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## President's Message

**W**e, as members, are stewards of a long-standing tradition within the lama community – The Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association. Whether you are one of our long-time members or a brand new member, you are an important part of a very special and unique organization. We each have our own reason for being a member. Whether llamas are your livelihood or your hobby, there is one sure thing we all have in common – a passion for those creatures in the pasture.

Ron and I enjoyed seeing so many of you this past October and November in Colorado and Nebraska. Your animal stories about hiking, showing, 4H and fiber brought back many fond memories. It warmed our hearts to see the RMLA tradition very soundly moving into the future. There is no mistaking the twinkle you all have in your eyes when you are telling lama stories!

One of our members asked if I would allow my name to be placed on the ballot. After being elected, little did I know the other Directors were so solidly ensconced in their work, the only slot on the Board that was allowed to me was president. I'll do my best to dust off the cobwebs in my mind regarding Board work and willingly join hands with the fine quartet that has been in place and continue doing their work very well.

Over the next few months, I look forward to visiting with as many of you as possible. I speak for all Board members as I say we



are here for RMLA and you. We will administer RMLA in the spirit of its mission statement - educating the members and general public as to the breeding, raising, care and use of llamas and alpacas.

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# Meet The RMLA Board of Directors



**Lougene Baird,  
President**

Ron and I live on the Kohala Coast of Hawai'i Island – The Big Island – home of Volcano National Park. \* Ron was recruited by the State five years

ago as the Director of the Natural Energy Laboratory — see NELHA.org to learn about the amazing things we all have in our future. We enjoy gardening, plants grow year around! Weekends, we hike in Volcano NP to active lava flows which lately have become large. I am on a Charter School Board and Foundation (WHEA.net) and love working with the kids. Today it is 82 degrees and sunny and we love it. Mauna Kea has its first snow cover –ocean to the west and snow to the east – perfect! If you come our way, stop in for talk story and good food!



**Jerry Dunn -  
Vice President  
and Events  
Coordinator**

November is exciting with its morning and evening cloud filled skies blazing over

the horizon. It's my time of year to celebrate the wins with the learning moments of the losses. As I am reflecting, the hoses are rolled up; tank heaters are plugged in leaving time to brush the last of the llamas that are shedding. Each day brings a smile to my face and gets me thinking about new ways to encourage people to become more involved with their animals. Walks down the driveway, a walk in the park, and visits to a local school or retirement home can be a fun activity to share with your animals and friends. Soon RMLA events will be springing up on the 2010 calendar. Come join us, organize your own RMLA event and share with others.



**Geri Rutledge,  
Secretary**

Hello - From Nebraska. I have been serving as RMLA Secretary for two years. This has been fun and the BOD members get most of the work done by email

and internet. The conference calls and face to face meetings allow us to communicate and get things done in a timely manner. I hope all of you had a good holiday and are ready for a new year.

Update - Things on the farm are about the same. We have Llamas, Alpacas and Paco Vicuna's. My son, Marshal, is working at Pizza Hut so he only entered four shows for 2009. We also attended Fairplay, which is a really fun event. I am very proud that Marshal was National Grand Champion of the Senior Youth Performance Division in both Llama and Alpaca. Thank you to everyone that sent emails and cards, it really was a warm fuzzy knowing so many of you have watched him grow up and achieve such a great honor. My husband, Jim, is still trying to bond with Arvina the Paco, I have them signed up for therapy. For some reason she waits for him and greets him every night, being the first to the feeder. He is accepting this is the way life will be in the girls' barn. I was asked to Judge fleece at Nationals in October and found the experience quite rewarding. It's so interesting to talk to the different owners and learn what they dealt with over the year. Some of them had very severe weather, but through it all saved the best fleece to enter. Some of the fiber projects people were working on were just fantastic, and the talent out there is unreal. We need two more days at Nationals just to share information from coast to coast! I am looking forward to the National Western Stock Show with the Llama Dance Team, and seeing everyone at events in 2010. Take care - Geri



**Bob Hance,  
Treasurer**

My name is Bob Hance and I have been serving as RMLA Treasurer since 2005. One big accomplishment during that year was the conversion of the RMLA books

from Quicken to QuickBooks. I also serve as liaison to several committees and work on the RMLA Membership Database and Maintenance of the RMLA website.

My wife, Barb, and I have been members of RMLA and AOBA since 1989, and were charter members of ARI, AFCNA and ABR. Our ranch is located in Wheat Ridge, which is a western suburb of Denver. We have about 80 Huacaya and Suri alpacas, along with two llamas and a few boarders.



**Dick Williams,  
Director at Large**

First, I'd like to say that I'm honored to have been re-elected to the RMLA Board and that I will do my best to justify the vote of confidence.

Over the past year, in addition to working with the RMLA Board, I've been busy participating on the Pack Llama Trial Association Board and working with local 4H club projects. I continue to publish *The Backcountry Llama*, a quarterly magazine dedicated to the working llama, and in August we led a group of subscribers on what we hope will be our first annual pack trip into the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area here in Montana.



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Llamas & Kids in the Park, Wheat Ridge, CO., Contact  
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## APRIL 2010

April 10-11 Driving Clinic, Bear Track Farm, Golden, CO.,  
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April 19 Stars & Stripes Performance Show, Waco, NE., Contact  
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April 24 Grand Mesa Llama Show, Grand Junction, CO.

April 25 Kokopelli Llama Show, Grand Junction, CO., Contact  
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May 22 Spring Sneakers Performance Show, Arvada, CO.,  
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May 22 Wild 'N' Woolly Youth Performance & Fleece Show,  
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## Denver's Saint Patrick's Day Parade ShamRockin' 2010

Get out your new RMLA calendar and your lucky shamrocks and save the date to show your hidden Irish side. The 2010 Denver's St. Patrick's Day Parade is celebrating the contribution the Irish have made to music – in all genres. I don't know about your llamas but mine love a good Celtic tune. Wouldn't it be great to see all our llamas dancing through Lodo!

The date is March 13, 2010 at 10:00am with the parade starting and finishing at Coors Field Parking Lot. The start time for llamas is unknown at this time but we'll have information after the first of the year.

If you'd like to learn more about the parade you can visit [www.denverstpatriksgivingparade.com](http://www.denverstpatriksgivingparade.com) for more information.

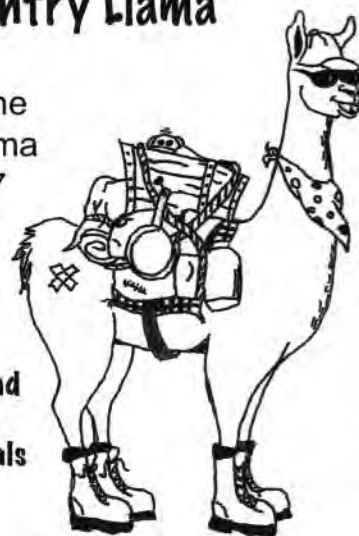
The RMLA event coordinators for 2010 are Judy Glaser and Kim Sawyer. They would like to know that everyone has the information and time on where to meet so please RSVP to either one: [judy.glaser@yahoo.com](mailto:judy.glaser@yahoo.com) or [kim@tapestryalpacas.com](mailto:kim@tapestryalpacas.com).

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# Membership Committee Report

Happy holidays and best wishes for 2010!

RMLA membership is down quit a bit from previous years. As of December 1, 2009, we have 145 adult memberships, 14 Youth members, 4 Young Adult members and 27 Life memberships in 22 states. Members have become widely scattered, with fewer animals, not many are breeding, and sales are way down due to our economy. But aren't we all glad to have our critters - they are so soothing to be with!

The membership committee plans to have membership renewal notices in the mail by mid to late February. Along with the renewal will be your chance to advertise in our once a year publication of the "Service Directory" (The Yellow Pages of the Llama Industry). For only \$30 your ad will be in the hard copy booklet (distributed at all RMLA events, in the Fiber booth and elsewhere) and also on the RMLA web for a full year - I defy you to find less expensive advertising anywhere. Our web site is perused by 1000's

of folks from all over the world. If you have goods or services, animals or clothing- here is the place to let folks know you are out there! The deadline for placing ads and renewing next year's membership is March 31, 2010. Please help yourself and RMLA by placing an ad. Thank you for your support of RMLA.

Barb Hance,  
RMLA Membership Chairperson

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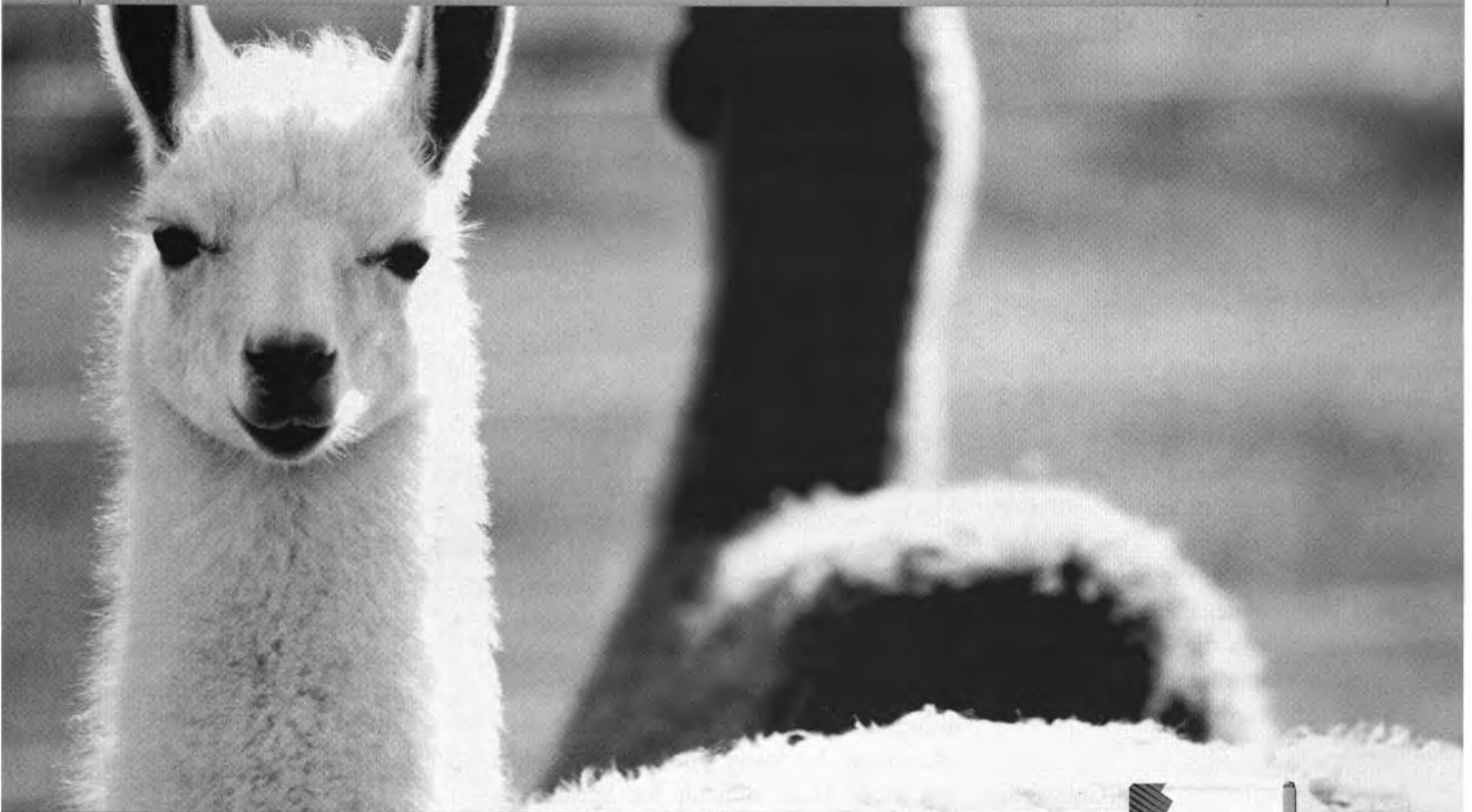
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# 2009 Virginia Christensen National Llama Welfare Award Presented

News Release  
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November 30, 2009  
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**L**illette Vazquez of Longmont, Colo. is the recipient of the 2009 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.

Vasquez is the fourth recipient of the annual award, and the first from the Rocky Mountain Region. According to award organizers, Vasquez was selected as this year's recipient in recognition of many years of hands-on, consistent llama rescue efforts. She is an active member of numerous organizations that promote the overall well being of llamas along with focused education on their long term care. This includes front line work in both the Southwest and Southeast Llama Rescue Associations and participation on both the Rocky Mountain Llama Rescue Committee and the Llama Association of North America's Lifeline Committee.

A dedicated assistant to Bobra Goldsmith of Rocky Mountain Llamas, Vasquez works with their local 4-H llama project, helps care

for Goldsmith's substantial herd of llamas and alpacas (one of the oldest llama breeding programs in the country), and maintains a small herd of her own. She is a regular, supportive volunteer and exhibitor at llama shows in her region.

Vasquez acts as a regional contact for llamas in need of re-homing or rescue. Her email alerts reach out to hundreds of people whenever she learns of a llama (or llamas) who require foster or permanent housing. The often emergency level process finds Vasquez becoming the first responder, known for picking up llamas at livestock sales just ahead of the slaughter houses and for temporarily housing llamas until appropriate homes can be found for them. She puts in many hours of hands-on care and training for abandoned and mistreated llamas in order to help ready them for good, forever homes.

Of particular note is this woman's willingness to step out on a limb to advocate for llamas most other people would rather turn their backs on or simply have destroyed. Vasquez is consistent in giving all llamas every possible chance for a happy, healthy life, seeking assistance with rehabilitation of animals who, through no fault of their own, have developed protective behaviors that make them difficult for humans to handle. Always cautious and well informed, she is willing to put in the time and effort

to help save the life of a llama, sometimes having to stand up to public criticism from those who would rather not venture down that road. This ability to stand up for what she believes in, a trait very much like that of Virginia Christensen, the award's namesake, make Vasquez an excellent choice for this year's award.

## 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
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# RMLA Treasurer's Report

RMLA Balance Sheet  
September 24 2009

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| CD#8735130158 Wells Fargo     | 10296.23         |
| CD#8735130166 Wells Fargo     | 10296.23         |
| CFLA Special Production       | 16351.94         |
| General Operations 2009       | 5042.72          |
| Life Member Escrow            | 5906.89          |
| Liquid Asset                  | 28960.63         |
| Llama Legal Defense Fund      | 7680.04          |
| Marketing Research Savings    | 2233.26          |
| Medical Research Savings      | 4079.03          |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b> | <b>101449.18</b> |

### Other Current Assets

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Inventory Asset             | 21082.14         |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b> | <b>122531.32</b> |

**TOTAL ASSETS 122531.32**

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

### Liabilities

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Current Liabilities           |          |
| Accounts Payable              | 0        |
| Trustee Funds Only            | 7680.04  |
| Long Term Liabilities         |          |
| Llama Legal Defense Fund Liab | -7680.04 |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>      | <b>0</b> |

### EQUITY

|                                       |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Opening Bal Equity                    | 166900.99        |
| Retained Earnings                     | -41272.92        |
| Net Income                            | -3096.75         |
| Total Equity                          | 122531.32        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b> | <b>122531.32</b> |

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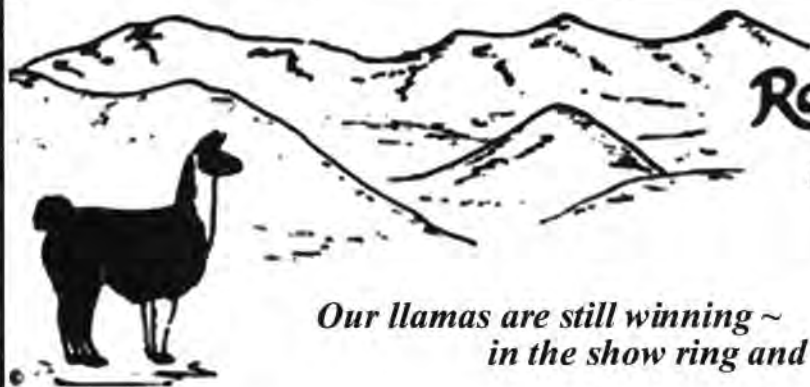
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# Report on the U.S. Animal Health Association

## 2009 Annual Meeting

Compiled by Karen Conyngham, ILR representative to the USAHA Board of Directors and Susan Tellez, Camelid Alliance

The 113<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the US Animal Health Association was held in San Diego, CA October 8-14, 2009. Camelid owners who attended this year included Susan Tellez representing the Camelid Alliance, Karen Conyngham, representing the Intl. Lama Registry on the USAHA Board of Directors and Dr. Pat Long, representing the Alpaca Owners & Breeders Assoc. on the USAHA Board of Directors.

