.1129, [beatrak@gte.net](mailto:beatrak@gte.net)
- September 26-27 ALSA Rocky Mountain Regional Championship, Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton, CO. Contact Cheryl Juntilla, 970-640-8028, [cajwdj@q.com](mailto:cajwdj@q.com)

## Notice of Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009, in the indoor arena at the Adams County Fairgrounds located at 9755 Henderson Road in Brighton, Colorado. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:00 o'clock p.m., but may be delayed slightly if necessary to allow for the completion of performance and youth judging classes in the ALSA Rocky Mountain Regional Championship Show being held in the arena that day.

Agenda topics will include:

- Approval of Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting
- Old Business
- Annual Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- New Business
- Election Results

If committee chairs are unable to attend the meeting to report to the membership in person, they should send written reports to their respective Board liaisons to be read at the meeting.

Any member wishing to have an item added to the agenda should contact President Paul Schwartz at [info@chantarllamas.com](mailto:info@chantarllamas.com) or 307-672-5144 by Monday, September 21, 2009.

The business meeting will be followed by a free dinner. If you plan to attend, please contact Larry Lewellyn at [fhllamas@aol.com](mailto:fhllamas@aol.com) or 303-870-7341 or Cheryl Juntilla at [cajwdj@aol.com](mailto:cajwdj@aol.com) or 970-640-8028 by September 18 so that they will know how much food to order.

Hope to see you all there!

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## RMLA Membership Committee Report

RMLA has been most fortunate that a few enterprising folks made the decision that the Llama Industry needed a guide book for health, training, nutrition and general information AND they created "Caring for Llamas (and Alpacas)".

We depend a great deal on the income from the sale of these books, but like all organizations, we also depend heavily on Membership dues. RMLA's \$40 dues are probably among the lowest in the US.

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charge to the 15 Honorary members, many of whom are Veterinarians. If your Vet is not listed on our web site, please let the Membership Committee or Board of Directors know so they can be added. We hope the Vets share these Journals in their office with Lama owners who don't know about RMLA.

RMLA carries a rather large insurance policy so your shows and events sponsored by RMLA can have liability insurance coverage. This really helps keep your show costs down.

RMLA encourages the use of Fiber by having the FIBER CO-OP BOOTH where you can consign your yarn, garments, etc., at many events.

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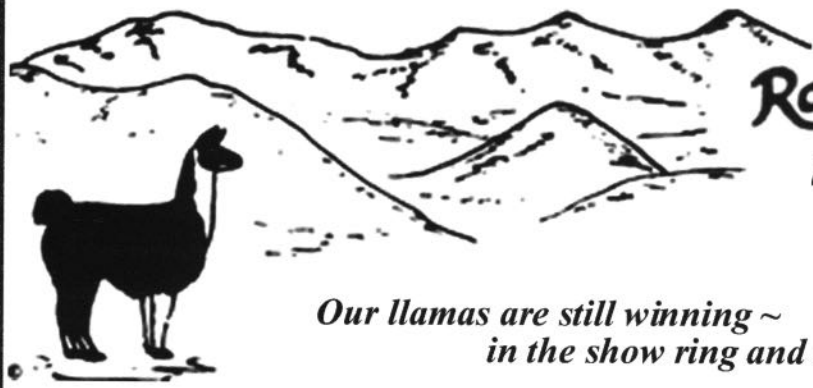
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# RMLA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

RMLA MEETING June 12th, 2009

## Estes Park Colorado

Present: Paul Schwartz, Jerry Dunn, Geri Rutledge. Excused: Dick Williams and Bob Hance.

Other RMLA present in the stands.

Treasurer Report was sent on Email to BOD.

Cheryl Juntilla present to discuss the RMLA Journal. Proof should be back Monday and mailing date is set for June 20, 2009. There are a couple more additions and then it should be ready. The cost of the Journal remains a concern and discussion was held around the quality and production. Jerry D moves to keep the Journal the same, stay with this business provider. Geri R second. Passed. Further discussion revealed we could cut back on the number of extra copies used for promo and hand outs. Reduce number to 100 per publication. This is what Jerry D uses in the promo packets sent out to members.

**Election Year:** There will be two board member seats open this year. These positions belong to Paul Schwartz and Dick Williams. Cheryl will add info to Journal for Candidates to run. Deadlines will be August 15th have your Bio into Geri R and ballots will be mailed with a Sept 15th Deadline. Paul will check with Maggie to make sure she will count the ballots. New board will be seated at the Annual

Meeting in October. New Board position will be decided then.

**Annual Meeting:** Bob Hance and Larry Lewellyn will work on this. Looking at Vet panel and students and a variety of interests.

Discussion about inventory and the number of three fold brochures on hand to promote RMLA. These need to be reprinted. Need to make sure we have any updates done before the re-print. Geri will look for the CD and BOD will look over before going to print. Bob will look up price for last printing and number. Need to find a printer that is comparable.

**Events:** Jerry D reported two events withdrew due to lack of numbers. There is a new event a Swedish Festival with 4-H just approved.

**Calendar:** Patti Morgan is working on this. The request for pictures went out. Patti is in the process of collection \$20 from members wishing for their business card to be printed in the calendar.

**Fiber Booth:** The last show the booth was taken to was a little slow. The location of the booth was on the 2nd floor and had limited public attendance. The next event was cancelled due to health reasons and the entry fee was refunded. The booth is now at Estes Park Wool Market with several RMLA Members volunteering their time. The next place will be TAOS Oct 3rd, 2009. The booth is not going to Nationals.

## NEW BUSINESS

Idea on the horizon. It was suggested to join with LANA Llamas Across North America to join in a conference for 2010. RMLA is looking for one or two people to have a committee and work with LANA to maybe develop this idea.

**Rocky Mountain Regional's:** Will be held Sept 25, 26, 27 in Brighton CO. Adams County Fairgrounds. Cheryl J will be Supt this year. There has always been a dinner on Friday night followed by Exhibitor Meeting and discussion that goes to the National Meeting. Geri R moves that RMLA Sponsors the dinner this year. Jerry D seconds. Passed. It was also discussed to have the Youth RMLA Silent Auction that has been run by the RMLA Youth Award Winner. Marshal Rutledge will make sure the auction happens this year and Larry Lewellyn will help him. The youth group will be seeking donations.

**LANA Roundup:** There was an email to the RMLA BOD to sponsor for \$100. This will wait for Bob and Dick to have input.

**Camelid Community:** Will be held August 1 & 2, 2009 in Kansas City MO. At this time we do not have a BOD that is able to go. May have to pass this year and request the information to come to us by email.

Jerry D move to adjourn. Geri R second. Meeting closed at 5:48pm



How many  
loose leads  
do you see  
in this photo?

## Attention all college/trade school students

By Maureen Bergenfeld

The RMLA Youth Scholarship Foundation is currently awarding stipends to all qualified youth who are pursuing education after high-school. Through the silent auctions run by the RMLA Outstanding Youth Award Winners and donations by RMLA members we currently have funds to award the stipend to all qualified members for advanced education. To qualify for this stipend youth and their parents (guardians) must have been members of RMLA for the last two years and be actively involved in the llama community. Youth are required to write a letter stating how they will continue their involvement with llamas during the next semester and submit a copy of their school class registration with the letter to: RMLA Youth Scholarship Foundation % Maureen Bergenfeld, 724 Saddlemountain Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. Those requesting stipends after the first semester must also submit a copy of their previous semester grades with the letter and registration information. Awards will be made approximately 30 days after the letters are received.