This was the first year that Dr. Long has represented AOBA. He will be familiar to many of you as he serves on the boards of the Alpaca Research Foundation, the Morris Animal Foundation, the Willamette Valley Llama Foundation and he is a member of the Assoc. of Small Ruminant Practitioners. Pat is a practicing veterinarian in Corvallis, Oregon. Llamas and alpacas comprise more than half of his practice which was established in 1982. He has spoken at many national and international meetings on llama and alpaca care. Pat is co-author of the Llama and Alpaca Neonatal Care book and he has written many articles for Alpacas Magazine and has participated in several importation screenings for ARI. Dr Long's areas of interest are herd health management, nutrition, and reproduction. It is wonderful to have a practicing camelid veterinarian joining Dr. Paul Jones Oregon as a member of USAHA and an active participant and presenter at this year's meeting!

USAHA is an international forum where producers join state and federal regulators and researchers/scientists from a wide variety of specialties to discuss issues affecting the health and welfare of livestock species and wildlife. The annual meeting gives the camelid representatives a chance to talk with state veterinarians, US Dept. of Agriculture, Animal Plant & Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) personnel and researchers about issues of concern to the camelid community.

USAHA is comprised of 31 species- and subject-oriented committees, all of which

hold sessions during the annual meeting. This year, committee meetings attended by camelid representatives included: Animal Welfare, Bluetongue and Related Orbiviruses, Import/Export, Infectious Diseases of Cattle, Bison and Camelids, International Standards, Livestock Identification, Committee on Foreign and Emerging Diseases, Committee on Tuberculosis and the Committee on Diagnostic Laboratory & Veterinary Workforce Development. The following report covers committees in which camelids or diseases of interest to camelid owners were mentioned.

### Scientific Session

The topic of the Scientific Session this year was Emerging Vector-Borne Diseases: What's the Risk? Presentations covered the impact of climate change on vectors and emerging diseases. This was relevant to llamas and alpacas since a small number of cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) were detected again this year in camelids in several states on the east coast. For the first time the disease spread across Maine and into Nova Scotia. Maine reported one llama was confirmed positive for EEE on October 9, 2009. The presenter of this paper mentioned that whether we are seeing true global climate change or a more prolonged change in local weather patterns, the resulting emergence of diseases in new areas of the country is a concern for everyone.

Other presenters covered the continuing spread of bluetongue in Europe and the emergence of new strains of bluetongue in the U.S. BTV-2 has been found in Florida and Alabama, BTV-12 has been found in NE Texas. These new strains and new diseases place a burden on our diagnostic laboratories so having global lab networks for fast exchange of disease/vector information is vital for both human and animal health. U.S. labs are well prepared for diseases such as foot-and-mouth and classical swine fever, but are not ready for new bluetongue strains or for Rift Valley Fever (RVF). RVF is listed

as the 3rd on the list of diseases of concern to USDA/APHIS and it is hosted by the same species of mosquitoes that carry West Nile Virus. We know from RVF outbreaks in east Africa that camels are susceptible to this disease. Humans are also susceptible.

The Power Point presentations that were given at the Scientific Session are available .pdf format on the USAHA web site:

<http://www.usaha.org/meetings/2009/2009Presentations.shtml>

An interesting article on this subject was published in the October 2009 issue of the online journal ARS Healthy Animals Newsletter entitled "Predicting Changes for Parasite- and Vector-Induced Animal Diseases". The full text is available at: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/np/ha/han39.htm>

### Committee on Infectious Diseases of Cattle, Bison and Camelids

Ms. Lisa A. Shimeld, MS, Crafton Hills College, Alpacas del Valle Cereza, reported on a serological survey of alpacas living or breeding in Southern California. She gave a short history of the introduction, uses, population and history of BVDV in alpacas in the US. Serum neutralization testing was used to detect seropositive animals in her study. The purpose of the study was to identify seropositive alpacas from 21 ranches in Southern California, identify seropositive alpacas from facilities outside Southern California that were breeding in Southern California (11 additional facilities), and determine the BVDV seroprevalence of alpacas in Southern California. Ms. Shimeld discussed the transmission of BVDV in alpacas and the means by which alpacas could become exposed/infected. She commented on the absence of information indicating that transmission of BVDV in alpacas was different than transmission in cattle.

Four hundred twenty nine alpacas living in Southern California, or present in Southern California to breed, were included in this study, the majority being located in either Riverside (288) or Los Angeles (88)



county. Herd size ranged from four to 280 alpacas. All alpacas appeared clinically normal at the time of sampling. The samples were shipped to the California Animal Health & Food Safety Laboratory System in Davis, California for serum neutralization testing for BVDV. The use of BVDV vaccines was not reported in any of the alpacas in this study. Serum virus neutralization (SN) was performed to measure the titer of circulating antibody to BVDV type 1 and to BVDV type 2, using NADL and c125 BVDV as reference strains, respectively. Results were reported as the endpoint serum dilution that demonstrated no observed cytopathic effect in the assay. Fifteen of the alpacas seropositive to BVDV type 1 were seronegative to BVDV type 2. BVDV type 1 titers ranged from 1:8 to >1:8192 and BVDV type 2 titers were between 1:8 and 1:2048. Three PI (persistently infected) alpaca crias were identified and were born on different ranches participating in this study.

Discussion and Conclusions from this study were:

- 1) This study was designed to determine the prevalence of alpacas seropositive to BVDV in Southern California.
- 2) The results of the current study suggest that alpacas seroconvert when exposed to BVDV but clinical disease is unusual
- 3) 20.0% of the alpacas SN tested in this study were seropositive for one or both BVDV genotypes
  - a. 18.6% of males tested were seropositive to one or both BVDV genotypes
  - b. 20.6% of females tested were seropositive to one or both BVDV genotypes

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Dr. Pat Long, DVM, of Camelid Healthcare Services, Corvallis, Oregon gave a report on problems of camelids that included infectious disease, contagious disease, and management related issues. Dr. Long commented that most alpaca farms are single species facilities and therefore have very little likelihood of exposure to diseases from other species. However the alpaca show circuit may bring over 1500 animals together at a single event.

Dr. Long reported that bluetongue vaccine trials have been completed in alpacas in England (Bovilis BTv8-Intervet) and vaccination has been shown to produce antibodies after 2 doses of the vaccine. Regarding EEE, a vaccine study has been completed - no adverse effects were reported and antibody response has been demonstrated, but no challenge studies have been done. (see the ICI web site home page for more information on EEE in camelids in 2009: <http://www.icinfo.org>). West Nile virus is being reported in decreasing numbers in camelids over the past few years.

Dr. Long discussed a neonatal diarrhea complex and respiratory disease (aka "snots") associated with a novel corona virus that appears to be related to exposure of animals at shows. Corona virus studies are being conducted at U.C. Davis and Oregon State University. A study by Dr. Crossley at Davis - "Characterization and Id of Novel Coronavirus" - should be completed soon. The Oregon State study - "Investigating the infectivity of Camelid Coronavirus and Bovine Coronavirus in Camelids" - will be looking at the length of time the virus is in the animal, shedding duration and viral characteristics in the environment.

He also reported on an emerging problem with the parasite *Eimeria*

*macusaniensis* (*E. mac*). This large coccidia has increased pathogenicity and a long prepatent period as well as not being readily detected by common fecal flotation procedures. Dr. Chris Cebra of Oregon State Univ. is working on development of both an ELISA and PCR test to be used for detection of *E. mac*. Both giardia and cryptosporidia affect camelids and have a zoonotic potential for animal care givers. We are seeing gastrointestinal nematode parasites that are developing resistance to anthelmintics. This may be due in part to strict meningeal worm protocols used in areas of the country affected by *P. tenuis* and to overuse/misuse of de-wormers in general.

BVD is a disease for which owners are becoming less vigilant and it has the potential to become a much bigger problem. Owners are urged to continue surveillance for BVD in order to eradicate this disease. The current Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) situation in horses could pose a problem for camelids.

*Mycoplasma haemolamae*, formally called Eperythrozoonosis, has incidence reports of approximately 20% of the animals tested in Switzerland, the US and S. America. For the US and South America, this is probably a secondary concurrent problem. The anemia can be striking. PCR is the best means to diagnose this disease, and current research is being funded by the Morris Animal Foundation and the Alpaca Research Foundation.

*Streptococcus zooepidemicus*, also known as "alpaca fever", has been reported sporadically. Symptoms include fever, depression, and anorexia; systemic infection can involve the lungs, and serosal surfaces of the thoracic and abdominal cavities.

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Dr. Bob Hillman, Executive Director, Texas Animal Health Commission, gave a report on hemoparasitic diseases related to the livestock/wildlife interface. Cattle Tick Fever is caused by *Babesia bovis* or *Babesia bigemina* and the vector is the *Boophilus microplus* and *B. annulatus* tick. These tick species were eliminated from the U.S. by an eradication program that began in 1906 and ended with eradication of the vector ticks in 1943. Following eradication, a permanent tick quarantine zone was established along the Rio Grande river in Southern Texas. This was intended to be a buffer zone to mitigate the risk posed by the continuing presence of the *boophilus* ticks in Mexico. The large number of wild ungulates which are capable of hosting the tick and the lack of the preferred host (cattle) have resulted in the spread of *boophilus* ticks in several counties in south Texas since 2006. 145 new tick infestations were reported in Texas in the federal fiscal year 2009. Reports indicate that up to 50% of cattle imported from Mexico may carry the disease-causing agent and there is a serious risk for re-establishment of Cattle Tick Fever in the U.S. if the organism and vector tick meet.

This issue affects camelid owners since it appears that llamas can be a host for the *boophilus* tick and it is likely alpacas could also be a host.

[Reference: "Experimental infestation of llamas (*Lama glama*) with *Boophilus microplus* (Acari: Ixodidae)"]

D.H. Aguirre, M.M. Cafrune and A.A. Guglielmo

Journal Experimental and Applied Acarology, Vol. 24, Number 8 / August, 2000; pgs 661-664]

### **Committee on Livestock Identification**

While no mention was made of llamas or alpacas in this committee, a brief update on the current status of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) was provided by Dr. John Clifford. The appropriations bill for the Dept. of Agriculture was compiled

by a Congressional conference committee in early October. The House of Representatives stripped all funding for NAIS from their agriculture appropriations bill while the Senate cut the program's funding request from the \$14.6 million originally asked for by the President down to \$7.3 million. The final bill that was sent to the President for signature contained only \$5.3 million for NAIS. Dr. Clifford said that there will still be enough funds in the NAIS program to cover existing state cooperative agreements through this fiscal year. The Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, is still reviewing the NAIS and no decision has been made as to the future of this program.

### **Committee on Diagnostic Laboratory & Veterinary Workforce Development**

The focus of this committee was on the bills regarding veterinary medicine that have been introduced in Congress this session.

S. 1709 and its companion, H.R. 3519, authorizes grants to bolster veterinary services and relieve veterinarian shortage situations in key parts of the country. This grant program will be administered by USDA will be used to recruit and retain practicing veterinarians and vet technicians; increase knowledge in large animal medicine, conduct assessments that will be needed to designate veterinary shortage areas and to provide continuing education opportunities to veterinarians and vet technicians. For more details on these bills see:

[http://www.avma.org/advocacy/federal/legislative/issue\\_briefs/veterinarian\\_services\\_investment\\_act.asp](http://www.avma.org/advocacy/federal/legislative/issue_briefs/veterinarian_services_investment_act.asp)

It would be very helpful for all llama and alpaca owners to contact their members of Congress (House and Senate) and ask them to sign on as cosponsors for these two bills (H.R. 3519 and S. 1709). Your letter can be short – just briefly describe the bill, ask for their support of the bill and explain the importance of large animal veterinarians to llama and alpaca owners in the US and to the overall security of the agricultural sector. If you would like a basic template letter that you can customize, just email Karen (72040.3361@compuserve.com).

To find out if your representative or senator has already cosponsored either of these bills, go to:

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

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and enter your zip code in the box in the upper left corner of the home page. To find your senators, go to:

<http://www.senate.gov/>

and click on the pull-down menu in the upper right corner of the home page. The easiest way to contact any member of Congress is via email or fax. Both of the above web sites will lead you to the full contact information for your member of Congress.

### **Committee on Import/Export Compiled by Susan Tellez, Camelid Alliance**

Dr. Peter Merrill, Director of NCIE (USDA\APHIS - National Center for Import Export) presented the data on all imports and exports for live animals and animal products, with the results that only fish (by far the highest) and poultry showed an increase in numbers over past 2 years, all other species basically showing an approximate 30% decrease for over-all imports and exports.

No camelid imports occurred except from Canadian border transport during 2009.

A Final Rule for Import from Canada for domestic or New World Camelids and specific Farm-raised Old World Camelids (not from Zoos), in the family of Camelidae, genus *Lama* or *Vicugna*, was posted on the USDA\APHIS web site September 18, 2009, with complete documentation, inspections,



testing and transport requirements all listed in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 93.403(b).

See: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/animals/downloads/pro\\_domestic\\_camelids\\_canada.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/downloads/pro_domestic_camelids_canada.pdf)

Dr. Merrill stated that the NCIE Regulations will follow the new guidelines for world alignment, presented by the O.I.E. (World Organization for Animal Health) for safe trade of live animals and animal products.

FMD (Foot and Mouth Disease), RVF (Rift Valley Fever), African Horse Sickness, and BTV (Bluetongue Virus) still affect the status for regionalization for the minimal risk regions of the world. The O.I.E. and NCIE determines if there is negligible risk, controlled risk, or unnamed risk for exporting areas of the world. Import categories are listed as Prohibited, With Restrictions, or No Regulations when determined to be safe. Import of live ruminants from countries with these diseases is still prohibited.

Export of all live ruminants to Europe is still prohibited by the European Union, even though the O.I.E. has classified the US as a country of negligible or controlled risk, due to the disparity between the serotypes of bluetongue present in the US and those which exploded in Europe and the U.K. in the past 2 years. Vaccination in Europe has controlled new bluetongue outbreaks. The BSE issue is still a concern on record for some countries there.

The emphasis of all speakers was on biosecurity and its high priority for owners of ALL livestock, birds, poultry or their products for the control of all diseases. This must become a standard of excellence for movement of stock from premises to premises, domestic or international.

The Committee on Import/Export passed a resolution that the USAHA urge the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Veterinary Services (VS) to initiate all trade negotiations with reference to compliance with the newest OIE Guidelines and SPS rules for trade, in order to make international trade safe but less restrictive in unnecessary regulatory testing issues in place in some countries.

### **Committee on Bluetongue and Related Orbiviruses Compiled by Susan Tellez, Camelid Alliance**

The impact of the BTV explosion of serotypes 1, 8, 4, and 16 in the European Union, U.K. and northern areas of the African continent continued to be a focus with explanation of the patterns of outbreaks, the lack of control, except through vaccination, and their efforts to establish monitoring programs. All ruminants, including camelids, have been affected. All movement of live ruminants between individual European countries, as well as other continents, continues to be prohibited, therefore restricting activity and creating major economic stress.

The US has more than 18 bluetongue serotypes, with two new ones – 9 and 12 – being identified just this year at the National Veterinary Services Lab (NVSL) in Ames Iowa. None of these coincide with those found in Europe.

The BTV Symposium held in 2008 was focused on how to manage an emergency in the US of the type experienced in Europe. All livestock owners need to be aware of the arthropod organisms (mosquitoes) which carry Bluetongue (BTV), Equine Infectious Encephalomyelitis (EEE), West Nile Virus (WNV) and Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD). Camelids may be affected by these organisms.

Wildlife may be a common transporter of these arthropod-borne diseases, which are showing presence in numerous new locations with monitoring by cooperative efforts of the Wildlife Disease Research Lab and the Arthropod-borne Disease Laboratory, along with NVSL, both of which are following the newest guidelines in the O.I.E. Manual update in the "Terrestrial Animal Health Code of Standards".

Biosecurity of premises and vigilant transportation and movement methods were also emphasized by a number of speakers, both foreign and domestic.

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# Pikes Peak's Homer

By Tracy DuCharme

Photos By Tracy DuCharme and Kathy Wallace

People have been asking me to share the story of an adventure in the mountains involving a little lost llama. When this seemingly small, local event was picked up by the national media, I was quite stunned by the response. I guess people are just hungry for good news.

In early September, tourists on the cog railway that runs up to the summit of Pikes Peak began to report seeing a small white llama running loose near the tracks. Sometimes he would chase the train for a while, other times he was seen trying to keep up with the native herd of big horn sheep.