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# Paca Buddies Open House

by Barb Hance



**T**he Third Annual Paca Buddies Open House was held June 20-21, 2009, at the Arapahoe County Fairground Event Center. It takes a lot of volunteer work and

time to organize this event. The work for next year has already started with the reservation of the facility for 2010.

This year some of our volunteers attended the Elizabeth Stampede to advertise our event and there seemed to be a great deal of interest in camelids. The marketing committee did an outstanding job of getting the event advertised by Dan Daru on Fox 31 news – we had nearly double the number of family groups attending as we had in 2008.

The number of farms participating was down a little, due to the economy, but the vendor spaces were nearly full and we had good attendance at the seminars and demonstrations held every hour. The 4-H volunteers took care of an obstacle course where visitors could walk an alpaca and tryout the course. There were lots of participants.



Close to \$100 will go to CSU Vet Teaching Hospital from the donations for complimentary hot dogs, brats, snacks, fruit, lemonade and water provided by the participating farms & vendors.

We again thank RMLA for their sponsorship to help us defray the insurance cost.

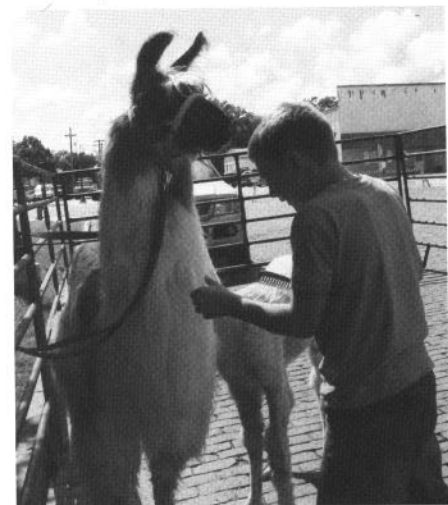


# Llamas at Swedish Festival

by Catherine Steele

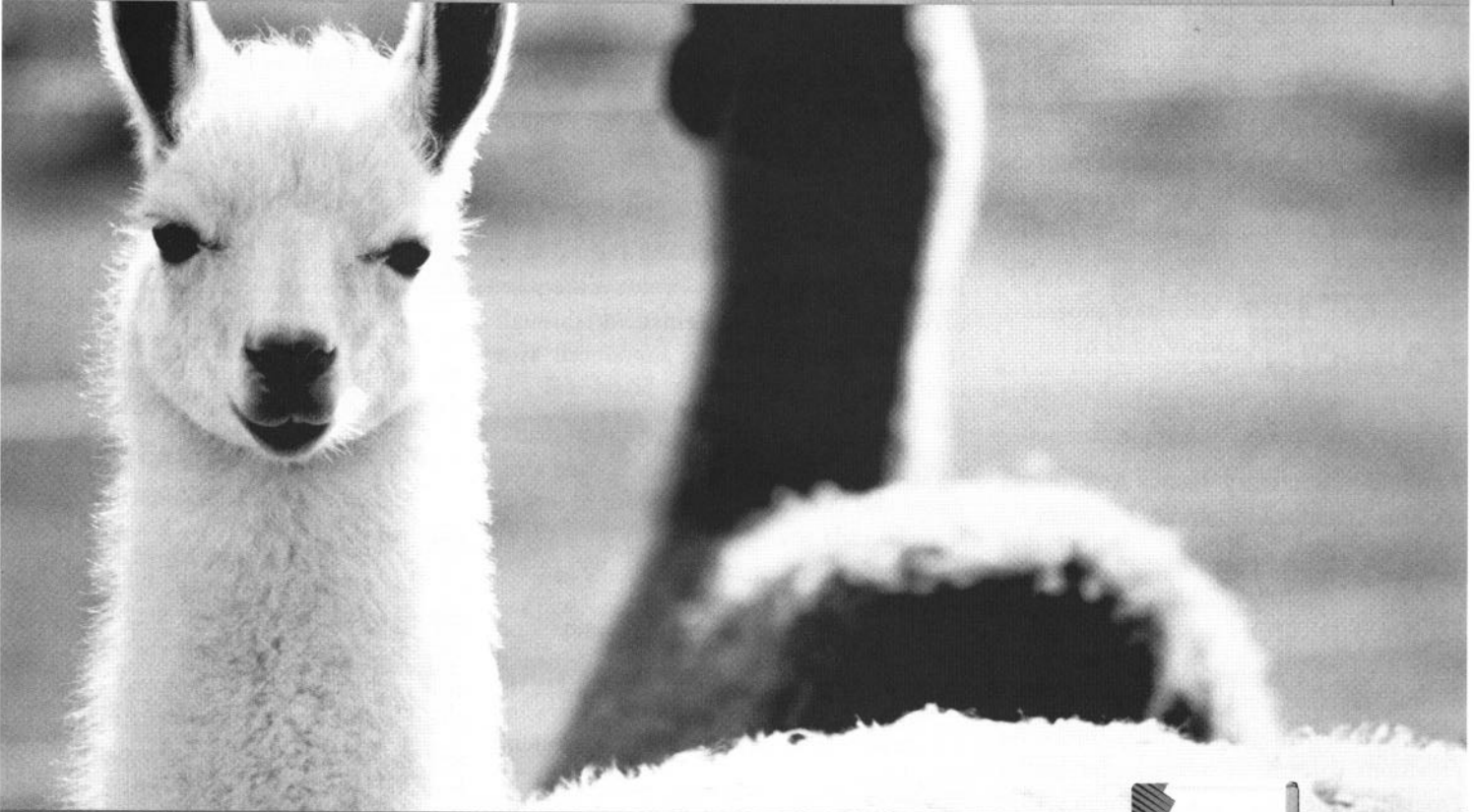


**T**he Camelidkids 4-H Club based out of Polk Nebraska provided llamas and alpacas for the “meet the animals” activity at the annual Swedish Festival in Stromsburg, NE June 19th. Although our club has been active for the past three years there is always an audience when we have our llamas out! The kids who stopped by got to groom, pet and see the differences between llamas and alpacas. Of course, many people enjoy just watching how charming all these animals can be!!



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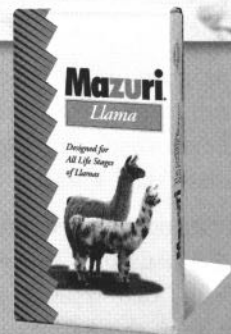


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# Llamas and Alpacas Now Covered Under USDA's Livestock Indemnity Program

By Karen Conyngham, ILR representative to the U.S. Animal Health Assoc., July 8, 2009

This week, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the new Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) details have been released. This program was renewed with the 2008 Farm Bill and for the first time includes llamas, alpacas and emus under "eligible livestock". There are restrictions however; camelids that are considered pets or show animals are not eligible under LIP.

Below is the full text of the USDA press release and following that, excerpts from the July 2, 2009 Federal Register posting about this program.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

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## Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces New Livestock Indemnity Program

USDA Press Release  
July 7, 2009

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that eligible ranchers and livestock producers can begin applying for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Indemnity Program in the 2008 Farm Bill on July 13.

"This program will provide livestock producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial impact of natural disasters," said Vilsack.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. Using funds from the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund established under section 902 of the Trade Act of 1974, the program is administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease,

wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

The table below provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

Specific provisions for the other supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2008 Act - the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) - will be implemented through separate rulemakings and announced at a later date.

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Livestock Indemnity Program and General Provisions for Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Programs

Federal Register: July 2, 2009 (Volume 74, Number 126)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Farm Service Agency

CFR Citation: 7 CFR Part 760

DOCUMENT ACTION: Final rule.

Effective Date: July 13, 2009.

### DOCUMENT SUMMARY:

This rule implements the general eligibility provisions for all the supplemental

agricultural disaster assistance programs authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) and the specific requirements for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). LIP provides disaster assistance for livestock losses. LIP applies only to livestock owners and contract growers that had losses due to livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather during the calendar year, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat, and extreme cold. Eligible LIP losses must have occurred on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011. This rule specifies how the LIP payments are calculated and when producers may apply for benefits. This rule also removes some outdated rules from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

### SUMMARY EXCERPTS:

Eligibility Requirements; Livestock Covered by LIP

LIP payments and eligibilities will be calculated on the type of eligible livestock and the actual losses and the calculations will be made by FSA approved categories. Eligible livestock for payment to livestock owners include beef cattle, dairy cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, sheep, goats, deer, swine, poultry, reindeer, elk, emus, alpacas, and llamas that died as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event. The list of eligible livestock includes all the types from the previous ad hoc disaster program for livestock, except for catfish and crawfish as described above. Regulations for that program are in 7 CFR part 760, subpart J.

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File a Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Calendar Year 2008	Sept. 13, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009
Jan. 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009	Jan. 30, 2010
July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009	30 days after death is apparent	Jan. 30, 2010

This final rule adds alpacas, emus, and llamas to the list of eligible livestock. FSA added these types of livestock based on concerns expressed with respect to previous programs.

In addition, to be eligible, the livestock must have died as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event in the calendar year for which benefits are requested. Participants must provide verifiable documentation of livestock deaths claimed.

Animals kept for recreational purposes, such as hunting animals, animals used for roping practice, pets, and show animals, are

not eligible. Wild, free roaming animals are not eligible to generate payments.

Determination of LIP payment eligibility will be based on actual losses in excess of normal mortality for the calendar year for the relevant animal type and approved category by an individual producer or contract grower due to adverse weather. There is not a State or National "trigger" such as an emergency declaration that provides automatic eligibility for all producers in a particular State, county, or region. Adverse weather includes, but is

not limited to, events such as hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat, and extreme cold. FSA has the authority to determine eligibility of livestock losses caused by other adverse weather types, including disease caused by such weather.

See the full text of this Federal Register posting at:

<http://www.thefederalregister.com/d.p/2009-07-02-E9-15537>

OR a .pdf of the same document:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2009-07-02/pdf/E9-15537.pdf>

## International Camelid Institute's Board of Directors

### Elects Officers, Adds Board Member

#### PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Contact: Barb Baker, associate.  
director@icinfo.org

August 4, 2009

At its July meeting the Board of Directors for The International Camelid Institute (ICI) elected officers. They are as follows: President – Nancy Medland, OH.; Vice-President – Sheila Fugina, WI.; Secretary – Karen Conyngham, TX; Treasurer – Dr. Jeffrey Lakritz, DVM, OH. Initially the terms will be staggered for one to three years, after which all terms will be for a period of three years.

The board also voted to expand the number of board members to nine and are very pleased to announce that Dr. Karen Pihera, DVM from Georgia has accepted the board's invitation.

Dr. Pihera has a large animal/camelid practice and is also a member of the Lama Medical Research Group of the Morris Animal Foundation. She will bring knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to the ICI Board.

Dr. Pihera joins other Board members Joe Osborn, OH; Fred Medland, OH.; Dr. Pam Walker, DVM, OH.; Hank Kauffman, OH; Connie Kauffman, OH; Sheila Fugina, WI.; and Karen Conyngham, TX.

The ICI is located at The Ohio State University but is an independent entity funded by an endowment that is strictly for ICI's use. Dr. Jeffrey Lakritz serves as the Director. The ICI was begun in 2001 and has as its mission to make available to all owners, breeders, veterinarians and camelid enthusiasts the most current and credible information in all areas of camelid health and welfare via its website, [www.icinfo.org](http://www.icinfo.org). Visitors to the site may use a search engine to locate answers or information on subjects of camelid nutrition, medicine,

reproduction, surgery and behavior to name a few. Access to camelid veterinarian consultants is available through the Consult Corner on a 24/7/365 basis, although not to be used for emergency situations. Veterinarians have the ability to confer with colleagues, out of sight of the general public, in the password-protected Vets-Only Forum.

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# Fairplay Llama Camp Performance and Fleece Show 2009

By Mary Wickman



Obstacle and PR classes were not as far up on the hill, but it still seemed like everything was a climb. At least participants got to go down hill when leaving the course. We again tried

Grand Champion was Sheree Friedel with Homer, and Reserve Grand Champion was Jerry Dunn with John Smith. Alpaca Grand Champion was Mahogany and Reserve Champion was Edvard – both owned by Patti Morgan.



Hope I didn't tire everyone out too much, and you will again participate in the Fairplay weekend. Won't have to deal with my hard courses for 3 years. In 2010 Ann Bruhn will be the superintendent and in 2011 the superintendent will be Sandy Lockwood.

**T**he 8th annual Fairplay Llama Camp Performance was held on a rainy Sunday, on July 26, 2009, in the Pike National Forest – by special use permit. This year we added a fleece show judged by Ann Bruhn. It was the year of “how tough are the participants and judges?”

The pack string classes went well, and it was sunny and dry except for the obstacle of walking the string down stream. The female in the string with the gelding and male was quite interesting – video available upon request. Janine Fausson took Best of Pack with Buddy. Jerry Dunn took Reserve Best of Pack with John Smith. Thank you to Patti Morgan for judging the classes.

The pack class took most of the day and it rained through most of the class. To get to the start of the class you had to go up hill, then the course continued up from there – and realize we were at over 9,000 feet to start with. We tried to use as many realistic and natural obstacles as possible. Obstacles included weaving trees, a wire gate, drinking water after the change of pace, placing a pack on top of your pack and staking your llama out – you got the idea. Janine Fausson took 1st place with Buddy and Sheree Friedel took 2nd place with Homer. Patti Morgan's alpaca Edvard took 1st in alpaca pack with Herbie taking second.

to make both courses realistic and used camping items and natural obstacles. Sheree Friedel took 1st in Obstacle and PR with Homer. Larry Lewellyn took 2nd in PR with

I want to thank: Cheryl Juntilla for judging – not an easy task in the rain; Wally Juntilla, who helped with everything all day long; Sandy Nolan, helped set up the courses and take pictures, with a sprained, bruised ankle to boot; Maureen Bergenfeld, for clerking - her 8th year of clerking for us; Ann Bruhn for judging the fleece part of the show; Patti Morgan for judging the string classes. Thank you to RMLA for supporting the show and providing the required insurance and to Dee Lyons, of the US Forest Service for helping with the permit and being great to work with. Thanks to all the participants, would not be a show without you.