The forest rangers in the park tried to capture him, even attempting to lasso him! It's no surprise to llama folk that he evaded the rope toss. Llamas are pretty hard to sneak up on! After a while they did the smart thing and

contacted L'illette Vasquez of Southwest Llama Rescue. L'illette immediately began to rally the troops. She reached out to llama owners in the area, and they responded by the dozen. She had

many generous souls lined up to volunteer to go up the mountain and try to capture the loose llama. Unfortunately, right when a rescue party was being organized a big storm hit the region, dumping several feet of snow on Pikes Peak. The cog railway wasn't running and the road was closed to the summit for several days.

Among the folks that L'illette had contacted were Marlise Van Zandt and Michael Shealy. Marlise happens to be friends with Barb Bailey, a Pikes Peak Ranger, and Spencer Wren, the General Manager of the cog railway. Marlise began to communicate regularly with these two in order to find out when it would be clear

for a group to get up on the mountain to look for the llama. At this point, L'illette handed over the rescue operation to Marlise. Marlise and Michael were my first friends in the area when I moved to Black Forest in 2005. They boarded my llamas for me until I could get my fencing and barn ready. I had heard through the grapevine that Marlise was organizing a search so I called her, and told her I'd love to join them on the mountain.

We had seen two pictures of the llama that the rangers had taken near the summit. He looked like a yearling, and he had a barrel cut shear. We were at a loss to explain how he ended up alone on the top of a 14,000 foot mountain and concerned about predators and his access to forage and shelter. As soon as the road was cleared of snow on Monday, September 28th, we went up to the Peak in Marlise and Michael's van with their llama,

Moon Shadow. We hiked down a couple of miles to where the lost llama was seen the night before. Unfortunately, there were hunters up there going after the sheep. The llama had been seen hanging out



with the wild sheep, and we immediately saw fresh llama footprints along the train tracks. The sheep are hard to see because they are the same color as the rocks, but Moon Shadow never failed to point them out to us. We were very encouraged at first, but although we saw the sheep several times, we never spotted the little guy we were looking for.



It was a beautiful day, and the snow was rapidly receding up there. There was plenty of fresh water all around, and still an abundance of forage, even up as high as we were. We knew he survived the storm, so we were hopeful that we would eventually find him. It just wasn't going to be easy. Hiking down along the tracks was a breeze. Hiking back up, on the other hand...not so much!!! I hadn't been in the habit of going uphill on a mountain at 14,000 ft without a chairlift!

On October 2, Mike Shealy, Kathy Wallace and I went back up to the top of Pikes Peak to continue our search. It was very cold up there that day as well as extremely windy and the wind chill was -2F degrees. Mike brought his llama, Shasta, and I brought my llama, Autumn Dancer, with me.

Scott Rappohold, a Gazette reporter, and Marybeth Brush, a TV news reporter from KKTU channel 11 came along as well. We walked along the cog rail tracks for about one-half mile, and then Mike and Shasta kept going down the hill while the rest of us turned to go back up to the summit.

We had almost given up when I stopped to examine the tundra. I just kept thinking that if I were a llama up there, that's where I would be hanging out. After a while I noticed a shape that I thought could be a kushed llama. I borrowed the binoculars from Kathy, but I couldn't hold them still in the wind! I positioned Dancer in front of me and asked him to "stand," a command that he is familiar with. He stood still and I braced my elbows on his back. I was able to get a good look at the shape I saw, and realized that it was in fact the llama we were looking for.

I was immediately overjoyed, and then I took a deep breath and thought, "how are

we going to get down there?" He was about a mile away, and the terrain was very rocky. The hillside was a mix of boulder fields, grassy patches of tundra and deep snow drifts in gullies. I knew that there was no turning back after spotting him, so I coaxed Dancer down off the trail towards the distant white shape. After about 10 minutes, we came to a drop off in the rocks, and had to turn back. The cold and the wind were oppressive. We hiked back uphill along the tracks until I thought I saw an easier path down to the tundra.

When we turned off the trail once again we were in sight of our truck and trailer. Dancer was pretty irritated with me when I turned away from his ride! He started not just humming, but making a deep growling-groaning sound. This was the stupidest hike he had ever been on! It was difficult going for him. There were times when he broke through the crust of snow up to his knees, and other times that I had to convince him to scramble over rocks that scared him. He continued to protest loudly right up until he saw what we were after.

While Dancer and I were picking our way down the slope, I kept my eye on the lost llama. He had stood up and was frolicking around happily. He seemed to be chasing something on the ground, maybe the ground squirrels. This movement caught Dancer's eye, and he immediately understood what our mission was. He stopped complaining and became focused on the youngster. I kept hoping the little guy would see us so we wouldn't have to keep walking downhill towards him. Every step down was a step we had to take up on the way back. The wind would be in our faces for the ascent, and that combined with the altitude and pitch of the slope would make for an exhausting climb.

Being a youngster, the llama was way more involved in his games than scanning the landscape for rescuers! We had come to within about a quarter of a mile of him when he finally saw us. I immediately relaxed and took out my camera. As we all had imagined he would, he ran straight for us and was very

eager to meet the first llama he had seen in weeks.

As he tucked his head under Dancer's chin, I threw the lead rope around his neck. He was so small, and seemed much younger than we had thought. The halter I had brought along was just way too big on him, so I had to slip it down around his neck. He almost immediately tried to nurse, which Dancer (a gelding) wasn't having any part of!

I tied his lead rope to Dancer's saddle, and he followed right along. The only problem was that every time I stopped to catch my breath, he would try to nurse, and Dancer was good and sick of him by the time we reached the truck. It was slow going back up the hillside to the trail. I no longer had



the mountain. At least when you're kushed there is none of that nursing nonsense!

During the hike I had started calling the little guy "Homer" because I thought if he could talk, he would tell us all about the incredible odyssey he had been on.

When I got him home, I took him to the vet. I was concerned about his ears, as they seemed to me to be frost bitten. She assured me that while he would probably slough the skin, his ears would recover. He was thin, but otherwise quite healthy.

We have since learned that Homer lived on a ranch on the South face of Pikes Peak, about 3 miles from the summit. On August 15th, a mountain lion killed his mother. The ranch owners, Theresa and Frank Kabot, found the carcass of the mother, and feared the worst for Homer. They looked for him or



his remains for days with no luck. They never knew about the loose white llama on the mountain until they saw in the news that he had been captured! I spoke to Theresa a day or two after I brought Homer home, and she was both grateful

and amazed that he was alive and well. She said she used to choke up every time she looked at his fleece, thinking that he was dead. Theresa has asked me to board him for a while until she can decide what to do. She is uneasy about keeping llamas on her place now. This was their second llama lost to lions.

He is just the sweetest little thing! He is plucky and independent. Maybe these personality traits helped him to survive on his own for six weeks. He is not at all intimidated by my llamas that outweigh him by a factor of four! He seems smart and athletic. I think he may have a future career as a performance llama in the show ring.

the advantage of being able to examine the terrain, because the slope of the hill made it hard to see what was ahead. We made many false starts and had to turn back because of deep snow or impassable boulders. I had the added concern that I didn't want Dancer to jump, because with the way the youngster was tied to his pack, a jump would jerk hard on the baby's neck.

We had begun the search at 10:00am, and it was about 3:00pm by the time we reached the truck. Once inside the trailer, Good boy that Dancer is, he let the lonely baby snuggle with him for the long ride down





**Hello lama lovers! In this issue we are please to introduce the newest staff member at CSU: Dr. Stacey Byers. Stacey before we get to the questions, can you please tell us a little about yourself.**

**Dr. Byers:** I am originally from Kansas and moved to Washington State to work for the Boeing Company as an engineer. That wasn't as much fun as I thought so I started exploring my options. I worked at a wildlife rehab facility in Seattle and at large animal hospital that did a lot of work with camelids. I was hooked.

I went to vet school at Washington State University, did an internship in the agriculture animal section. One of my senior clinicians helped to set up a residency program for me that focused on camelid medicine and surgery. I spent three years in the residency completing my masters and becoming board certified in large animal internal medicine. I finished in July and was lucky to be selected for a faculty position here at CSU.

**Why have you chosen a career at a veterinary teaching hospital versus private practice?**

I like the teaching hospital for several reasons: I enjoy teaching students, the patient case load is fairly diversified, and there are a lot of internal medicine puzzles and referral cases to work on.

**What do you consider your area of interest/specialization?**

My area of interest is camelids and small ruminants but I enjoy working on all the animals we see. I even had the opportunity to work on camels at WSU and those were a lot of fun. My residency involved working with all the agriculture animals that came into

the hospital but I focused on camelid work, research, and speaking to breeder associations. I was involved in everything including dystocias, neonatal care, basic vaccinations and management plans, internal medicine, surgeries, and client or referring veterinarian consultations.

**Why did you choose to take the staff position at CSU?**

The position at CSU was perfect since I wanted to be able to work with students, the community, perform research, and especially work with camelids. Drs. Callan and Holt are added bonuses! The collaborative aspect of working on cases which CSU offers brings a lot of knowledge and ideas for helping sick animals. I'd like to contribute to increasing the knowledge about camelid health through research and hands-on work.

**Now to the questions from our readers ...**

**Question: What factors affect milk supply in the camelid?**

**Dr. Byers:** Adequate milk supply in the camelids is critical to the proper growth and survival of the neonatal cria. Unfortunately it is not uncommon to have females with inadequate milk supply. Many owners have either experienced or heard about crias that nurse constantly but do not gain weight or lose weight. This is a hallmark sign of insufficient milk production. A lack of milk can lead to stunting, increased susceptibility to other illnesses, or worse yet, death from starvation.

There are 3 key factors that contribute to milk supply in any animal: nutrition, genetics, and health status. Fortunately owners can control these to some degree.

Nutrition is basically providing the proper groceries for the female during pregnancy and while lactating to ensure she is not too fat or too thin. She has to make milk and provide the necessary building blocks for the growing fetus while maintaining her own muscle, bone, and fiber production. This female has an energy requirement second only to a growing cria.

Owners need to adjust the diet to meet the female's metabolic demands otherwise she

can experience one of several things: decreased or lack of milk production, loss of the fetus, and loss of body condition. The loss of body condition typically is perpetuated over successive pregnancies which eventually can lead to secondary illnesses and the inability to maintain a pregnancy.

The pregnant camelid should be fed to produce a body condition score of 3-3.5/5 at the end of gestation and not lose more than 0.75 points during lactation. This means pregnant and lactating alpacas typically need to be fed 12-14% crude protein through a combination of grass and alfalfa hay with pelleted rations as needed. At the opposite end of the spectrum, an obese female also can have decreased milk production so proper management of the "easy keeper" is needed. Withholding feed to these females is not recommended but a plan for appropriate diet and exercise should be implemented.

Genetics is the second factor affecting milk production. We have used genetics to select for various attributes leading to all the size and shapes of our domesticated animals. For example, through selective breeding the dairy cow now produces more milk than necessary to feed a calf which allows us to economically produce milk, butter, and cream. When selecting a female for breeding, milk production and mothering ability should be a top consideration along with conformation.

With that said, across many species, milk production in maidens is typically lower than in females who have had multiple offspring. Therefore a maiden camelid with inadequate milk should be monitored with her following pregnancy to determine if she is continuing to have problems. If so, careful consideration about future breeding should be made.

Health of the lactating animal is the third main factor affecting milk production. A female suffering from an illness or disease often does not produce adequate milk. Additionally the metabolic demands required for milk production are often not beneficial if she is recovering from a serious illness so your veterinarian may recommend weaning the cria or placing it on a bottle.



Often once the illness is addressed, milk production will increase back to normal levels if she did not dry off. Health is controlled by many factors such as nutrition, stress, exposure to other animals, and environmental conditions. Owners can minimize the risk factors but they cannot be totally eliminated.

**Question: In our older, perhaps 'gimpy', camelid friends, what is the best approach to diagnose for arthritis?**

**Dr. Byers:** Arthritis unfortunately affects us all as we age, including our camelids. Most cases are seen in the middle aged to older animals and can be due to a multitude of factors beginning as youngsters. These factors include poor conformation placing abnormal strain on joints; trauma; nutritional status; growth rate; hormones; purpose/use; and age.

Arthritis develops as the bones attempt to compensate for the wear and tear on the body. It appears that llamas are affected more than alpacas probably in part due to their size and weight and their role as pack animals. In llamas we typically see signs of arthritis in the joints of the legs and the neck.

On physical examination of an animal with arthritis, joints may creak or pop or not move as freely as expected. Owners may notice the animal is a little slower to rise or seems stiff after cushioning for a period of time but "warms out of it" with walking around. Symptoms are often worse in cold weather. Llamas often will walk around with their heads lowered or be reluctant to elevate their head if the neck is involved. Arthritis is easily diagnosed on radiographs (X-rays) where boney proliferation around the joint is observed. More advanced diagnostics include arthroscopy and computed tomography for special situations.

**Question: What can be done to make the animal comfortable and/or slow down the development?**

**Dr. Byers:** Arthritis is an inflammatory process. Sometimes the inciting cause can be eliminated and signs resolve, but often in our animals, the signs appear long after the original damage occurred.

Once we see signs of arthritis and to reduce the rate of progression we can try several management aids including putting the camelid in a bedded stall at night to keep them off the cold ground and frequent

exercise such as walking or swimming (for those that will tolerate it) to help keep the joints mobile and build muscle mass.

Weight management is key to reducing the stress on affected joints. As many of these animals are older and no longer in production, feed needs to be adjusted to prevent obesity. This must be managed with breeding status to not compromise the general health of the animal or fetus.

Animals used for packing or hauling can be removed from the pack string, only loaded lightly, or not used as frequently. Keeping the pack llama in good physical condition/muscle tone outside the packing season will minimize the stress of starting up in the next season.

Similar to humans, the arthritic animal may need more than just management changes to increase comfort. A wide variety of treatment modalities are available and often more than one is utilized. Sometimes we need to try several modalities to find the best combination for the individual animal. Pharmacological treatments include nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDS) such as flunixin meglumine, phenylbutazone; steroid injections; polysulfated glycosaminoglycans (Adequan®); herbal supplements; and glucosamine/chondroitin supplements. Other treatment options to be considered include acupuncture and massage therapy. None of these treatments have been scientifically evaluated in camelids so most information is anecdotal and dosages are extrapolated from other species. Since our older animals may have multiple problems, a full physical examination and blood work are recommended before initiating treatments

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Thank you Dr. Byers. OK, now it is your turn. What questions do you have or what information do you need clarified? Send me an e-mail: [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/csuo.asp?VETMEDMASTER>) and click on Camelid Research.

## Outstanding Youth Award



Dear RMLA members,

Each year, the RMLA Board awards the Outstanding Youth Award to recognize superior youth within the organization. The award winner must then plan how they will promote RMLA and llamas as well as solutions to raise money for the RMLA Foundation. I am deeply honored to have been selected to receive the 2009 RMLA Youth Award and awarded with a buckle. I am sincerely grateful for the recognition from the Rocky Mountain Llama Association that helped me throughout my llama career.

I would also like to congratulate the winners of the 2009 L.O.C.C. Leaping Llama and Llama Limbo games. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come have fun in the llama festivities and helping raise money for RMLA. The fundraiser was very successful as we gathered about 20 people for each event and had a lot of fun. In Leaping Llama, each llama must jump over the bar, while in Llama Limbo each llama goes underneath the bar. At the end of each game, the llama and handler that can jump the highest or go under the lowest bar wins the pot.

Again, I thank the RMLA Board for selecting me to receive the RMLA Youth Award. It is a privilege to volunteer for and put on special events for RMLA. I would strongly encourage my fellow RMLA youth to volunteer for this special organization and to apply for this extraordinary award.

Thank you, Andy Darter

# RMLA Members Spotted at 2009 Grand National Championship

By Cheryl Juntilla

Candid photos by Janine Fausson and Cheryl & Wally Juntilla



It seemed that RMLA members were everywhere you looked at the 2009 ALSA Grand National Show of Champions held in Lincoln, Nebraska, October 23 - 25, 2009. If they weren't competing in the halter and performance rings, they were serving as volunteers to keep the show running smoothly, or could be found in one of the many vendor booths lining the arena. And a whole bunch of us got together to enjoy the barbecue dinner and dance to live music. Several participated in the debut of what will certainly become a popular dance craze known as "The Showring Shuffle."