Pongo's Kahootz. Jerry Dunn took 2nd in Obstacle with John Smith. In alpaca obstacle Patti Morgan's Mahogany got 1st and Edvard got 2nd. In alpaca PR Patti Morgan's Herbie took 1st and Mahogany took 2nd. (Each of Patti's alpacas got a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd – just kept changing positions)





# The 27th Annual Fairplay Llama Race/Walk

By Gary Carlton



*Fairplay starting line*

**N**ot unlike other years I was dragging my feet on putting this event together, but then the phone rang and I received the push needed to get the ball rolling. The man on the other end of the phone said his name was Henry R. Rivera and that he is a sculptor and wanted to craft and donate a statue for the first place winner. Anyone who knows Henry also knows this was a gift of quality. I could not believe my eyes when I opened the box and saw the special prize he had created. It is inspiring how something comes along every year that gives me the push needed to make this event a success.

The Hudson family returned again as they have every year for the last decade or so to claim a first place victory in this race. They drive in from Atlanta, Georgia, to compete on the three mile course. This year Dan Hudson was first to cross the finish line with a time of 32.39 - at fifty one years of age and running with a fourteen year old llama named Lester. In doing so he showed his boys that if you give Dad an inch he will take a foot and a first place title away from you.

The Llama-Rama was back for its eleventh running with a new coordinator and Rocky Mountain Rural health as their new sponsor. Dr. Kathleen Fitting did a wonderful job putting this race together. A total of ninety five medical professionals from across the United States participated in this special heat to generate awareness for the need for organ and tissue donation. With permission from Matt and Tray, the creators of the South Park Cartoon, they were able to use Kenny as an organ donor for their T-Shirts this year. Special thanks to Jeff

and Sally Rucker, who were able to provide all twenty four llamas for the Llama- Rama, along with twelve extra for the walking event.

This year was another very successful year for the Fairplay Llama Race. By the end of the day we sent 213 participants down the course and across the finish line.



*1st place*



*2nd place*

## Top three winners in the Men's division:

- 1st Dan Hudson Time: 32:39
- 2nd Chris Hudson Time: 33:00
- 3rd Paul Hudson Time: 37:17

## Top three winners in the women's division

- 1st Desiree Dutt Time: 38:44
- 2nd Stacy Allen Time: 39:11
- 3rd Kathryn Kemp Time: 39:39

## Top Three Llamas 2009

- 1st Lester: Kaltenbaugh Llamas Kremmling, Co
- 2nd Sunrise: Comanche Creek Llamas Strasburg, Co
- 3rd Lucky: Kaltenbaugh Llamas Kremmling, Co

Special Thanks to the llama ranches who provided animals for this event:

Comanche Creek Llamas, Rock-n-M Llamas and Alpacas, Tread lightly Llama Trekking, Stage Stop Llamas, Kaltenbaugh Llamas, Mary Wickman, Clearwater Llamas, Stargazer Ranch, Mike, Bekki and Sheree Friedel, Escarpment Llamas, Loma llamas, Double K Diamond llamas, Rocky Ridge Llamas, And Foothills Llamas.

A big thank you to our volunteers who keep it together year after year:

Roger Miller, Mark & Arthur Smith, Niles Waylen, Gail Davidson, Dell, Mike & Bekki Friedel, Gary & Vivian Carlton, Larry Lewellyn, Mary Wickman, and Ann Bruhn,

I would also like to thank the Town of Fairplay, The Burro Committee ( Julie and Donna you two are great to work with) and all of the local merchants who donated prizes, including Clamity's Cabin, South Park Pottery, Even In The End Liquor, The Salt Licking Goat Co., CO Mountain Hat Co, Brown Burro Café, Hand Hotel and the Silver Scoop Creamery. A very special thank you to Henry R. Rivera for the for this years first place trophy.

We hope to see you all July 24, 2010, for the 28th annual Fairplay Llama Race.



# Backcountry Llama Pack Trip

By Dick Williams, Pack Committee Chair

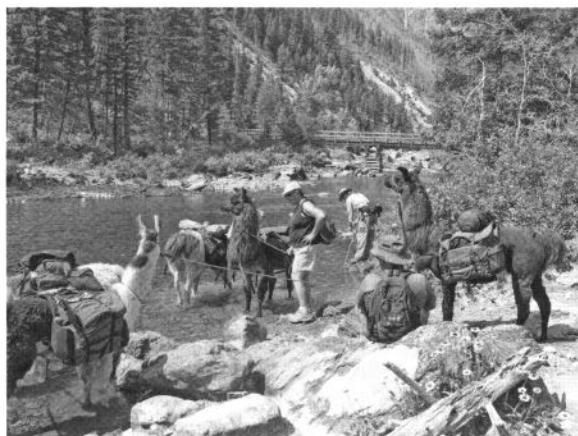


**O**n August 4th - 8th The Backcountry Llama sponsored its first annual pack trip into the Bob Marshall Wilderness of Montana. We had twelve people and fourteen llamas participate from Washington, California and Montana. On the afternoon of the 3rd about half the group met at the Sanders County Fairground in Plains, Montana, to unwind after their drives and enjoyed a hamburger cookout while the llamas stretched their legs and enjoyed the grass. Early the next morning we left for the 3 2 hour drive to the trail head and met the Montana half of the group there. After getting everyone packed up we were off on the trail by 1 pm.

The six miles into Sourdough Flats on the North Fork of the Blackfoot River was very hot and uncomfortable for people and llamas alike. Even the black bear many of us spotted eating berries across the river seemed to be taking it very easy in the heat. Halfway in the trail crosses the river on a sturdy pack bridge and everyone took the opportunity to take a break and cool off in the river for a bit. During the break, Nancy Thompson from northern California managed to invent a new sport - llama surfing! While wading in the river with her two llamas the rear llama managed to get his lead wrapped around the tail of the leader and off the three of them went! As Nancy literally >surfed= across the surface of the river she was cheered on by the onlookers

- everyone else telling her to let go while her husband Mike yelled at her to hold on! When Nancy got back on her feet and out of the river she told everyone that Aat least it had been cool@! We=re proposing the event for the next summer Olympics.

By 5 pm everyone had made it into the Flats and spread out to make camp



along the river. After dinner we all enjoyed sitting around as the evening cooled off talking llama and comparing equipment and packing techniques. The next morning was much cooler and the group split up with some folks hiking on up the river eight miles to the Carmichael Cabin area and the other group opting to base camp at the Flats and take day hikes to the North Fork patrol cabin, the north fork falls and the climb to the abandoned Falls Point fire tower sight (great views of Scapegoat Mountain and the surrounding

area). Some folks even managed to catch a few fish in the river.

While it was nice to have the weather cool off we had periods of heavy rain every day for the rest of the week and alternated our time between hiking around the area and sitting under a pair of Noah Tarps talking about our llamas and life in general. By Friday afternoon when the two groups got back together we decided that we were all wet enough to go ahead, pack up and hike out rather than wait until the next morning. As each group of folks got ready they started back down the river to the trail head and we all had a very pleasant hike with everyone back at the vehicles by 4:30.

Though the weather could have cooperated a little more, everyone agreed that we had a great time and really enjoyed getting together with other llama folks for a trip into the Montana backcountry. The most common remark at the end of the week was "don't forget to invite me next time," so we'll plan on another trip sometime in 2010.

Happy Trails!



# Ask the CSU Vet Team

By Kathy Stanko & the Colorado State University Camelid Vets & Interns

**W**hat would we have done without our friends at the CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital? The information in this issue is from our personal experience. I believe the information to be valuable and thus wanted to share it.

**Kathy:** I sent the following e-mail to Dr. Callan:

We need help with a 4-week-old cria who is not gaining weight. He had a little diarrhea in week 2 so our vet prescribed antibiotics specific for the digestive track for 3 days which seemed to do the trick. I don't think mom's milk supply is enough so what can we do for her? The mom is in a grass hay pasture and we supplement her with a little alfalfa and some Mazuri llama chow.

The cria is and has been eating grass in the field but we are told that this is not doing much good as his rumen system isn't operational yet. But he seems more interested in grass than mom's milk.

We are trying our darrest to supplement him twice a day with goats milk / goat yogurt in a 3 to 1 ratio. Trying to get about 5 oz down each time. But is there something else that you would recommend?

**Dr. Callan:** For the cria, your description is most consistent with a dam that simply is not producing sufficient milk. It can be very difficult to increase milk production

at this time in lactation, but you can try ground fenugreek seeds at ¼ cup twice daily mixed with grain to stimulate more milk production. If it works, we typically see a response in 3-5 days. If nothing by then, then you probably are getting what you are going to get since the dam's nutrition sounds fine.

At 4 weeks, the cria's 1st compartment has developed some ability to digest forages and this is probably the direction you should focus on. I would put out some extra supplements for the cria including a little calf manna, mixed grain supplement, and some camelid pellets. (On the calf manna, see if you can find a low copper calf or lamb or goat manna. It is OK if you can't but better if you can have low copper).

You may need to set up a creep feed area where the cria can get to all the goodies but the bigger crias and adults cannot. Also put in some high quality alfalfa. Basically you are working to increase the solid food intake of this cria as rapidly as possible so that it can self-wean since the dam isn't producing much milk. One last thing to try is a small amount of the milk/yogurt combination in the creep area in a pan and see if the cria will start drinking that from the pan. Some do, some don't. You will need to encourage the cria to investigate the feed area several times daily until it learns what a great place it is.

The last possible thing is to have a fecal float done to test for *Eimeria macusaniensis*

(aka E-mac). This is a particularly pathogenic coccidian. If your veterinarian does the float, they must use a fecal float solution with a specific gravity of at least 1.030 (MgSO<sub>4</sub> or Sheather's Sugar Solution) and know what they are looking for or it can easily be missed. Otherwise, send it in here to the CSU Diagnostic Lab.

**Kathy:** from here we went in several directions simultaneously.

## Coccidia testing & treatment:

Fecal testing in the specified solution determined that our cria did have coccidia. At first it was thought to be E-mac but a later re-examination showed it to be a 'less pathogenic' coccidian (if there is such a thing!). Our vet performed the test according to the directions specified by CSU and subsequently changed his flotation solution so that this nasty parasite can be found in the future.

To treat the coccidian, our little guy was given Albon orally for 14 days. Thankfully, we did not need to treat the entire heard. At Dr. Callan's suggestion, we also gave him 10-15 ml kapectate 2-3 times daily to help soothe the GI tract and help treat any ulcers that could have formed. Parasites, I learned, are nasty: they eat the cells in the intestines so that less nutrients can be absorbed plus it is rather painful to the animal and recovery is not quick.

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## Laughing Llama Studio Llama and Alpaca Photography by Lauren Munger

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After a couple of days on the Albon, we could see that he was feeling better. But, recovery was not the '48-hour you are better' scenario as we have become used to. As Dr. Callan told us, it can take up to 3 weeks (or longer) for the GI tract to heal and regain its ability to digest and absorb nutrients.

After the treatment, he did start gaining weight and he was certainly more active. We had another fecal test done and it showed no parasites. But then about a week later, his weight gain stopped and he was not as active. The fecal still showed no parasites, but they are tricky and sneaky little devils. We had been alerted to the possibility that a second round of treatment is often needed. So, we called our friends at CSU again, did a little blood work and all looked reasonable if it had not been for his history of coccidia. So, it was back on the Albon for another five days! But that did the trick!

#### Mom's milk supply

To address the issue of Mom's milk supply, we did supplement her with ground fenugreek twice a day. It did seem to improve her lactation somewhat. We found fenugreek at Vitamin Cottage and at a locally-owned health food store. It is an ancient lactation remedy for women. Since after 3-5 days, her lactation did seem to improve, we continued this for an additional 3 weeks.

Since the cria did not like goat's milk, Dr. Callan said that whole cow's milk was fine. We bottle fed according to Dr. Callan's instructions: "You want to work up to about 10% of his body weight per day divided into at least 4 feedings. So, if he weighs say 20 lb, then you would want to give 2 lb or 2 pints (1 quart) divided into 4 feedings of ½ pint per day. Alternatively in KG this would be about 10kg and thus feed 1kg=1L divided into 4 feedings or 250ml per day. Ten percent body weight is what is considered a maintenance amount of milk. Everything extra that he gets from mom or from solid feed is what he will grow on." (FYI: 1 pound equals 1 pint when converting from solid to liquid measurements.)

In terms of pellets and grains, we found the calf manna which is a small pellet and also tried sweet grains. CSU recommends pellets that are about 3/16 to ¼ inch diameter around and about ½ inch long for crias. But,

he was NOT interested in grain of any kind. We tried all types of strategies on the creep feeder: several types of grains, alfalfa leaves and a friend to share the bounty. But, he just wanted Mom and grass. For our frustration, Dr Callan offered these words of wisdom: Don't argue with Nature. This is now my mantra!

So our story has a positive ending. Our little guy is doing very well and gaining steadily. He is happy, active and doing all the things a cria should do, including learning about halters and grooming. We are very pleased. We had a lot of help and cooperation from the team at CSU and our personal vet. And, for this we are thankful.

Now, I would like to ask Dr. Callan a couple of related questions to complete this story.

**Question:** How does an animal get coccidia?

**Dr. Callan:** Coccidia are ingested from the environment. These are protozoal organisms that infect the epithelial cells of the intestinal tract. Oocysts are then released from the infected cells and passed in the feces, into the environment. The oocysts take up to 5 days in the environment to mature to infective stages.

**Question:** What prevention steps can we take as llama owners?

**Dr. Callan:** Removing feces from the dung pile every 3 to 5 days is very effective at decreasing exposure and ingestion of infective oocysts. There is no way you will remove ALL of the feces and oocysts but the more you do, the less there is for other animals to ingest. Also, try to move your feeding and water areas away from the natural dung pile for the pen or pasture. It is best to feed from bunks that are raised off the ground but we all know that some of the feed will fall on the ground and be consumed there, where the animals can pick up oocysts.

Lastly, it is important for producers to accept the fact that if you have livestock, you will have coccidia. The important part is to minimize exposure of animals so that they get infected with a small load and then can develop their own immunity and natural resistance. We generally do not recommend treating animals unless they are showing clinical signs consistent with coccidiosis or are shedding very high levels. It is much

better to work on management to minimize exposure for all animals.