The weather in Lincoln was cold and wet this year, and snow caused delays for some travelers. Thanks to Jerry Dunn for providing lists of cell phone numbers so we could keep in touch and warn each other about road and weather conditions. Fortunately there were no major problems and everyone seemed to have a good time once we were settled in and got warm and dry. This year's "block party" stalling concept made it easy to socialize and enjoy each other's company. There was much to celebrate, as RMLA members took home many nice big ribbons and several shiny trophies. We couldn't get photos of everyone who was there, and these pictures are just a small sampling. Congratulations to all the RMLA members who qualified and participated in the Grand National Championship. It was a really fun finale to the show season.



# Montana 4-H Packing Class

By Dick Williams, Pack Committee Chair



**F**or several years Jeanne and I have worked with the 4H clubs in Sanders County in northwest Montana, both with kids working on llama projects and with the Fair Livestock Committee. Shortly after our County fair in September I was contacted by Diana Blair (also a RMLA member) and asked if I would be willing to come up to Kalispell to put on a llama packing class for her 4-H Llama Club. I told her that I would be happy to and we soon settled on October 8th as the first day that her group and I were both available.

On the appointed day I loaded a variety of packs and other assorted packing gear into my truck and asked my big, four year old, grey gelding Gandalf if he wanted to go for a ride. He hopped into the trailer and we took off for the two hour drive to Diana's house which sits directly behind her 'Going to the Sun Fiber Mill' just north of Kalispell. The weather as we pulled out of Plains was bright and sunny, with temperatures and in the upper 40's, but unfortunately, by the time



we got to Flathead Lake, about half way, it had turned quite cloudy and when we got to Diana's it was quite blustery and threatening to rain. Of course the first thing on Gandalf's agenda was to get out of the trailer and go

over to the fence to meet Diana's llamas. When that critical item had been attended to, I tied him to the trailer and he decided to mow some grass while I unloaded all the gear and set it out on the lawn.

After school got out the kids started to arrive and we soon had seven of Diana's club members and a few adults gathered around the trailer talking about llamas. Even though the weather had turned quite blustery we all spent an enjoyable (and I hope interesting) hour and a half examining different pack systems and all the ancillary gear necessary to safely enjoy llamas in the backcountry. The kids were great and we made tentative plans to get together in the spring and go for a hike with all our llamas. Their club has already participated in several parades and other gatherings in the local area and seemed excited about the idea of getting their animals out in the woods when the weather breaks next year.



As soon as all the questions were answered we took a break for some welcomed hot cocoa and cookies. Hank Crenshaw and Brittany Hendrickson presented a very nice Certificate of Appreciation as club officers just before Gandalf and I had to make a dash for home to beat the oncoming storm. All in all, we had a great time at an event that involved very little effort to organize. The moral of the story is – get out and share your interest, no matter if it's packing, showing, fiber or whatever. In addition to teaching others about our animals, you'll find that your efforts will be much appreciated and you'll probably have a great time doing it! Thanks to Diana for inviting me!

# Looking For The Gold

A fun activity to experience on a warm September day

By Jerry Dunn  
Photos by Brian Glynn



**Y**early, a group of llama enthusiasts load up their animals and head for Golden Gate Canyon State Park, west of Golden, Colorado, to view the fall colors. Everyone arrived around 9:30 above Kriley Pond with their llamas and packed them up with their lunches, jackets and cameras. The air was filled with lots of laughter and chatter about the upcoming adventure. Many of the people who attend are members of the original group from eight years ago. This year a few new people came along who were friends of friends and borrowed animals to take on the hike.

The hike was a week earlier than usual due to a schedule conflict, so the colors in the trees were not as vibrant as we have experienced in years past. We needed no excuse to have fun with the air filled with the aroma of fall and warm sunshine. The hike is two miles up a rocky trail through the woods to an open meadow centered between groves of aspen and evergreen trees. This location is one of our favorites as well as a favorite for elk and deer to bed down at night. The llamas were staked out in belly deep grass and a joyous lunch was had by all. The hike back to the parking lot went quickly faring a few tired animals on their first outing in the mountains.

Come join us next September. Watch for the date posted on the RMLA web page and in the journal.



# 19 Humans, 29 Llamas and One High School Track Team . . .

Story & Photos By Lauren Munger  
Laughing Llama Studio



Every year a few more adventuresome llama folks are compelled to give this trip a try and many hearty old timers wouldn't think of missing it. It is truly a test of fortitude and the rewards are as many as the challenges. This year Woody (Dwain Wood) enlisted the help of the Golden High School track team to run up the mountain as part of a conditioning training. They

were a big help gathering wood for the fire and filling water and sports drink bottles for the runners.

A good time was had by all. For inquiries of how to become involved next year, please contact Lauren Munger at [laurenmunger@msn.com](mailto:laurenmunger@msn.com)

. . . That's what it took to make the 2009 Leadville Trail 100 another huge success! Thanks to everyone involved. We had a good crew and a lot of fun. It was a hot, dry year and some of the llamas and a lot of the runners had difficulty, but in the end everyone was fine. It was one of the few races in recent memory where there was no snow, sleet or rain!



## You Might Be A RMLA Member If...

By Larry Lewellyn  
Foothills Llamas

**T**his list was compiled by RMLA Members at the 1999 Annual Conference in Grand Junction, Colorado.

...You go anywhere else on the planet and the air feels sticky.

...You consider a three-piece suit to be a pair of shorts, a t-shirt and a polar fleece pullover.

...When some one says you are cooking with gas and you immediately think of whisper light.

...All the plastic bags in your garage are not filled with thrift store items, but llama fiber.

...You get depressed after one day of foggy weather.

...You just spent \$40K on a pickup truck with 500 pounds of foot torque so you can pull a 200 pound llama across the country.

...You've ever "done Hotchkiss" out of the back of the aforementioned pickup.

...Your idea of a pedicure is getting all of your llamas toes done in a day.

...You have an advanced degree in business or engineering and spend the bulk of your day shoveling poop.

...When someone tells you your animals are square, you think it's a good thing.

...You tell your husband to pick up granola on his way home from work and he stops at the daycare.

...You can make extra spending money by selling beans to neighbors.

...The best painting that you own is on your barn wall.

...Your lawn care service resides in your barn.

...You enjoy being fleeced.

...You realize the Llama has trained you.

...You are sick of hearing the words "Do Llamas Spit?"

...You get into a spitting contest with your Llama.

...After a day of grooming and shearing you have a new concept of a Ahigh fiber diet.

...You spend 5-6 hours at work (company time/night shift) coating llama beans with epoxy to make a hat band.

... All of your spare cash goes to hay.

...You have orgled at a New Year's Party.

...You have worn llama ears into your barn.

...When some one says ABeans you don't think refried beans.

...You buy 2 copies of A Caring for Llamas — one for you and one for your vet.

...Your llama is bettered groomed than you are.

...A high tail set has nothing to do with pantyhose.

...Your favorite color is green.

...Your favorite birthday gift is a big wheelbarrow and poop shovel.

...When you are talking about babies, you're not talking about grandbabies.

...You know how to pick beans.

...Every pocket of every piece of clothing you own contains hay, even after laundering.

# Fairplay Llama Camp Fleece Show

July 26, 2009 - Pike National Forest

By Ann Bruhn



*The big winner, Sandy Nolan and Stage Stop Some Enchanted Evening.*

**H**ave an ALSA sanctioned fleece show in the National Forest? With both walking and shorn fleece classes? At a campsite with no permanent shelters or buildings? In the Rocky Mountains at an elevation of over 9,000 feet where the weather can change from sunny and warm to cold and snowing in a matter of minutes? Sounds a little crazy, but that is exactly what I was asked to judge at the 2009 Fairplay Llama Camp Performance Show. I was excited about judging another fleece show, but was not sure how it would work outside in the forest. However, I was willing to give it a try and am glad I did because the Fleece Show turned out great. We had 17 shorn fleece entries, including two received in the mail from California. There were seven entries in Walking Fiber and five entries in the non-ALSA Ladies & Gentlemen in Hand class.

After the Fairplay Race on Saturday I helped Show Superintendent Mary Wickman set up some of the performance courses. Then I put up a canopy in an area

slightly downhill from the courses for the fleece show. The canopy had sides and I had two tables to lay out the fleeces for judging. It was in the shelter of the trees and since the sun was shining I felt good about being able to keep everything dry and the fleeces intact. Eight of the 17 shorn fleeces had already been checked in, so I took them to the motel that night and judged them there.

Sunday morning started out sunny, but by noon we were hit hard with rain, wind, thunder, and lightening. There were a couple of times when I had to use my body to protect a fleece that was laid out on the table, but we did not lose any fiber. The only things we lost were one page of labels and a couple of ribbons that got hit by the rain.

The big winner was Sandy Nolan's llama named Stage Stop Some Enchanted Evening. He took First Place in Shorn Double Coated over 24 months, and Grand Champion Double Coated Shorn Fleece and repeated those placings in Walking Fiber. A beautiful gray shawl made from his fiber also won First Place and Grand Champion in Ladies & Gentlemen in Hand.

I want to thank everyone who had the courage to enter their fleeces in an outdoor show. In spite of the weather, it was a big success.

## Shorn Fleece Results (top three):

### Single Coat under 24 months

1st HSHL Lyrica - Danielle Hansen

### Single Coat over 24 months

1st Double J's Minuette Melody  
Danielle Hansen

### Grand Champion Shorn Single Coat

Double J's Minuette Melody

### Reserve Champion Shorn Single Coat

HSHL Lyrica

### Double Coat under 24 months

1st RM Blue Ice - Patti Morgan  
2nd Foothills Buster - Larry Lewellyn  
3rd LDL Silver Rain - Sandy Lockwood



*Ssam modeling the shawl made from his fiber.*

## Double Coat over 24 months

1st Stage Stop Some Enchanted Evening - Sandy Nolan  
2nd RM Jack's Eleven O'Clock Charlie - Patti Morgan  
3rd PHF Clearly Cadfael - Taylor Huggins

### Grand Champion Shorn Double Coat

SS Some Enchanted Evening

### Reserve Champion Shorn Double Coat

RM Blue Ice

## Walking Fiber Results (top three): Double Coat Over 24 Months

1st Stage Stop Some Enchanted Evening - Sandy Nolan  
2nd RM Dandy Jack - Taylor Huggins  
3rd PHF Clearly Cadfael - Taylor Huggins

### Grand Champion Double Coat

SS Some Enchanted Evening

### Reserve Champion Double Coat

RM Dandy Jack, Taylor Huggins

## Ladies & Gentlemen in Hand Results (top three):

### 1st / Grand Champion

Gray shawl  
SS Some Enchanted Evening  
Sandy Nolan

### 2nd / Reserve Champion

Woven rug - Mocha Magic  
Mary Wickman

### 3rd

Brown shawl  
SSam - Mary Wickman



*20 year old Mocha Magic wearing the rug made from his fiber.*

# Estes Park Wool Market Llama Show

June 12 – 14, 2009

The 2009 Estes Park Wool Market llama show was host to 35 ranches from 5 states. As seems to be the tradition with this show, it once again served as the debut llama showing experience for several new llama owners. The show offered the full complement of divisions, including youth judging, specialty fiber arts classes and both youth and open versatility championships.

For exhibitors and the general public alike, one of the highlights of the weekend was the Leaping Llama and Llama Limbo competition held during lunch on Saturday. With about 15 entrants in each contest, they were greeted with ballgame level cheers and groans from a packed grandstand of hundreds of fans.

Fundraising events were also held for the Virginia Christensen National Llama Welfare Award and for Bobra Goldsmith, still working to recover from the loss of her home to fire. Rocky Mountain region's L'illette Vasquez was chosen as this year's Llama

Welfare Award recipient (see the announcement elsewhere in this issue of the Journal).

**Open Versatility Champion:**  
SHAG Power Petrone,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Youth Versatility Champion:**  
Kikaida, Marshall Rutledge

The top three placings at EPWM llama show this year were as follows:

## YOUTH SHOW RESULTS

### Youth Judging

- 1 Laurel Snider
- 2 Marshall Rutledge

### Junior Showmanship

- 1 Millie Mayo, Jurni
- 2 Elektra Hyde,  
E. S. Remington
- 3 Andrea Bulthuis,  
Rocky Mountain Zenith

### Intermediate Showmanship

- 1 Alyssa Carson,  
Rocky Mountain High Spirits
- 2 Emily DiNatale,  
Rocky Mountain Highlight
- 3 Wyatt Mayo,  
RWK Smoke and Mirrors

## Senior Showmanship

- 1 Russell Gotthoffer,  
Double J's Autumn Dancer
- 2 Marshall Rutledge, Kikaida
- 3 Kaycee Anderson, Pusaq

## Junior Obstacle

- 1 Sage Thomas,  
Sugar Valley Aztec
- 2 Millie Mayo, Jurni
- 3 Electra Hyde,  
Inca Alonso of ITA

## Intermediate Obstacle

- 1 Alyssa Carson,  
Rocky Mountain High Spirits
- 2 Colter Unwin, QV Inderite
- 3 Sam Gotthoffer,  
Double J's Sand Dune

## Senior Obstacle

- 1 Marshall Rutledge, Kikaida
- 2 Laurel Snider,  
Double J's Hunter
- 3 Russell Gotthoffer,  
Double J's Autumn Dancer

## Junior Public Relations

- 1 Millie Mayo, Jurni
- 2 Electra Hyde,  
Inca Alonso of ITA
- 3 Andrea Bulthuis,  
Rocky Mountain Zenith

## Intermediate Public Relations

- 1 Alyssa Carson,  
Rocky Mountain High Spirits
- 2 Colter Unwin, QV Inderite
- 3 Sam Gotthoffer,  
Double J's Sand Dune

## Senior Public Relations

- 1 Laurel Snider,  
Double J's Hunter
- 2 Marshall Rutledge, Kikaida
- 3 Warren Lockwood,  
LDL Thunder Snow

## Junior Pack

- 1 Millie Mayo, Jurni
- 2 Sage Thomas,  
Sugar Valley Aztec
- 3 Electra Hyde,  
Inca Alonso of ITA

## Intermediate Pack

- 1 Colter Unwin, QV Inderite
- 2 Alyssa Carson,  
Rocky Mountain High Spirits
- 3 Wyatt Mayo,  
RWK Smoke and Mirrors

## Senior Pack

- 1 Marshall Rutledge, Kikaida
- 2 Laurel Snider,  
Double J's Hunter
- 3 Russell Gotthoffer,  
Double J's Autumn Dancer

## Junior Grand Champion:

Millie Mayo, Jurni

## Junior Reserve Champion:

Sage Thomas, Sugar Valley Aztec

## Intermediate

### Grand Champion:

Alyssa Carson,  
Rocky Mountain High Spirits

## Intermediate

### Reserve Champion:

Colter Unwin, QV Inderite

## Senior

### Grand Champion:

Marshall Rutledge, Kikaida

## Senior

### Reserve Champion:

Laurel Snider, Double J's Hunter

## PERFORMANCE SHOW RESULTS

### Adult Showmanship

- 1 Sandra Lockwood
- 2 Sandra Lea Nolan

### Advanced Obstacle

- 1 Cloud Peak's Totally Calvin,  
Julie Heggie
- 2 HLR Buddy,  
Janine Fausonne
- 3 GSLR John Smith,  
Jerry Dunn

### Advanced Alpaca Obstacle

- 1 Jumpin' Estes,  
Geri Rutledge
- 2 Red Baron, Patti Morgan
- 3 Buck's Ginger,  
Geri Rutledge

### Novice Obstacle

- 1 Lazy H's Spirit of Harlequin,  
Jerry Dunn
- 2 Pusaq, Kaycee Anderson
- 3 Rocky Mountain Highlight,  
Emily DiNatale

### Advanced Public Relations

- 1 Cloud Peak's Totally Calvin,  
Julie Heggie
- 2 Escarpment's Silver Homer,  
Sheree Freidel
- 3 GSLR John Smith,  
Jerry Dunn

### Advanced Alpaca Public Relations

- 1 Jumpin' Estes,  
Geri Rutledge
- 2 Red Baron, Patti Morgan
- 3 Buck's Ginger,  
Geri Rutledge

### Novice Public Relations

- 1 Rocky Mountain Highlight,  
Emily DiNatale
- 2 L's Belle Ultime,  
L'illette Vasquez
- 3 Amanda Bandit's Princess,  
L'illette Vasquez

### Advanced Pack

- 1 Escarpment's Silver Homer,  
Sheree Freidel



2 Cloud Peak's Totally Calvin,  
Julie Heggie

3 LDL Ying Yang,  
Dave & Sandy Lockwood

### Advanced Alpaca Pack

1 Jumpin' Estes,  
Geri Rutledge

2 Red Baron, Patti Morgan

3 Buck's Ginger,  
Geri Rutledge

### Novice Pack

1 Gazo, Julie Heggie

2 SHAG Power Petrone,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

3 Rocky Mountain Highlight,  
Emily DiNatale

### Advanced Grand Champion:

Cloud Peak's Totally Calvin,  
Julie Heggie

### Advanced Reserve Champion:

Escarpment's Silver Homer,  
Sheree Freidel

### Advanced Alpaca Grand Champion:

Jumpin' Estes, Geri Rutledge

### Advanced Alpaca Reserve Champion:

Red Baron, Patti Morgan

### Novice Grand Champion:

Rocky Mountain Highlight,  
Emily DiNatale

### Novice Reserve Champion:

Lazy H's Spirit of Harlequin,  
Jerry Dunn

## FLEECE SHOW RESULTS

### Open Hand Spinner's Choice

1 Double J's Sand Dune,  
Tracy duCharme

2 PHF Valenzuela,  
John & Sharon Beacham

3 Pinup's Pierre,  
Sherri Tallmon

### Open Hand Knit and/or Crochet, Hand Spun by Exhibitor

1 Grand Valley's Garfield,  
Cheryl A. Juntilla

### Shorn Fleece Division Single Coat Fleece Under 24 Months

1 HOLR Dakota,  
Sherrie Tallmon

### Single Coat Fleece Over 24 Months

1 Double J's Midnight Bliss,  
Julie Heggie

### Single Coat Fleece Grand Champion:

HOLR Dakota, Sherrie Tallmon

### Single Coat Fleece Reserve Champion:

Double J's Midnight Bliss,  
Julie Heggie

### Double Coat Fleece Under 24 Months

1 PHF Cadfael's Cassia,  
Sharon Beacham

2 Pinup's Pierre,  
Sherri Tallmon

3 PHF Argentine Valenzuela,  
John & Sharon Beacham

### Double Coat Fleece Over 24 Months

1 Stage Stop Some Enchanted  
Evening, Sandra Nolan

2 Double J's Sand Dune,  
Tracy duCharme

3 PHF Cadfael's Raphael,  
John & Sharon Beacham

### Double Coat Fleece Grand Champion:

PHF Cadfael's Cassia,  
Sharon Beacham

### Double Coat Fleece Reserve Champion:

Pinup's Pierre, Sherri Tallmon

### Suri Coat Fleece Under 24 Months

1 Shag Power Petrone,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

2 MSF Espresso,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

### Walking Fleece Division Single Coat Under 24 Months

1 CTW Halo, Courtnee &  
Robin Benson

### Single Coat Walking Fleece Grand Champion:

CTW Halo,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

### Double Coat Under 24 Months

1 Quenby,  
Paul & Karen Schwartz

2 Jaboulet's Absolut Envy,  
Paul & Karen Schwartz

3 PHF Argentine Valenzuela,  
John & Sharon Beacham

### Double Coat Over 24 Months

1 Prom Queen's Starlett,  
Rhonda Krause &  
John Vasquez

2 Mighty Joe's Daphne,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

3 Emilia, Rhonda Krause  
& John Vasquez

### Double Coat Walking Fleece Grand Champion:

Quenby, Paul & Karen Schwartz

### Double Coat Walking Fleece Reserve Champion:

Prom Queen's Starlett,  
Rhonda Krause & John Vasquez

### Suri Fiber Under 24 Months

1 Shag Power Petrone,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

2 MSF Espresso,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

### Suri Walking Fleece Grand Champion:

Shag Power Petrone,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

### Suri Walking Fleece Reserve Champion:

MSF Espresso,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

## HALTER SHOW RESULTS

### Gold Show

Lora Crawford Judging

### Juvenile Suri Female

1 Ring of Beauty,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

2 SPV Fifty-Two Candles,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

### Yearling Suri Female

1 MSF Espresso,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

### Adult Suri Female

1 Double J's Midnight Bliss,  
Julie Heggie

### Suri Female Grand Champion:

Double J's Midnight Bliss,  
Julie Heggie

### Suri Female Reserve Champion:

Ring of Beauty,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

### Yearling Suri Male

1 Champagner,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

2 Shag Power Petrone,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

### Suri Male Grand Champion:

Champagner,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

### Suri Male

### Reserve Champion:

Shag Power Petrone,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

### Juvenile Light Wool Female

1 Button's Ramblin' Rose,  
Wally & Cheryl Juntilla

2 Foothills Capriosa,  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn

3 Sunny Meadows Talullah,  
Dave & Linda Schroeder

### Yearling Light Wool Female

1 RM Reenie, Patti Morgan

2 LDL Silver Rain,  
Dave & Sandra Lockwood

### Two-Year-Old Light Wool Female

1 LDL Snow Pepper,  
Dave & Sandra Lockwood

### Adult Light Wool Female

1 Banner's Olivia,  
Steve & Leslie Schubert

2 Meeko,  
Colter & Robin Unwin

3 Amanda Bandit's Princess,  
L'illette Vasquez

### Light Wool Female Grand Champion:

RM Reenie, Patti Morgan

### Light Wool Female Reserve Champion:

LDL Snow Pepper,  
Dave & Sandra Lockwood

### Juvenile Light Wool Male

1 Foothill's Buster,  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn

### Yearling Light Wool Male

1 Foothill's Kodiak,  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn

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- 2 Mighty Joe's Mr. Magoo,  
Jerry Dunn
- 2 RWL Smoke and Mirrors,  
Sandra Dee Nolan

**Two-Year-Old Light Wool Male**

- 1 TIH La Grange,  
Wally & Cheryl Juntilla
- 2 L's Belle Ultime,  
L'illette Vasquez

**Adult Light Wool Male**

- 1 Rocky Mountain Saturn,  
Bobra Goldsmith
- 2 Rocky Mountain Highlight,  
Bobra Goldsmith
- 3 Collegiate Peaks Ultimo,  
Bobra Goldsmith

**Light Wool Male  
Grand Champion:**

TIH La Grange,  
Wally & Cheryl Juntilla

**Light Wool Male  
Reserve Champion:**

Foothill's Kodiak,  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn

**Juvenile Medium Wool Female**

- 1 Sunny Meadow's Sweet Repeat,  
Dave & Linda Schroeder
- 2 Dulzura, Carlos Mendoza
- 3 C TW Halo,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Yearling Medium Wool Female**

- 1 Bradford Maribel Star,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson
- 2 Nextstarr's Adelita,  
Carlos Mendoza

**Two-Year-Old Medium Wool Female**

- 1 PHF Cadfael's Cassia,  
John & Sharon Beacham
- 2 Prom Queen's Starlett,  
Rhonda Krause & John Vasquez
- 3 Emilia, Rhonda Krause & John Vasquez

**Adult Medium Wool Female**

- 1 Grand Valley's Curly Q,  
Janine Faussone
- 2 Sophia CCR,  
Steve & Leslie Schubert

**Medium Wool Female  
Grand Champion:**

Sunny Meadow's Sweet Repeat,  
Dave & Linda Schroeder

**Medium Wool Female  
Reserve Champion:**

Dulzura, Carlos Mendoza

**Juvenile Medium Wool Male**

- 1 Untouchable,  
Carlos Mendoza
- 2 Mighty Joe's Charlie Brown,  
Paul & Karen Schwartz

**Yearling Medium Wool Male**

- 1 Foothill's Kaz,  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn
- 2 Mighty Joe's Yosemite Sam,  
Paul & Karen Schwartz
- 3 Loma's Jake,  
Janine Faussone

**Two-Year-Old Medium Wool Male**

- 1 SS Some Enchanted Evening,  
Sandra Lea Nolan

**Adult Medium Wool Male**

- 1 Gazo, Julie Heggie
- 2 GSLR Galileo,  
Molly Finnegan

**Medium Wool Male  
Grand Champion:**

Untouchable, Carlos Mendoza

**Medium Wool Male  
Reserve Champion:**

SS Some Enchanted Evening,  
Sandra Lea Nolan

**Juvenile Heavy Wool Female**

- 1 Nastaza's Canela,  
Carlos Mendoza
- 2 Quenby,  
Paul & Karen Schwartz

**Yearling Heavy Wool Female**

- 1 Double J's Sandy River,  
Julie Heggie
- 2 PHF Argentine Valenzuela,  
John & Sharon Beacham
- 3 GHLC Willa,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Two-Year-Old-Heavy Wool Female**

- 1 Mighty Joe's Daphne,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Adult Heavy Wool Female**

- 1 Peco's Cheri,  
Paul & Karen Schwartz

- 2 Goldie's Prairie Savannah,  
Julie Heggie

**Heavy Wool Female  
Grand Champion:**

Nastaza's Canela, Carlos Mendoza

**Heavy Wool Female  
Reserve Champion:**

Mighty Joe's Daphne,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Yearling Heavy Wool Male**

- 1 Double J's Sandcastle,  
Julie Heggie

**Two-Year-Old Heavy Wool Male**

- 1 Double J's Gold Dust,  
Julie Heggie
- 2 Sunny Meadow's Rebound,  
Rhonda Krause & John Vasquez
- 3 Double J's Humphrey,  
Julie Heggie

**Adult Heavy Wool Male**

- 1 Argentine Isidro,  
Julie Heggie
- 2 Double J's Argentine Espiritu,  
Julie Heggie
- 3 HJ Isidro's Maximum Odds,  
Rhonda Krause & John Vasquez

**Heavy Wool Male  
Grand Champion:**

Double J's Gold Dust, Julie Heggie

**Heavy Wool Male  
Reserve Champion:**

Argentine Isidro, Julie Heggie

**Two-Year-Old Nonbreeder**

- 1 KMJY's Magilla Gorilla,  
Paul & Karen Schwartz

**Adult Nonbreeder**

- 1 HJ Isidro's All the Hard Ways,  
Laurel Snider
- 2 Archangel,  
John & Sharon Beacham
- 3 HJ's Cadfael's Headliner,  
Rhonda Krause & John Vasquez

**Nonbreeder Grand  
Champion:**

HJ Isidro's All the Hard Ways,  
Laurel Snider

**Nonbreeder Reserve  
Champion:**

Archangel,  
John & Sharon Beacham

**Produce of Dam**

- 1 Sharp's Golden Rain,  
Julie Heggie
- 2 Stormy Weather,  
Colter and Robin Unwin
- 3 Betts Supaya,  
Bobra Goldsmith

**Silver Show**

Allen Davis Judging

**Juvenile Suri Female**

- 1 Ring of Beauty,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson
- 2 SPV Fifty-Two Candles,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Yearling Suri Female**

1 MSF Espresso,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Adult Suri Female**

- 1 Double J's Midnight Bliss,  
Julie Heggie

**Suri Female**

**Grand Champion:**

Double J's Midnight Bliss,  
Julie Heggie

**Suri Female**

**Reserve Champion:**

Ring of Beauty,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Yearling Suri Male**

- 1 Champagner,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson
- 2 Shag Power Petrone,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Suri Male**

**Grand Champion:**

Champagner,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Suri Male**

**Reserve Champion:**

Shag Power Petrone,  
Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Juvenile Light Wool Female**

- 1 Button's Ramblin' Rose,  
Wally & Cheryl Juntilla
- 2 Foothills Capriosa,  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn
- 3 LDL Midnight Starr,  
Dave & Sandra Lockwood

**Yearling Light Wool Female**

- 1 RM Reenie, Patti Morgan
- 2 LDL Silver Rain,  
Dave & Sandra Lockwood

**Two-Year-Old Light Wool Female**

- 1 LDL Snow Pepper, Dave & Sandra Lockwood

**Adult Light Wool Female**

- 1 Banner's Olivia, Steve & Leslie Schubert
- 2 Cloudy Day, Colter & Robin Unwin
- 3 Amanda Bandit's Princess, Lillette Vasquez

**Light Wool Female Grand Champion:**

Banner's Olivia, Steve & Leslie Schubert

**Light Wool Female Reserve Champion:**

RM Reenie, Patti Morgan

**Juvenile Light Wool Male**

- 1 Foothill's Buster, Larry & Deanna Lewellyn

**Yearling Light Wool Male**

- 1 Foothill's Kodiak, Larry & Deanna Lewellyn
- 2 Mighty Joe's Mr. Magoo, Jerry Dunn
- 3 LWL Smoke and Mirros, Sandra Dee Nolan

**Two-Year-Old Light Wool Male**

- 1 TIH La Grange, Wally & Cheryl Juntilla
- 2 L's Belle Ultime, Lillette Vasquez

**Adult Light Wool Male**

- 1 Rocky Mountain Saturn, Bobra Goldsmith
- 2 Rocky Mountain Highlight, Bobra Goldsmith
- 3 Collegiate Peaks Ultimo, Bobra Goldsmith

**Light Wool Male Grand Champion:**

TIH La Grange, Wally & Cheryl Juntilla

**Light Wool Male Reserve Champion:**

Foothill's Kodiak, Larry & Deanna Lewellyn

**Juvenile Medium Wool Female**

- 1 Sunny Meadows Sweet Repeat, Dave & Linda Schroeder

- 2 Dulzura, Carlos Mendoza
- 3 CTW Halo, Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Yearling Medium Wool Female**

- 1 Bradford Maribel Star, Courtnee & Robin Benson
- 2 Nextstarr's Adelita, Carlos Mendoza

**Two-Year-Old Medium Wool Female**

- 1 PHF Cadfael's Cassia, John & Sharon Beacham
- 2 Prom Queen's Starlett, Rhonda Krause & John Vasquez
- 3 Emilia, Rhonda Krause & John Vasquez

**Adult Medium Wool Female**

- 1 Grand Valley's Curly Q, Janine Faussone
- 2 Sophia CCR, Steve & Leslie Schubert

**Medium Wool Female Grand Champion:**

Sunny Meadows Sweet Repeat, Dave & Linda Schroeder

**Medium Wool Female Reserve Champion:**

Dulzura, Carlos Mendoza

**Juvenile Medium Wool Male**

- 1 Untouchable, Carlos Mendoza
- 2 Mighty Joe's Charlie Brown, Paul & Karen Schwartz

**Yearling Medium Wool Male**

- 1 Foothill's Kaz, Larry & Deanna Lewellyn
- 2 Mighty Joe's Yosemite Sam, Paul & Karen Schwartz
- 3 Loma's Jake, Janine Faussone

**Two-Year-Old Medium Wool Male**

- 1 SS Some Enchanted Evening, Sandra Lea Nolan

**Adult Medium Wool Male**

- 1 Gazo, Julie Heggie
- 2 GSLR Galileo, Molly Finnegan

**Medium Wool Male Grand Champion:**

Untouchable, Carlos Mendoza

**Medium Wool Male Reserve Champion:**

SS Some Enchanted Evening, Sandra Lea Nolan

**Juvenile Heavy Wool Female**

- 1 Nastaza's Canela, Carlos Mendoza
- 2 Quenby, Paul & Karen Schwartz

**Yearling Heavy Wool Female**

- 1 Double J's Sandy River, Julie Heggie
- 2 GHLC Willa, Courtnee & Robin Benson
- 3 PHF Argentine Valenzuela, John & Sharon Beacham

**Two-Year-Old-Heavy Wool Female**

- 1 Mighty Joe's Daphne, Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Adult Heavy Wool Female**

- 1 Peco's Cheri, Paul & Karen Schwartz
- 2 Goldie's Prairie Savannah, Julie Heggie

**Heavy Wool Female Grand Champion:**

Nastaza's Canela, Carlos Mendoza

**Heavy Wool Female Reserve Champion:**

Mighty Joe's Daphne, Courtnee & Robin Benson

**Yearling Heavy Wool Male**

- 1 Double J's Sandcastle, Julie Heggie

**Two-Year-Old Heavy Wool Male**

- 1 Double J's Gold Dust, Julie Heggie
- 2 Sunny Meadow's Rebound, Rhonda Krause & John Vasquez

- 3 Double J's Humphrey, Julie Heggie

**Adult Heavy Wool Male**

- 1 Double J's Argentine Espiritu, Julie Heggie
- 2 Argentine Isidro, Julie Heggie
- 3 HJ Isidro's Maximum Odds, Rhonda Krause & John Vasquez

**Heavy Wool Male Grand Champion:**

Double J's Argentine Espiritu, Julie Heggie

**Heavy Wool Male Reserve Champion:**

Argentine Isidro, Julie Heggie

**Two-Year-Old Nonbreeder**

- 1 KMJY's Magilla Gorilla, Paul & Karen Schwartz

**Adult Nonbreeder**

- 1 HJ Isidro's All the Hard Ways, Laurel Snider
- 2 HJ Cadfael's Headliner, Rhonda Krause & John Vasquez
- 3 Houdini, John & Sharon Beacham

**Nonbreeder Grand Champion:**

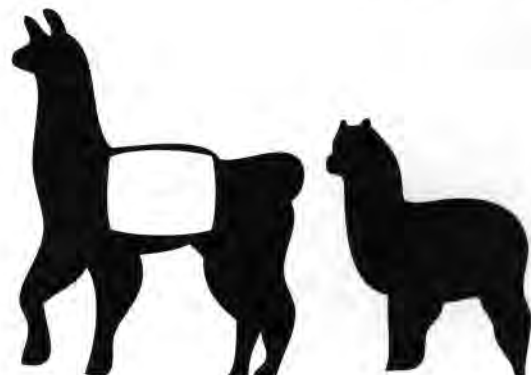
HJ Isidro's All the Hard Ways, Laurel Snider

**Nonbreeder Reserve Champion:**

HJ Cadfael's Headliner, Rhonda Krause & John Vasquez

**Produce of Dam**

- 1 Sharp's Golden Rain, Julie Heggie
- 2 Stormy Weather, Colter and Robin Unwin
- 3 Betts Supaya, Bobra Goldsmith





# 2009 ALSA Rocky Mountain Regional Championship



**T**his year the RMLA Annual Meeting and the ALSA Rocky Mountain Regional Championship Show were both held on the weekend of September 26 - 27 at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Brighton, Colorado. There were a number of "firsts" at this year's Championship. As far as I know, it was the first time this show had been held in Adams County. It was the first time that the top six finishers in each division qualified for the ALSA Grand National Championship. It was the first time that performance classes were offered in Novice, Advanced and Masters Divisions. And, it was the first time I had ever been superintendent of a Regional Championship. Fortunately, I had the help of a lot of experienced volunteers who made my job easy.