**Question:** What are the earliest symptoms of possible coccidian infection?

**Dr. Callan:** By far, the majority of infections are asymptomatic. Most animals do not show any disease signs and the infection does not have a significant adverse health impact on the animal. Some animals may develop more severe infections and show any combination of signs including:

- Diarrhea (watery feces of increased frequency and volume) or soft feces
- Blood in the feces
- Ill Thrift or Weight Loss
- Decreased Appetite
- Lethargy or Decreased Activity
- Colic (signs of abdominal pain)

**Question:** What are the long-term effects, health- and growth-wise to a cria who has had coccidia?

**Dr. Callan:** This depends on the type of coccidian and the severity of infection. The coccidia *Eimeria macusaniensis* (*E. mac*) is generally considered the most pathogenic coccidian for camelids. Clinical disease can occur with other coccidia such as *Eimeria alpaca*, *E. lamae* and *E. punoensis*. Severe infections can damage the intestinal lining so that the animal cannot absorb sufficient nutrients. With early and effective treatment, this can be resolved and the crias' overall growth and development should not be affected. But, it must be remembered that it can take as long as 3 weeks for the intestinal lining to repair itself after a severe infection.

Thank you Dr. Callan! I have certainly learned a great deal and I do hope our readers have as well. If you have a question for the vets and interns at CSU, please e-mail them to Kathy at [turkeytrot2@aol.com](mailto:turkeytrot2@aol.com). But, again, if a timely response is needed please call your own vet.

To contribute financially to the great work these folks are doing, please contact me or go to the CSU College of Veterinary Medicine and Biological Sciences Online Donations (<https://advancing.colostate.edu/csu.asp?VETMEDMASTER>) and click on Camelid Research.

# 2009 Estes Park Wool Market

**T**hank you to Geri Rutledge for providing these photos to show a little bit of what you missed if you didn't make it to the Estes Park Wool Market this year, including:

- Llamas, alpacas and paco vicunas out for a morning stroll together;
- Patti Morgan and Geri Rutledge working in the RMLA Fiber Booth;
- Gorgeous scenery surrounding the arena;
- Our Fearless Leader getting some jaw-dropping comments from the fiber judges;

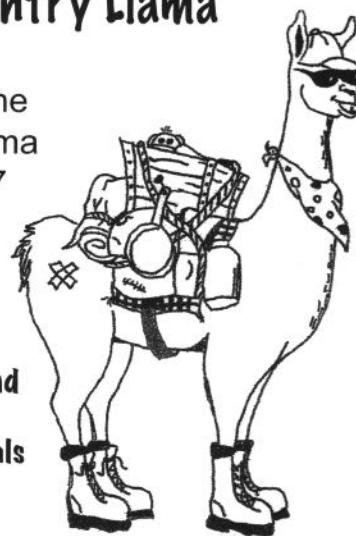
And even a baby elk! It was born near the barns at the beginning of the week and mom stayed right there with it until it was able to travel.



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# Llama Camp For Kids

By Karen Kinyon, Double K Diamond Llama Packing, LLC



**W**hat do kids want to do with a whole summer to enjoy? What do parents want their children to enjoy that is affordable and close to home? Those are questions we were thinking about when we developed "Llama Camp for Kids". We wanted to offer an enriching experience for children that showcase all the things one can do with a llama. We wanted it to be fun and very safe with lots of varied activities.

For several years now, I've borrowed a great niece or family member to come and enjoy a week with me at Double K Diamond. It has been very popular and everyone started asking "When are we old enough to come to Llama Camp"? So, this Spring I decided to open it to the public. I advertised in two small newspapers, The North Forty News and The Wellington, thinking that it would be fun to invite children from the surrounding area. Minimum age was 8 years old and there was no maximum age. Parents were welcome to attend at a reduced rate. Cost was \$35 per child per day and they could come for as many days as they chose. Sessions began at 9 a.m. and ended at 3 p.m. We offered two, 3 day sessions, one in June and one in August and had a total of 14 campers.

I knew that I could not do this by myself so I assembled a great staff. Nick Stegeman, my son, was the Backcountry Coordinator. That means he was in charge of the obstacle course, llamas and pack equipment. Shelby

Diede, my second cousin and first ever llama camper, was the Assistant Camp Counselor. Gay Robbins, my friend of 30 years, was in charge of food, snacks and beverages. Because these three did their jobs so well, I mostly stood around, smiled a lot and took pictures!

Campers arrived and were given a walking tour of the ranch. Many had never seen a llama or alpaca so there was some discussion on which was which. Safety was a huge concern so we spent some time talking about no yelling, running, or screaming around the llamas. We talked about how to approach a llama and how to pat them firmly on the neck. The children let the llamas smell them and sniff their breath



and were told that is how the llama would identify them. As we were discussing these things, Nick haltered Chaska (a yearling male pack llama in training) as a visual aid. I'm not sure who listened more carefully, Chaska or the camper kids.

The first order of business was caring for the female llama herd. The campers helped pass out flakes of hay and raked up llama beans. They filled the water tank and fed the goldfish that keep the tank clean. They also fed the barn cats and tried to find them in the haystack. This

happened each morning and each camper found their favorite task to complete.

After feeding the girls, campers then helped Nick and Shelby halter the llama boys and everyone practiced leading their llamas inside the corral. Each camper soon found their very favorite llama. We used seven of our trained packers and two yearlings that are in training. They sure learned a lot at Llama Camp! After everyone was comfortable in the corral, we ventured out to the obstacle course. The most popular obstacle was two stairs with a platform on top. Each camper wanted their picture taken with their favorite llama on top of the platform. After everyone was comfortable with the obstacle course, we proceeded to brushing and blowing llamas, preparing them for pack saddles.

Mornings found all of the campers working with llamas, but after lunch it was rainy or too hot so we did things in my Fiber Studio. Campers used fabric paint and designed their own llama tee-shirts, bandannas and ball caps. They wove mug rugs out of their favorite llama's fiber on Schacht Cricket looms and Needle-felted a coaster, scarf or pencil holder out of natural and dyed fiber. I demonstrated how looms and spinning wheels work and everyone was amazed at the llama and alpaca rugs on the floor. The campers were surprised at all the things you can do with all that fluff.

The third day was the best. Campers blew and brushed their llamas and we all



loaded up and headed for Fort Collins. We had some parents and siblings join us for a hike and picnic on the Poudre River Trail. The weather held and everyone enjoyed a great hike along the river. Lunch consisted of sandwiches, apple slices, carrots, chips, llama cookies and "llama beans". One camper said "I didn't know llama beans tasted like raisins"!! Everyone really enjoyed having the llamas carry all the lunch and beverages. Campers started finding all kinds of things to put in the packs! The campers found a still pool in the river and llamas and kids all went for a swim. It was very hard getting everyone out of the water. It really felt good on that hot summer day. When we arrived back at the trailhead, parents were there to collect campers as it was the last day of llama camp. It was hard for some of them to tell their llama buddies good bye. We told them that they could come visit the llamas any time.

It was a great experience and we're looking forward to next Season. I think we'll have some repeat customers! If you would like to enjoy "Llama Camp for Kids", please call Karen at (970) 568-3747 or check us out on the web at [kkdllamas.com](http://kkdllamas.com).