Larry Lewellyn deserves most of the credit for making this show a success. For a while it appeared we might not be able to find a facility on a date that would not conflict with any other RMLA events. However, Larry spent a lot of time on the telephone contacting most of the fairgrounds in Colorado until he found one that had an appropriate facility available when we needed it. He coordinated with the Fairground personnel and made sure the arena was set up the way we needed it. Larry was also responsible for obtaining the sponsorships of Quality Llama Products and the Land o Lakes division of Purina. If that wasn't enough, he also did a wonderful job

as head chef for the dinner we all enjoyed after the RMLA Annual Meeting.

Huge "Thank You's" go to Gerald and Bobbi Losasso for setting up the performance courses; to Mary Wickman for being in charge of the ribbons and premium envelopes; to Maureen Bergenfeld for serving as both clerk and announcer; to Sandy Lockwood for helping with check-in and on the performance courses; to Ann Bruhn for serving as ring steward for the halter classes; to Bob Welsh for being gatekeeper; to Terri Huggins for helping in



a number of areas; to everybody else who stepped in and helped wherever they could without even being asked; and, of course, to Wally Juntilla for doing whatever I asked him to do and putting up with me.

I also want to thank Dr. Debbie Mayo for being the on-call veterinarian and Charlie Hackbarth, Paul Schwarz and Jim Osmun for supporting

the event. Charlie had a large display of tack and equipment available for purchase. Paul brought his equipment to provide blade sharpening services to those who needed them. Jim sold a variety of previously owned items and donated the proceeds to the RMLA Foundation. Charlie also donated a pack system to the Silent Auction which Marshall and Geri Rutledge organized for the benefit of the RMLA Foundation. As usual, the Silent Auction was a lot of fun, with some very competitive last-minute bidding.

With so many great volunteers, about all I had to worry about was getting the taco bar ready for lunch and the vegetarian chili hot in time for dinner to go with the delicious steaks that Larry grilled for us. Cooking with tofu was another personal first for me, but it must have turned out okay. Several people have asked for the chili recipe, so I am including it in this issue.

Even though classes were small, people seemed to have a good time and enjoy the opportunity to socialize with other RMLA members. Thank you to everybody who entered and everybody who came to watch. Please keep your eyes open for announcements about the 2010 Rocky Mountain Regional Championship. Plans are already in the works to make it bigger and better.



# 2009 Rocky Mountain Regional Championship Show Results

Photos of Regional Winners courtesy of Lauren Munger, Laughing Llama Studio

## Junior Youth Showmanship

- 1 Millie Mayo showing Jurni

## Intermediate Youth Showmanship

- 1 Hanna Jenkins showing Escarpment's T Tres
- 2 Sara Jenkins showing Ballistic Bull Dozer

## Senior Youth Showmanship

- 1 Marshal Rutledge showing Kikaida

## Master Public Relations

- 1 Wheatfield's Ziggy Gerald Losasso
- 2 Mocha Magic Mary Wickman

## Advanced Public Relations

- 1 Wheatfield's Blue Thunder Gerald Losasso
- 2 Wheatfield's Butler Bobbi Losasso
- 3 HLR Buddy, Janine Fausson
- 4 Wheatfield's Chairmann Bobbi Losasso
- 5 Cloud Peak's Totally Calvin, Julie Heggie
- 6 Grand Valley's Garfield Wally Juntilla

## Advanced Alpaca Public Relations

- 1 Bucks Ginger, Geri Rutledge
- 2 Jumpin Estes, Geri Rutledge

## Novice Public Relations

- 1 Llazy H's Spirit of Harlequin Jerry Dunn
- 2 Gazo, Laurel Snider
- 3 Double J's Espiritu Gayle Woodsum
- 4 Kaktus Jack, Janine Fausson
- 5 T I H LaGrange Wally Juntilla

## Senior Youth Public Relations

- 1 Laurel Snider showing Double J's Hunter
- 2 Marshal Rutledge showing Kikaida

## Intermediate Youth Public Relations

- 1 Hanna Jenkins showing Escarpment's T Tres
- 2 Taylor Huggins showing PHF Clearly Cadfael's
- 3 Sara Jenkins showing Ballistic Bull Dozer

## Youth Alpaca Public Relations

- 1 Marshal Rutledge showing Dafi Picasso

## Junior Youth Public Relations

- 1 Millie Mayo showing Jurni

## Master Obstacle

- 1 Wheatfield's Ziggy Gerald Losasso
- 2 Mocha Magic Mary Wickman

## Advanced Obstacle

- 1 Wheatfield's Butler Bobbi Losasso
- 2 Wheatfield's Blue Thunder Gerald Losasso
- 3 Cloud Peak's Totally Calvin Julie Heggie
- 4 Grand Valley's Garfield Wally Juntilla
- 5 HLR Buddy Janine Fausson
- 6 Wheatfield's Chairmann Bobbi Losasso

## Advanced Alpaca Obstacle

- 1 Bucks Ginger, Geri Rutledge
- 2 Jumpin Estes, Geri Rutledge

## Novice Obstacle

- 1 Gazo, Laurel Snider
- 2 Llazy H's Spirit of Harlequin Jerry Dunn
- 3 Double J's Espiritu Gayle Woodsum
- 4 T I H LaGrange Wally Juntilla
- 5 Kaktus Jack, Janine Fausson

## Senior Youth Obstacle

- 1 Laurel Snider showing Double J's Hunter
- 2 Marshal Rutledge showing Kikaida

## Intermediate Youth Obstacle

- 1 Hanna Jenkins showing Escarpment's T Tres
- 2 Taylor Huggins showing PHF Clearly Cadfael's
- 3 Sara Jenkins showing Ballistic Bull Dozer

## Youth Alpaca Obstacle

- 1 Marshal Rutledge showing Dafi Picasso

## Junior Youth Obstacle

- 1 Millie Mayo showing Jurni

## Master Pack

- 1 Wheatfield's Ziggy Gerald Losasso
- 2 Mocha Magic Mary Wickman

## Advanced Pack

- 1 Wheatfield's Butler Bobbi Losasso
- 2 Grand Valley's Garfield Wally Juntilla
- 3 Wheatfield's Blue Thunder Gerald Losasso
- 4 Cloud Peak's Totally Calvin Julie Heggie
- 5 HLR Buddy, Janine Fausson
- 6 Wheatfield's Chairmann Bobbi Losasso

## Advanced Alpaca Pack

- 1 Bucks Ginger, Geri Rutledge
- 2 Jumpin Estes, Geri Rutledge

## Novice Pack

- 1 Double J's Espiritu Gayle Woodsum
- 2 Llazy H's Spirit of Harlequin Jerry Dunn
- 3 T I H LaGrange Wally Juntilla
- 4 Gazo, Laurel Snider
- 5 Kaktus Jack, Janine Fausson

## Senior Youth Pack

- 1 Laurel Snider showing Double J's Hunter
- 2 Marshal Rutledge showing Kikaida



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**Intermediate Youth Pack**

- 1 Hanna Jenkins showing Escarpment's T Tres
- 2 Taylor Huggins showing PHF Clearly Cadfael's
- 3 Sara Jenkins showing Ballistic Bull Dozer



**Youth Alpaca Pack**

- 1 Marshal Rutledge showing Dafi Picasso

**Junior Youth Pack**

- 1 Millie Mayo showing Jurni

**Grand Champion**

**Junior Youth Performance**

Millie Mayo showing Jurni

**Grand/Reserve/Top 6 Intermediate Youth Performance**

**Grand Champion**

Hanna Jenkins showing Escarpment's T Tres

**Reserve Champion**

Taylor Huggins showing PHF Clearly Cadfael's

- 3rd Sara Jenkins showing Ballistic Bull Dozer



**Grand/Reserve/Top 6 Senior Youth Performance**

**Grand Champion**

Laurel Snider showing Double J's Hunter

**Reserve Champion**

Marshal Rutledge showing Kikaida

**Grand Champion Youth Alpaca Performance**

Marshal Rutledge showing Dafi Picasso

**Grand/Reserve/Top 6 Novice Performance**

**Grand Champion**

Llazy H's Spirit of Harlequin  
Jerry Dunn

**Reserve Champion**

Gazo, Laurel Snider

- 3rd Double J's Espiritu  
Gayle Woodsum

- 4th T I H LaGrange  
Wally Juntilla

- 5th Kaktus Jack, Janine Fausson



**Grand/Reserve/Top 6 Advanced Alpaca Performance**

**Grand Champion**

Bucks Ginger, Geri Rutledge

**Reserve Champion**

Jumpin Estes, Geri Rutledge

**Grand/Reserve/Top 6 Advanced Performance**

**Grand Champion**

Wheatfield's Butler, Bobbi Losasso

**Reserve Champion**

Wheatfield's Blue Thunder  
Gerald Losasso

- 3rd Grand Valley's Garfield,  
Wally Juntilla

- 4th Cloud Peak's Totally Calvin,  
Julie Heggie

- 5th HLR Buddy, Janine Fausson

- 6th Wheatfield's Chairmann,  
Bobbi Losasso

**Grand/Reserve/Top 6 Masters Performance**

**Grand Champion**

Wheatfield's Ziggy, Gerald Losasso

**Reserve Champion**

Mocha Magic, Mary Wickman

**Senior Youth Judging**

- 1 Laurel Snider
  - 2 Marshal Rutledge
- Suri Wool Juvenile Male

- 1 JLL Dream Easy  
Robert & Jill Knuckles

**Suri Wool 2 Year Old Male**

- 1 Sensation's Don Ignacio,  
Carlos Mendoza

**Suri Wool Adult Male**

- 1 Azure's Playboy  
Taylor Huggins

**Grand/Reserve/Top 6 Suri Male**

**Grand Champion**

JLL Dream Easy  
Robert & Jill Knuckles

**Reserve Champion**

Sensation's Don Ignacio  
Carlos Mendoza

- 3rd Azure's Playboy  
Taylor Huggins

**Suri Wool Adult Female**

**1 and Grand Champion**

Double J's Midnight Bliss  
Gayle Woodsum & Julie Heggie

**Light Wool Yearling Male**

- 1 RWL Antero's Reach  
Judy & Kurt Glaser
- 2 Foothills Kodiak  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn
- 3 Foothills Buster  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn

**Light Wool Adult Male**

- 1 T I H LaGrange  
Wallace Juntilla

**Grand/Reserve/Top 6 Light Wool Male**

**Grand Champion**

RWL Antero's Reach  
Judy & Kurt Glaser

**Reserve Champion**

Foothills Kodiak  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn

- 3rd T I H LaGrange  
Wallace Juntilla

- 4th Foothills Buster  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn

**Light Wool Yearling Female**

- 1 Button's Ramblin' Rose  
Wallace Juntilla
- 2 Foothills Capriosa  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn

**Light Wool Adult Female**

- 1 Banner's Olivia  
Steve & Leslie Schubert
- 2 Dotsero, Judy & Kurt Glaser

**Grand/Reserve/Top 6 Light Wool Female**

**Grand Champion**

Banner's Olivia  
Steve & Leslie Schubert

**Reserve Champion**

Button's Ramblin' Rose  
Wallace Juntilla

- 3rd Foothills Capriosa  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn

- 4th Dotsero, Judy & Kurt Glaser

**Medium Wool Yearling Male**

- 1 Foothills Kaz  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn
- 2 Stage Stop Crystal Wizard  
Barbara Harris

- 3 Loma's Jake, Janine Fausson

**Medium Wool Adult Male**

- 1 Gazo, Laurel Snider
- 2 Savoi, Barbara Harris



**Grand/Reserve/  
Top 6 Medium Wool Male**

**Grand Champion**

Foothills Kaz  
Larry & Deanna Lewellyn

**Reserve Champion**

Gazo, Laurel Snider

3rd Stage Stop Crystal Wizard,  
Barbara Harris

4th Savoi, Barbara Harris

5th Loma's Jake, Janine Fausson

**Medium Wool Juvenile Female**

1 Dulzura, Carlos Mendoza

**Medium Wool Yearling Female**

1 Tall Tail's Miraval  
Robert & Jill Knuckles

2 Tall Tail's Sassafras  
Robert & Jill Knuckles

3 Adelita, Carlos Mendoza

**Medium Wool  
2 Year Old Female**

1 Double J's Sands of Laramie  
Gayle Woodsum &  
Julie Heggie

2 Maricela, Judy & Kurt Glaser

3 Loma's Chula  
Janine Fausson

**Medium Wool Adult Female**

1 Sophia CCR  
Steve and Leslie Schubert

2 Grand Valley's Curly Q,  
Janine Fausson

**Grand/Reserve/Top 6 Medium  
Wool Female**

**Grand Champion**

Tall Tail's Miraval  
Robert & Jill Knuckles

**Reserve Champion**

Double J's Sands of Laramie  
Gayle Woodsum & Julie Heggie

3rd Sophia CCR  
Steve and Leslie Schubert

4th Grand Valley's Curly Q,  
Janine Fausson

5th Dulzura, Carlos Mendoza

6th Maricela, Judy & Kurt Glaser

**Heavy Wool Yearling Male**

1 Untouchable  
Mary Beth McCormick

**Heavy Wool 2 Year Old Male**

1 Tall Tail's Palermo  
Robert & Jill Knuckles

**Heavy Wool Adult Male**

1 Double J's Gold Dust,  
Gayle Woodsum &  
Julie Heggie

**Grand/Reserve/  
Top 6 Heavy Wool Male**

**Grand Champion**

Double J's Gold Dust  
Gayle Woodsum & Julie Heggie

**Reserve Champion**

Untouchable, Mary Beth McCormick

3rd Tall Tail's Palermo  
Robert & Jill Knuckles

**Heavy Wool Juvenile Female**

1 Jack's Espiritu de Luna,  
Susan Proctor

2 Nastaza's Canela  
Carlos Mendoza

**Heavy Wool 2 Year Old  
Female**

1 Tall Tail's Seychelle  
Robert & Jill Knuckles

**Grand/Reserve/  
Top 6 Heavy Wool Female**

**Grand Champion**

Nastaza's Canela, Carlos Mendoza

**Reserve Champion**

Tall Tail's Seychelle  
Robert & Jill Knuckles

3rd Jack's Espiritu de Luna,  
Susan Proctor

**Non-Breeder Adult**

1 Kaktus Jack, Janine Fausson

2 HJ Isidro's All the Hard Ways  
Laurel Snider

3 Grand Valley's Garfield,  
Wallace Juntilla

**Grand/Reserve/  
Top 6 Non-Breeder**

**Grand Champion**

Kaktus Jack, Janine Fausson

**Reserve Champion**

HJ Isidro's All the Hard Ways,  
Laurel Snider

3rd Grand Valley's Garfield,  
Wallace Juntilla

**Best of Show Male**

Double J's Gold Dust  
Gayle Woodsum & Julie Heggie

**Best of Show Female**

Nastaza's Canela, Carlos Mendoza



## Winter Water Heater Tip

By Larry Lewellyn



We all are trying save energy and put a little change back in our pocket. I have been using Thermo Cube by Farm Innovators for a while in our water tanks. This thermostatically controlled outlet turns the power On/Off automatically according to outside temperatures. It comes on at 35F and off at 45F. It is great for use with stock tanks, de-icers, heat tape, heat lamps and engine block systems. This unit features two receptacles for use with more than one electrical device and plugs into a standard outlet. It uses 15 amps and saves energy and equipment by running only when necessary.

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|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| <b>ALSA Part 1</b>                |   | 6                                 | Alysan Dahl<br>Stage Stop Starlight Express        | <b>Intermediate (Age 12 - 14)</b> |  | 3                         | HJ Isidro's All The Hard Ways<br>Laurel Snider       |
| Judge Wally Baker                 |   |                                   |  | 1                                 | Hanna Jenkins<br>Escarpmen't's T Tres              | 4                         | Gazo<br>Laurel Snider                                |
| <b>Youth Showmanship</b>          |   |                                   | <b>Senior (Age 15 - 18)</b>                        | 2                                 | Taylor Huggins<br>PHF Clearly Cadfael's            | 5                         | Double J's Argentine Espiritu<br>Gayle Woodsum       |
| <b>Junior (8 - 11)</b>            |   | 1                                 | Laurel Snider<br>Double J's Hunter                 | 3                                 | Rachel Dahl<br>E2U! Hot Shot Of Kahlua             | 6                         | HJ Yecu's Tall, Dark, &<br>Handsome<br>Gayle Woodsum |
| 1                                 | Claire Zahorik<br>FFF Fudge.Com                     | 2                                 | Andy Darter<br>Carla's Mystic Lightening           | 4                                 | Connor Robertson<br>Stage Stop Flint Eastwood      | <b>Obstacle</b>           |  |
| 2                                 | Millie Mayo, Jurni                                  | 3                                 | Warren Lockwood<br>LDL Thundersnow                 | 5                                 | Taylor Tsakopulos<br>Indian Peak's Samwon          | 1                         | T I H La Grange<br>Wally Juntilla                    |
| <b>Intermediate (12 - 14)</b>     |   | 4                                 | Sarah Budney<br>Stage Stop Quarterback             | 6                                 | Wyatt Mayo<br>RWL Smoke And Mirrors                | 2                         | Double J's Argentine Espiritu<br>Gayle Woodsum       |
| 1                                 | Hanna Jenkins<br>Escarpmen't's T Tres               | 5                                 | Melissa Quackenbush<br>BDQ Chirimeister's Eldorado | <b>Senior (Age 15 - 18)</b>       |  | 3                         | HJ Yecu's Tall, Dark, &<br>Handsome<br>Gayle Woodsum |
| 2                                 | Sara Jenkins, Escarpmen't's<br>Ballistic Bulldozer  | 6                                 | Adam Magginetti<br>Stage Stop Black Jack           | 1                                 | Laurel Snider<br>Double J's Hunter                 | 4                         | Llazy H's Spirit Of Harlequin<br>Jerry Dunn          |
| 3                                 | Rachel Dahl<br>E2U! Hot Shot Of Kahlua              | <b>Youth Pack</b>                 |  | 2                                 | Andy Darter<br>Carla's Mystic Lightening           | 5                         | Gazo, Laurel Snider                                  |
| 4                                 | Wyatt Mayo<br>RWL Smoke And Mirrors                 | <b>Junior (Age 8 - 11)</b>        |  | 3                                 | Warren Lockwood<br>LDL Thundersnow                 | 6                         | Argentine Isidro (Et)<br>Laurel Snider               |
| 5                                 | Samuel Gotthoffer<br>Double J's Sand Dune           | 1                                 | Millie Mayo, Jurni                                 | 4                                 | Sarah Budney<br>Stage Stop Quarterback             | <b>Pack</b>               |  |
| 6                                 | Alysan Dahl<br>Stage Stop Starlight Express         | 2                                 | Claire Zahorik<br>FFF Fudge.Com                    | 5                                 | Melissa Quackenbush<br>BDQ Chirimeister's Eldorado | 1                         | Gazo, Laurel Snider                                  |
| <b>Senior (15 - 18)</b>           |   | <b>Intermediate (Age 12 - 14)</b> |  | 6                                 | Adam Magginetti<br>Stage Stop Black Jack           | 2                         | Double J's Argentine Espiritu<br>Gayle Woodsum       |
| 1                                 | Melissa Quackenbush<br>BDQ Chirimeister's Eldorado  | 1                                 | Hanna Jenkins<br>Escarpmen't's T Tres              | <b>Youth Performance</b>          |  | 3                         | HJ Isidro's All The Hard Ways<br>Laurel Snider       |
| 2                                 | Sarah Budney<br>Stage Stop Quarterback              | 2                                 | Taylor Huggins<br>PHF Clearly Cadfael's            | <b>Champions</b>                  |  | 4                         | Kaktus Jack<br>Janine Faussonne                      |
| 3                                 | Laurel Snider, Gazo                                 | 3                                 | Alysan Dahl<br>Stage Stop Starlight Express        | <b>Junior Grand Champion</b>      |  | 5                         | Stage Stop Some Enchanted<br>Evening, Sandra Nolan   |
| 4                                 | Adam Magginetti<br>Stage Stop Black Jack            | 4                                 | Rachel Dahl<br>E2U! Hot Shot Of Kahlua             | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | 6                         | Llazy H's Spirit Of Harlequin<br>Jerry Dunn          |
| <b>Adult Showmanship</b>          |   | 5                                 | Connor Robertson<br>Stage Stop Flint Eastwood      | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Novice Performance</b> |  |
| 1                                 | Tiffani Quackenbush<br>FFF Professor                | 6                                 | Taylor Tsakopulos<br>Indian Peak's Samwon          | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Grand Champion</b>     |  |
| 2                                 | Sandy Nolan<br>Stage Stop Some Enchanted<br>Evening | <b>Senior (Age 15 - 18)</b>       |  | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Novice Performance</b> |  |
| <b>Youth Performance</b>          |   | 1                                 | Laurel Snider<br>Double J's Hunter                 | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Grand Champion</b>     |  |
| <b>Public Relations</b>           |   | 2                                 | Andy Darter<br>Carla's Mystic Lightening           | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Novice Performance</b> |  |
| <b>Junior (Age 8 - 11)</b>        |   | 3                                 | Melissa Quackenbush<br>BDQ Chirimeister's Eldorado | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| 1                                 | Millie Mayo, Jurni                                  | 4                                 | Warren Lockwood<br>LDL Thundersnow                 | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| 2                                 | Claire Zahorik<br>FFF Fudge.Com                     | 5                                 | Sarah Budney<br>Stage Stop Quarterback             | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| <b>Intermediate (Age 12 - 14)</b> |   | 6                                 | Adam Magginetti<br>Stage Stop Black Jack           | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| 1                                 | Hanna Jenkins<br>Escarpmen't's T Tres               | <b>Youth Obstacle</b>             |  | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| 2                                 | Rachel Dahl<br>E2U! Hot Shot Of Kahlua              | <b>Junior (Age 8 - 11)</b>        |  | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| 3                                 | Taylor Tsakopulos<br>Indian Peak's Samwon           | 1                                 | Millie Mayo, Jurni                                 | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| 4                                 | Taylor Huggins<br>PHF Clearly Cadfael's             | 2                                 | Claire Zahorik<br>FFF Fudge.Com                    | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| 5                                 | Samuel Gotthoffer<br>Double J's Sand Dune           | <b>Youth Obstacle</b>             |  | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| <b>Intermediate (Age 12 - 14)</b> |   | <b>Junior (Age 8 - 11)</b>        |  | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| 1                                 | Hanna Jenkins<br>Escarpmen't's T Tres               | <b>Junior (Age 8 - 11)</b>        |  | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| 2                                 | Rachel Dahl<br>E2U! Hot Shot Of Kahlua              | <b>Junior (Age 8 - 11)</b>        |  | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| 3                                 | Taylor Tsakopulos<br>Indian Peak's Samwon           | <b>Junior (Age 8 - 11)</b>        |  | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| 4                                 | Taylor Huggins<br>PHF Clearly Cadfael's             | <b>Junior (Age 8 - 11)</b>        |  | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |
| 5                                 | Samuel Gotthoffer<br>Double J's Sand Dune           | <b>Junior (Age 8 - 11)</b>        |  | <b>Junior Reserve Champion</b>    |  | <b>Reserve Champion</b>   |  |

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|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| 6 | D's Pongo<br>Deanna Lewellyn                         |   | <b>Non-Breeder<br/>Grand Champion</b>             | 5 | Stage Stop Out Of Sight<br>Intentions, Tamara Olsen    |   | <b>Reserve Champion<br/>Suri Male</b>               |
|   | <b>Obstacle</b>                                      |   | HJ Isidro's All The Hard Ways<br>Laurel Snider    | 6 | Wheatfield's Calico Girl<br>Rex Reinecker              |   | SJJA Espresso Fox, Cherise Jolley                   |
| 1 | D's Pongo<br>Deanna Lewellyn                         |   | <b>Non-Breeder<br/>Reserve Champion</b>           |   | <b>Two Year Old</b>                                    |   | <b>Light Wool Male<br/>Yearling</b>                 |
| 2 | Cloud Peak's Totally Calvin<br>Julie Heggie          |   | HJ Yecu's Tall, Dark, & Handsome<br>Gayle Woodsum | 1 | PHF Cadfael's Cassia<br>Sharon Beacham                 | 1 | RWL Antero's Reach<br>Judy Glaser                   |
| 3 | Wheatfield's Ziggy<br>Gerald Lossaso                 |   | <b>Light Wool Female<br/>Juvenile</b>             | 2 | Sweet Chips RER<br>Deb Sund                            | 2 | Foothills Buster<br>Larry Lewellyn                  |
| 4 | Mocha Magic<br>Mary Wickman                          |   | <b>Yearling</b>                                   |   | <b>Adult</b>   | 3 | Foothills Kodiak<br>Deanna Lewellyn                 |
| 5 | Wheatfield's Chairmann<br>Bobbi Lossaso              | 1 | Button's Ramblin' Rose<br>Wally Juntilla          | 1 | Grand Valley's Curly Q<br>Janine Faussonne             | 4 | Senor Solamente Una Vez<br>Barbara Fillmore         |
| 6 | Grand Valley's Garfield<br>Cheryl Juntilla           | 1 | <b>Yearling</b>                                   | 2 | GVL Sunfire, Dee January                               | 5 | Loma's Jake<br>Janine Faussonne                     |
|   | <b>Pack</b>  |   | Senorita La Macarena<br>Ashley Fillmore           |   | <b>Grand Champion<br/>Medium Wool Female</b>           |   | <b>Two Year Old</b>                                 |
| 1 | Cloud Peak's Totally Calvin<br>Julie Heggie          | 2 | Foothills Capriosa<br>Larry Lewellyn              |   | Dulzura, Carlos Mendoza                                | 1 | RWL Smoke And Mirrors<br>Sandra Nolan               |
| 2 | Grand Valley's Garfield<br>Cheryl Juntilla           | 3 | LDL Silver Rain<br>Dave Lockwood                  |   | <b>Reserve Champion<br/>Medium Wool Female</b>         |   | <b>Adult</b>  |
| 3 | Wheatfield's Ziggy<br>Gerald Lossaso                 | 4 | LDL Midnight Starr<br>Dave Lockwood               |   | PHF Cadfael's Cassia<br>Sharon Beacham                 | 1 | D's Pongo, Deanna Lewellyn                          |
| 4 | Mocha Magic<br>Mary Wickman                          | 5 | RWL Kiska, Judy Glaser                            |   | <b>Heavy Wool Female<br/>Juvenile</b>                  | 2 | T I H La Grange<br>Cheryl Juntilla                  |
| 5 | Banner's Bocelli, Jerry Dunn                         |   | <b>Two Year Old</b>                               | 1 | Nastaza's Canela<br>Mary Beth McCormick                |   | <b>Grand Champion<br/>Light Wool Male</b>           |
| 6 | D's Pongo, Deanna Lewellyn                           | 1 | LDL Snow Pepper<br>Dave Lockwood                  | 2 | Jack's Espiritu De Luna<br>Susan Proctor               |   | D's Pongo, Deanna Lewellyn                          |
|   | <b>Advanced Performance<br/>Grand Champion</b>       |   | <b>Adult</b>                                      |   | <b>Two Year Old</b>                                    |   | <b>Reserve Champion<br/>Light Wool Male</b>         |
|   | Cloud Peak's Totally Calvin<br>Julie Heggie          | 1 | Rambutan's Pickachu<br>Deanna Lewellyn            | 1 | Tall Tail's Argentine Seychelle<br>Rob & Jill Knuckles |   | RWL Antero's Reach, Judy Glaser                     |
|   | <b>Advanced Performance<br/>Reserve Champion</b>     | 2 | Rambutan's Rainbo<br>Larry Lewellyn               | 2 | PHF Argentine Valenzuela<br>Sharon Beacham             |   | <b>Medium Wool Male<br/>Yearling</b>                |
|   | Wheatfield's Ziggy<br>Gerald Lossaso                 | 3 | Maggie's Magnolia<br>Dee January                  |   | <b>Grand Champion<br/>Heavy Wool Female</b>            | 1 | Stage Stop Crystal Wizard<br>Barbara Harris         |
|   | <b>Pack String</b>                                   |   | <b>Grand Champion<br/>Light Wool Female</b>       |   | Nastaza's Canela<br>Mary Beth McCormick                | 2 | Foothills Kaz<br>Larry Lewellyn                     |
| 1 | Double J's Argentine Espiritu<br>Gayle Woodsum       |   | Senorita La Macarena<br>Ashley Fillmore           |   | <b>Reserve Champion<br/>Heavy Wool Female</b>          | 3 | Wheatfield's Rocky Road<br>Rex Reinecker            |
| 2 | Mocha Magic<br>Mary Wickman                          |   | <b>Reserve Champion<br/>Light Wool Female</b>     |   | Tall Tail's Argentine Seychelle<br>Rob & Jill Knuckles | 4 | Tiki's Easy's Twist<br>Morgan Kanavel               |
|   | <b>Halter</b>  |   | Rambutan's Pickachu<br>Deanna Lewellyn            |   | <b>Suri Wool Male<br/>Juvenile</b>                     |   | <b>Two Year Old</b>                                 |
|   | <b>Adult Non-Breeding Llama</b>                      |   | <b>Medium Wool Female<br/>Juvenile</b>            |   | JLL Dream Easy<br>Rob & Jill Knuckles                  | 1 | Tall Tail's Torino<br>Robert & Jill Knuckles        |
| 1 | HJ Isidro's All The Hard Ways<br>Laurel Snider       | 1 | Dulzura, Carlos Mendoza                           | 1 | <b>Yearling</b>  | 2 | Stage Stop Some<br>Enchanted Evening<br>Sandy Nolan |
| 2 | HJ Yecu's Tall, Dark, &<br>Handsome<br>Gayle Woodsum | 2 | Wheatfield's Miss Kristy<br>Rex Reinecker         |   | SJJA Espresso Fox<br>Cherise Jolley                    | 3 | Wheatfield's Chairmann<br>Gerald Lossaso            |
| 3 | Archangel, Sharon Beacham                            |   | <b>Yearling</b>                                   |   | <b>Two Year Old</b>                                    | 4 | Wheatfield's Blue Thunder<br>Bobbi Lossaso          |
| 4 | Cloud Peak's Totally Calvin<br>Julie Heggie          | 1 | Tall Tail's Miraval<br>Rob & Jill                 |   | Sensation's Don Ignacio<br>Carlos Mendoza              |   | <b>Adult</b>  |
| 5 | Grand Valley's Garfield<br>Cheryl Juntilla           | 2 | Tall Tail's Sassafras<br>Rob & Jill Knuckles      | 1 | <b>Grand Champion<br/>Suri Male</b>                    | 1 | HJ Cadfael's Casper<br>Judy Wolff-Mills             |
| 6 | LDL Yinyang<br>Amy Lockwood                          | 3 | Nextstarr's Adelita<br>Mary Beth McCormick        |   | JLL Dream Easy<br>Rob & Jill Knuckles                  |   |   |
|   |  | 4 | RWL Elektra - Judy Glaser                         |   |  |   |   |

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**Grand Champion  
Medium Wool Male**