## RMLA Youth of the Year

by Stephanie Steele



**H**aving been this year's RMLA Youth of the Year I would encourage everyone to apply for this honor. Yes, it is a lot of work putting together a scrapbook of all activities for a year! But once the book is completed it becomes a wonderful keepsake.

You also need to be willing to run a fundraiser for the scholarship fund. Last fall I helped with the fundraiser for the youth scholarship committee by helping run a silent

auction at Regionals. While the attendance at Regionals was less than previous years we still had a great auction. Thanks to the many people who donated and bid at the auction! Youth of the Year Representatives are more than welcome to do the same fundraiser as in previous years. Marshal Rutledge started the silent auction the year before I did it, and I carried it on because I thought it would be something worthwhile to do again. Feel free to carry the silent auction tradition on after us as well!

I have met many people and learned a lot over this year as the RMLA youth of the year. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve the RMLA in this capacity. Again, I encourage all youth to apply. If you have any questions about applying please the committee chair, email Barb Harris at [wildcatllamas@aol.com](mailto:wildcatllamas@aol.com) or myself, Stephanie Steele at [dallama2012@yahoo.com](mailto:dallama2012@yahoo.com) or find me on facebook!

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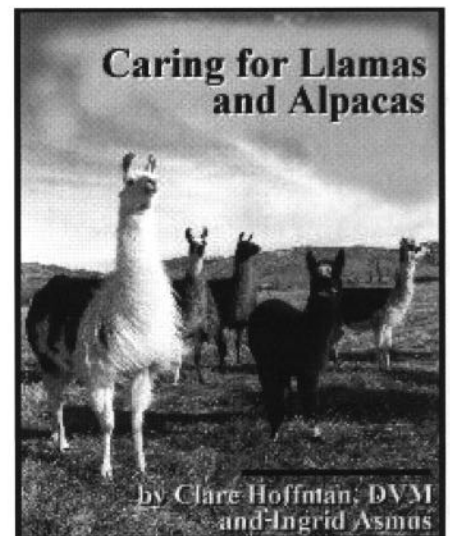
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# 2009 Hobo Show Report

Hastings, NE • April 17 & 18

By Eunice Cernohlavek

The Show began Friday night with Kenneth Forster judging four Seniors, three Intermediates, and four Juniors all participating in the Youth Judging contest. This is always a challenging event for the Youth and they do a great job with it. Following this, Red Country Catering gave everyone a fine meal and as always the fun auction followed with a fine array of llama items. Thanks to all the donors and helpers with this.

Saturday at 8:00 AM, Judges, Kenneth Forster and Barbara Harris, began the task of picking out the best halter animals and judging the ever-demanding performance classes. Four Mini's and five Suri's got the halter classes going. The overall numbers of llamas and alpacas were down, but not by much, and the quality was definitely up. It is a trend we are seeing in all shows. It is costly to do shows, especially for families with youth exhibitors. In spite of that, nine exhibitor ranches were from Nebraska, seven exhibitor ranches came from the state of Kansas, five ranches were represented from Missouri, and one ranch from Iowa. This is a good indication that there is a strong interest in the showing of llamas & alpacas. Robin Stroot, the fiber judge, had a nice selection of entries to work with and it was evident there is a lot of talent amongst the llama community members.

A really fun and new endeavor was the Celebrity Class. Participants from the community included Colleen Williams from NTV, Jack Osborne (Tom Osborne's brother), from Industrial Irrigation, Corinne Hautala from KHAS TV, and Nebraska's Lt Governor, Rick Sheehy. They had to take a llama/alpaca through a modified obstacle course, which to someone never being around llamas/alpacas, much less leading one, was very challenging. Surprisingly they all did quite well, but we must note that the llamas/alpacas were ribbon winners in past performance classes so it wasn't the llamas/alpacas that were challenged! But all in all it was a really fun class and a nice break in the middle of the Show. Thanks to the participant's. Next year.....a more challenging course! (and llamas/alpacas)!!

The rains stayed away and though it started out cold and damp, it warmed up and was a pleasant day and everyone had a good time. Thanks to Dee January, Deb Manske, and all the many volunteers who put on another successful and fun Show.

# 2009 Results Of The Wild N' Wooly Show

Broken Bow, Nebraska

## Senior Youth Judging

- 1St Nick Wilson
- 2Nd Sawyer Harmon
- 3Rd Jacob Manthey

## Intermediate Youth Judging

- 1St Cory Edson
- 2Nd Stephanie Steele

## Junior Youth Judging

- 1St Peyton Meyers
- 2Nd Taylor Mcatee
- 3Rd Mary Kate Steele
- 4Th Samuel Schendt
- 5Th Blair Mills
- 6Th Kenzie Mcatee
- 7Th Dechelly Ramsey
- 8Th Blake Mills

## Senior Youth Showmanship

- 1St Nick Wilson
- 2Nd Stephanie Steele
- 3Rd Jacob Manthey

## Intermediate Youth Showmanship

- 1St Sawyer Harmon
- 2Nd Cory Edson
- 3Rd Dillon Manthey
- 4Th Nicole Mccorkle

## Junior Youth Showmanship

- 1St Peyton Myers
- 2Nd Dechelly Ramsey
- 3Rd Blair Mills
- 4Th Shaughnessy Ramsey
- 5Th Mary Kate Steele
- 6Th Samuel Schendt
- 7Th Kenzie Mcatee
- 8Th Taylor Mcatee
- 9Th Blake Mills

## Adult Showmanship

- 1St Geri Rutledge
- 2Nd Cynthia Wilson

## Llama Youth Performance Classes

### Junior Youth Obstacle

- 1St Cvl Wine-N-Roses, Peyton Myers
- 2Nd Rmz Felicity, Dechelly Ramsey
- 3Rd Kaiser Winston Vulpes, Mary Kate Steele
- 4Th Shoot Skoot & Go Rer, Blair Mills
- 5Th Jackaroo, Blake Mills
- 6Th Shamae, Shaughnessy Ramsey
- 7Th Panda Bear, Kenzie Mcatee
- 8Th Rainbow Zippy, Samuel Schendt
- 9Th Black Bear, Taylor Mcatee

### Junior Youth Public Relations

- 1St Cvl Wine-N-Roses, Peyton Myers
- 2Nd Shoot Skoot & Go Rer, Blair Mills
- 3Rd Rainbow Zippy, Samuel Schendt
- 4Th Rmz Felicity, Dechelly Ramsey
- 5Th Kaiser Winston Vulpes, Mary Kate Steele
- 6Th Jackaroo, Blake Mills
- 7Th Panda Bear, Kenzie Mcatee
- 8Th Black Bear, Taylor Mcatee
- 9Th Shamae, S Haughnessy Ramsey

### Junior Youth Pack

- 1St Cvl Wine-N-Roses, Peyton Myers
- 2Nd Shoot Skoot & Go Rer, Blair Mills
- 3Rd Jackaroo, Blake Mills
- 4Th Rainbow Zippy, Samuel Schendt