Tall Tail's Torino  
Rob & Jill Knuckles

**Reserve Champion  
Medium Wool Male**

HJ Cadfael's Casper  
Judy Wolff-Mills

**Heavy Wool Male  
Juvenile**

1 Midnight Shado!  
Linda Hayes

**Yearling**

1 Untouchable  
Mary Beth McCormick

**Two Year Old**

1 Tall Tail's Palermo  
Rob & Jill Knuckles  
2 Savoi, Barbara Harris  
3 Stage Stop Flint Eastwood  
Roy Leach  
4 Stobie's Kannon, Deb Sund

**Adult**

1 Wheatfield's Butler  
Bobbi Lossaso  
2 Rambutan's Woodstock  
Larry Lewellyn  
3 Argentine Soleado  
Kim Sawyer

**Grand Champion  
Heavy Wool Male**

Untouchable, Mary Beth McCormick

**Reserve Champion  
Heavy Wool Male**

Tall Tail's Palermo  
Rob & Jill Knuckles

**Get Of Sire**

1 PHF Picacho's Rambutan  
Deanna Lewellyn

**ALSA Part 2**

Judge Maryan Baker

**PERFORMANCE**

**Open Public Relations**

1 Mocha Magic  
Mary Wickman  
2 D's Pongo, Deanna Lewellyn  
3 Grand Valley's Garfield  
Cheryl Juntilla  
4 FFF Professor  
Tiffani Quackenbush  
5 Indian Peak's Samwon  
Taylor Tsakopulos  
6 LDL Yinyang  
Warren Lockwood

**Open Obstacle Class**

1 D's Pongo, Deanna Lewellyn  
2 Grand Valley's Garfield  
Cheryl Juntilla  
3 Mocha Magic  
Mary Wickman  
4 Stage Stop Some  
Enchanted Evening  
Sandy Nolan  
5 Mr Dynamo, Mary Wickman  
6 Indian Peak's Samwon  
Taylor Tsakopulos

**Open Pack Llama**

1 Mocha Magic  
Mary Wickman  
2 D's Pongo, Deanna Lewellyn  
3 Grand Valley's Garfield  
Cheryl Juntilla  
4 FFF Professor  
Tiffani Quackenbush  
5 Stage Stop Some  
Enchanted Evening  
Sandy Nolan  
6 LDL Yinyang  
Warren Lockwood

**Grand Champion  
Open Performance**

D's Pongo, Deanna Lewellyn

**Reserve Champion  
Open Performance**

Mocha Magic - Mary Wickman

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**Adult Non-Breeding Llama**

1 Archangel, Sharon Beacham  
2 LDL Yinyang  
David Lockwood  
3 Grand Valley's Garfield  
Cheryl Juntilla  
4 HJ Isidro's All The Hard Ways  
Maryalice Snider  
5 Kaktus Jack, Janine Faussonne  
6 Indian Peak's Samwon  
Taylor Tsakopulos

**Grand Champion  
Non-Breeder**

Archangel, Sharon Beacham

**Reserve Champion  
Non-Breeder**

HJ Isidro's All the Hard Ways  
Maryalice Snider

**Light Wool Female  
Juvenile**

1 Button's Ramblin' Rose  
Wally Juntilla

**Yearling**

1 Senorita La Macarena  
Barbara Fillmore  
2 Foothills Capriosa  
Larry Lewellyn  
3 LDL Midnight Starr  
Amy Lockwood  
4 LDL Silver Rain  
Dave Lockwood

**Two Year Old**

1 LDL Snow Pepper  
Amy Lockwood

**Adult**

1 Rambutan's Pickachu  
Deanna Lewellyn  
2 Maggie's Magnolia  
Dee January  
3 Rambutan's Rainbo  
Larry Lewellyn  
**Grand Champion  
Light Wool Female**  
Senorita La Macarena  
Barbara Fillmore  
**Reserve Champion  
Light Wool Female**  
Foothills Capriosa, Larry Lewellyn

**Medium Wool Female  
Juvenile**

1 Dulzura, Carlos Mendoza  
2 Wheatfield's Miss Kristy  
Rex Reinecker

**Yearling**

1 Nextstarr's Adelita  
Mary Beth McCormick  
2 Wheatfield's Calico Girl  
Rex Reinecker  
3 Tall Tail's Miraval  
Rob & Jill Knuckles  
4 Tall Tail's Sassafras  
Rob & Jill Knuckles

**Two Year Old**

1 PHF Cadfael's Cassia  
Sharon Beacham  
2 Sweet Chips RER, Deb Sund

**Adult**

1 Grand Valley's Curly Q  
Janine Faussonne  
2 GVL Sunfire, Dee January

**Grand Champion  
Medium Wool Female**

Dulzura, Carlos Mendoza  
**Reserve Champion  
Medium Wool Female**  
Nextstarr's Adelita  
Mary Beth McCormick

**Heavy Wool Female  
Juvenile**

1 Nastaza's Canela  
Mary Beth McCormick  
2 Jack's Espiritu De Luna  
Susan Proctor

**Two Year Old**

1 Tall Tail's Argentine Seychelle  
Rob & Jill Knuckles  
2 PHF Argentine Valenzuela  
Sharon Beacham

**Grand Champion  
Heavy Wool Female**

Nastaza's Canela  
Mary Beth McCormick

**Reserve Champion  
Heavy Wool Female**

Tall Tail's Argentine Seychelle  
Rob & Jill Knuckles

**Suri Wool Male  
Juvenile**

1 JLL Dream Easy  
Rob & Jill Knuckles

**Two Year Old**

1 Sensation's Don Ignacio  
Carlos Mendoza

**Grand Champion  
Suri Male**

JLL Dream Easy  
Rob & Jill Knuckles

**Light Wool Male  
Yearling**

1 Foothills Buster  
Larry Lewellyn  
2 Senor Solamente Una Vez  
Barbara Fillmore  
3 Foothills Kodiak  
Deanna Lewellyn  
4 Loma's Jake, Janine Faussonne

**Two Year Old**

1 RWL Smoke And Mirrors  
Sandy Nolan

**Adult**

1 D's Pongo, Larry Lewellyn  
2 T I H La Grange  
Cheryl Juntilla

**Grand Champion  
Light Wool Male**

Foothills Buster, Larry Lewellyn

**Reserve Champion  
Light Wool Male**

Senor Solamente Una Vez  
Barbara Fillmore

|                                       |   |   |  |  |   |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Medium Wool Male Yearling</b>      | 2   | Wheatfield's Miss Kristy<br>Rex Reinecker | <b>13 - 24 Months</b>                                  | 2  | Wheatfield's Miss Kristy<br>Rex Reinecker           |   |
| 1                                     | Wheatfield's Rocky Road<br>Rex Reinecker            | 3   | Midnight Shado!<br>Linda Hayes                         | 1  | LDL Midnight Starr<br>Sandy Lockwood                |   |
| 2                                     | Stage Stop Crystal Wizard<br>Barbara Harris         |   | <b>Over 25 months</b>                                  | 2  | LDL Silver Rain<br>Sandy Lockwood                   |   |
| 3                                     | Foothills Kaz, Larry Lewellyn                       | 1   | PHF Argentine Valenzuela<br>Sharon Beacham             |  | <b>25+ Months</b>                                   |   |
|                                       | <b>Two Year Old</b>                                 | 2   | Tall Tail's Argentine Seychelle<br>Robert Knuckles     | 1  | PHFCadfael's Cassia<br>Sharon Beacham               |   |
| 1                                     | Tall Tail's Torino<br>Rob & Jill Knuckles           | 3   | Sweet Chips RER, Tim Sund                              | 2  | GVL Sunfire, Dee January                            |   |
| 2                                     | Stage Stop Some<br>Enchanted Evening<br>Sandy Nolan |   | <b>Double Coat<br/>Up to 24 months</b>                 | 3  | Archangel, Sharon Beacham                           |   |
|                                       | <b>Adult</b>  | 1   | Jack's Espiritu de Luna<br>Susan Proctor               | 4  | Stage Stop Some<br>Enchanted Evening<br>Sandy Nolan |   |
| 1                                     | HJ Cadfael's Casper<br>Judy Wolff-Mills             | 2   | Nastaza's Canela<br>Mary Beth McCormick                | 5  | Maggie's Magnolia<br>Dee January                    |   |
|                                       | <b>Grand Champion<br/>Medium Wool Male</b>          | 3   | Foothill's Buster<br>Larry Lewellyn                    |  | <b>ILR Halter Show</b>                              |   |
|                                       | Tall Tail's Torino<br>Rob & Jill Knuckles           |   | <b>Over 25 months</b>                                  | 1  | Judge Maryan Baker                                  |   |
|                                       | <b>Reserve Champion<br/>Medium Wool Male</b>        | 1   | Stage Stop Some<br>Enchanting Evening<br>Sandy Nolan   | 2  | <b>Adult Non-Breeder</b>                            |   |
| HJ Cadfael's Casper, Judy Wolff-Mills |   | 2   | GVL Sunfire, Dee January                               | 1  | Archangel, Sharon Beacham                           |   |
|                                       | <b>Heavy Wool Male Yearling</b>                     | 3   | PHF Cadfael's Cassia<br>Sharon Beacham                 | 2  | LDL Yinyang<br>Dave Lockwood                        |   |
|                                       | <b>Two Year Old</b>                                 | 4   | Archangel, Sharon Beacham                              | 3  | Indian Peak's Samwon<br>Taylor Tsakopoulos          |   |
| 1                                     | Untouchable<br>Mary Beth McCormick                  | 5   | Stage Stop Flint Eastwood<br>Rebecca Leach             |  | <b>Non-Breeder<br/>Grand Champion</b>               |   |
|                                       | <b>Two Year Old</b>                                 |   | <b>ILR Fleece-On<br/>Single Coat<br/>5 - 12 Months</b> | 1  | Archangel, Sharon Beacham                           |   |
| 1                                     | Tall Tail's Palermo<br>Rob & Jill Knuckles          |   | 1  | Wheatfield's Miss Kristy<br>Rex Reinecker              | 2   | LDL Yinyang, Dave Lockwood                |
| 2                                     | Savoi, Barbara Harris                               |   | 2  | Midnight Shado!<br>Linda Hayes                         |   | <b>Light Wool Female Yearling</b>         |
| 3                                     | Stobie's Kannon, Deb Sund                           |   |  | <b>13 - 24 Months</b>                                  | 1   | LDL Midnight Starr<br>Dave Lockwood       |
|                                       | <b>Adult</b>  |   | 1  | Untouchable<br>Carlos Mendoza                          | 2   | LDL Silver Rain<br>Dave Lockwood          |
| 1                                     | Rambutan's Woodstock<br>Larry Lewellyn              |   | 2  | Tall Tail's Sassafras<br>Rob & Jill Knuckles           |   | <b>Two Year Old</b>                       |
| 2                                     | Argentine Soleado<br>Kim Sawyer                     |   |  | <b>24+ Months</b>                                      | 1   | LDL Snow Pepper<br>Dave Lockwood          |
|                                       | <b>Grand Champion<br/>Heavy Wool Male</b>           |   | 1  | PHF Argentine Valenzuela<br>Sharon Beacham             | 2   | Maggie's Magnolia<br>Dee January          |
| Untouchable, Mary Beth McCormick      |   |   | 2  | Tall Tail's Argentine Seychelle<br>Rob & Jill Knuckles |   | <b>Light Wool Female Grand Champion</b>   |
|                                       | <b>Reserve Champion<br/>Heavy Wool Male</b>         |   | 3  | Sweet Chips RER, Tim Sund                              | 1   | BW Cadfael's Noelle, Teri Baird           |
|                                       | Tall Tail's Palermo<br>Rob & Jill Knuckles          |   | 4  | Stobie' Kannon, Deb Sund                               | 2   | Maggie's Magnolia<br>Dee January          |
|                                       | <b>Get Of Sire</b>                                  |   |  | <b>Double Coat<br/>5 - 12 Months</b>                   |   | <b>Light Wool Female Reserve Champion</b> |
|                                       | PHF Picacho's Rambutan<br>Larry & Deanna Lewellyn   |   | 1  | Jack's Espiritu De Luna<br>Susan Proctor               |   | Maggie's Magnolia, Dee January            |
|                                       | <b>ALSA Walking Fiber</b>                           |   | 2  | Nastaza's Canela<br>Mary Beth McCormick                |   | <b>Medium Wool Female Juvenile</b>        |
|                                       | Judge Maryan Baker                                  |   |  |  | 1   | Dulzura, Carlos Mendoza                   |
|                                       | <b>Single Coat<br/>Up to 24 months</b>              |   | 1  | Jack's Espiritu De Luna<br>Susan Proctor               |   |   |
| 1                                     | Untouchable<br>Carlos Mendoza                       |   | 2  | Nastaza's Canela<br>Mary Beth McCormick                |   |   |

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**Suri Wool Male Juvenile**  
1 JLL Dream Easy  
Rob & Jill Knuckles

**Yearling**  
1 SJJA Espresso Fox  
Cherise Jolley

**Two Year Old**  
1 Sensation's Don Ignacio  
Carlos Mendoza

**Suri Male Grand Champion**  
JLL Dream Easy  
Rob & Jill Knuckles

**Suri Male Reserve Champion**  
SJJA Espresso Fox, Cherise Jolley

**Light Wool Male Two Year Old**  
1 RWL Smoke And Mirrors  
Sandy Nolan

**Light Wool Male Grand Champion**  
RWL Smoke And Mirrors  
Sandy Nolan

**Medium Wool Male Yearling**  
1 Wheatfield's Rockey Road  
Rex Reinecker  
2 Stage Stop Crystal Wizard  
Barbara Harris  
3 Tiki's Easy's Twist  
Morgan Kanavel

**Two Year Old**  
1 Tall Tail's Torino  
Rob & Jill Knuckles

2 Stage Stop Some  
Enchanted Evening  
Sandy Nolan

**Adult**  
1 Midnight Hour's Kemui Yama  
Jim Vance  
2 HJ Cadfael's Casper  
Judy Wolff-Mills  
3 Stage Stop Magic In  
The Moonlight  
Kathy Budney

**Medium Wool Male Grand Champion**  
Midnight Hour's Kemui Yama  
Jim Vance

**Medium Wool Male Reserve Champion**  
Tall Tail's Torino, Rob & Jill Knuckles

**Heavy Wool Male Juvenile**  
1 Midnight Shado!  
Linda Hayes

**Yearling**  
1 Untouchable  
Mary Beth McCormick

**Two Year Old**  
1 Tall Tail's Palermo  
Rob & Jill Knuckles  
2 Savoi, Barbara Harris  
3 Stobie's Kannon, Deb Sund  
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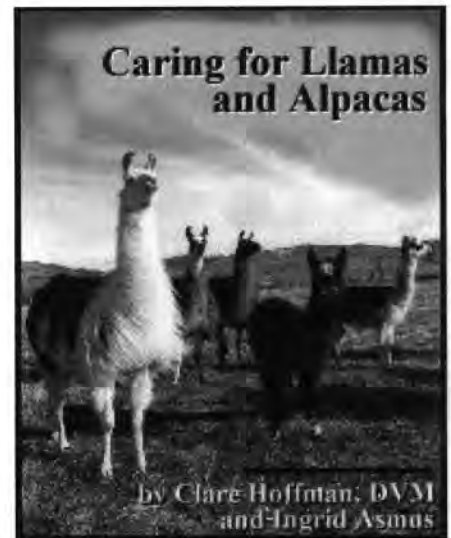
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## VEGETARIAN CHILI

3 tbsp. olive oil  
2 large onions, coarsely chopped  
4 large cloves garlic, finely chopped  
1 (4 oz) can mild or medium green chilies  
3 (14 oz) cans stewed tomatoes  
2 green peppers, chopped  
2 large carrots, chopped  
1 medium zucchini, diced  
1 (15 oz) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed

1 (15 oz) can black beans, drained and rinsed  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tbsp. chili powder  
1 1/2 tsp. ground cumin  
1 tsp. ground coriander  
1/2 tsp. dried oregano  
1/2 tsp. dried marjoram  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Heat the oil in a heavy pot and sauté the onions for a couple of minutes. Add the garlic, chilies, green peppers and carrots and sauté another 3-5 minutes. Add canned tomatoes with juices and seasonings. Cook over medium heat for 25 minutes, stirring frequently. Add beans and zucchini and season to taste. Cook 10 more minutes and serve.

Options: You can add jalapeno peppers with the green chilies for hotter chili. You can also use fresh roasted and peeled peppers rather than canned if you prefer. I crumbled up one package of extra firm tofu and added it for additional protein. For a non-vegetarian chili you can start by browning the ground or chopped meat of your choice, then adding the onions and other ingredients as listed above.

This recipe freezes well if you can't eat the whole pot at once. For the RMLA Annual Meeting dinner, I made it a couple of days ahead of time, froze it and then reheated it in a crock pot.