5Th Kaiser Winston Vulpes, Mary  
Kate Steele

6Th Rmz Felicity,  
Dechelly Ramsey

7Th Panda Bear, Kenzie Mcatee

8Th Shamae,  
Shaughnessy Ramsey

9Th Black Bear, Taylor Mcatee

**Grand Champion  
Junior Youth Performance**

Cvl Wine-N-Roses  
Peyton Myers

**Reserve Champion  
Junior Youth Performance**

Shoot Skoot & Go Rer  
Blair Mills

**Intermediaate Youth Obstacle**

1St Leonardo Dellama,  
Cory Edson

2Nd Wheatfield's Brother Jake,  
Sawyer Harmon

3Rd Dark Knite,  
Nicole Mccorkle

4Th Tmr's Curious George,  
Dillon Manthey

**Intermediate Youth  
Public Relations**

1St Wheatfield's Brother Jake,  
Sawyer Harmon

2Nd Leonardo Dellama,  
Cory Edson

3Rd Dark Knite,  
Nicole Mccorkle

4Th Tmr's Curious George,  
Dillon Manthey

**Intermediate Youth Pack**

1St Leonardo Dellama,  
Cory Edson

2Nd Dark Knite,  
Nicole Mccorkle

3Rd Wheatfield's Brother Jake,  
Sawyer Harmon

4Th Tmr's Curious George,  
Dillon Manthey

**Grand Champion  
Int. Youth Performance**

Leonardo Dellama,  
Cory Edson

**Reserve Champion  
Int. Youth Performance**

Wheatfield's Brother Jake,  
Sawyer Harmon

**Senior Youth Obstacle**

1St Daisy Mae, Jacob Manthey

2Nd King Ferdanand Agustov The  
First, Stephanie Steele

3Rd Ice Jam Ssrmt,  
Nick Wilson

**Senior Youth Public Relations**

1St Daisy Mae, Jacob Manthey

2Nd King Ferdanand Agustov The  
First, Stephanie Steele

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**Senior Youth Pack**

1St Daisy Mae, Jacob Manthey

2Nd King Ferdanand Agustov The  
First, Stephanie Steele

3Rd Ice Jam Ssrmt,  
Nick Wilson

**Grand Champion  
Sr. Youth Performance**

Daisy Mae, Jacob Manthey

**Reserve Champion  
Sr. Youth Performance**

King Ferdanand Agustov,  
Stephanie Steele

**Open Llama  
Performance Classes**

**Open Obstacle**

1St Kikaida, Marshal Rutledge

2Nd Azuki, Stephanie Steele

3Rd Wlk White Hot,  
Cynthia Wilson

**Open Public Relations**

1St Kikaida, Marshal Rutledge

2Nd Wlk White Hot,  
Cynthia Wilson

3Rd Azuki, Stephanie Steele

**Open Pack**

1St Kikaida, Marshal Rutledge

2Nd Azuki, Stephanie Steele

3Rd Wlk White Hot,  
Cynthia Wilson

**Grand Champion  
Open Llama Performance**  
Kikaida, Marshal Rutledge

**Reserve Champion  
Open Llama Performance**

Azuki, Stephanie Steele

**Youth Alpaca  
Performance Classes**

**Junior Youth Alpaca Obstacle**

1st Artie, Taylor Mcatee

2nd Sugar, Kenzie Mcatee

3rd Suri Safari Cognac,  
Samuel Schendt

**Junior Youth Alpaca  
Public Relations**

1st Artie, Taylor Mcatee

2nd Sugar, Kenzie Mcatee

3rd Suri Safari Cognac,  
Samuel Schendt

**Junior Youth Alpaca Pack**

1st Artie, Taylor Mcatee

2nd Suri Safari Cognac,  
Samuel Schendt

3rd Sugar, Kenzie Mcatee

**Grand Champion  
Jr. Youth Alpaca Performance**

Artie, Taylor Mcatee

**Reserve Champion  
Jr. Youth Alpaca Performance**

Sugar, Kenzie Mcatee

**Intermediate Youth Alpaca  
Obstacle**

1st Kosto, Sawyer Harmon

**Intermediate Youth Alpaca  
Public Relations**

1st Kosto, Sawyer Harmon

**Intermediate Youth Alpaca  
Pack**

1st Kosto, Sawyer Harmon

**Grand Champion  
Int. Youth Alpaca Performance**

Kosto, Sawyer Harmon

**Senior Youth Alpaca Obstacle**

1st Agamennon, Nick Wilson

2nd Peppino, Stephanie Steele

**Senior Youth Alpaca  
Public Relations**

1st Peppino, Stephanie Steele

2nd Agamennon, Nick Wilson

**Senior Youth Alpaca Pack**

1st Agamennon, Nick Wilson

2nd Peppino, Stephanie Steele

**Grand Champion Sr. Youth  
Alpaca Performance**

Agamennon, Nick Wilson

**Reserve Champion Sr. Youth  
Alpaca Performance**

Peppino, Stephanie Steele

**Open Alpaca Performance**

**Open Alpaca Obstacle**

1st Jumpin' Estes, Geri  
Rutledge

2nd Bucks Ginger,  
Geri Rutledge

3rd Dafi Picaso,  
Marshal Rutledge

**Open Alpaca Public Relations**

1st Jumpin' Estes,  
Geri Rutledge

2nd Dafi Picaso,  
Marshal Rutledge

3rd Bucks Ginger,  
Geri Rutledge

**Open Alpaca Pack**

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Marshal Rutledge

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Geri Rutledge

**Grand Champion  
Open Alpaca Performance**

Jumpin' Estes, Geri Rutledge

**Reserve Champion  
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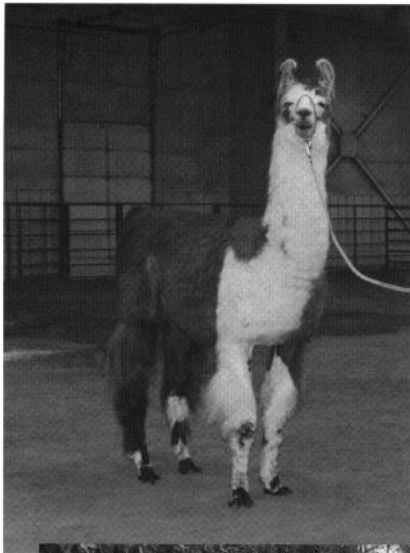
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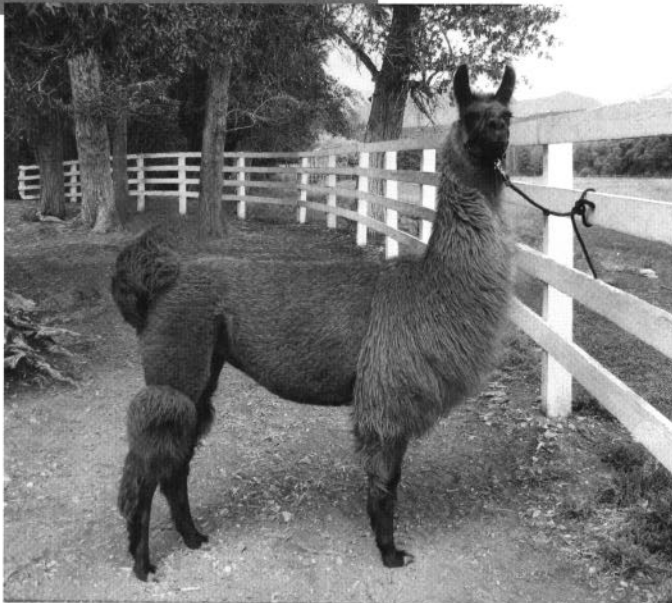
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