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President's Message

We all know that RMLA was founded many years ago for the purpose of educating its members and the public about the care and enjoyment of llamas. But, did you know the original name of the organization was Rocky Mountain Llama Association, Inc.? Sometime following the incorporation there were folks who became interested in alpacas as well and the membership voted to change the name as it is today, Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association, Inc. The initials 'RMLA' served the old name and the revised name equally well.

The membership has journeyed through times of interest that focused on different uses with and for their animals. During the 90's showing was a strong interest and there was one year as I recall RMLA sponsored 22 shows of different types – point shows, 4H shows and pack trial shows. The RMLA Fiber Co-op was formed and in the first year RMLA Fiber Booth had seven events, the interest in using the animal's fiber was a newly organized activity for the organization. Packing with llamas has always had a steady interest by the membership. Packing is a way to get out and enjoy

nature with your animals for a few hours or weeks at a time. And Youth! We have seen a good number of our Youth grow up using their animals, learning responsibility and dependability. Now a new generation of Youth is around us.

As the Board enters the third trimester of its tenure for this year, I would like to reflect on the appreciation I have for all of the volunteers who make this organization work. Some are highly visible and others work diligently behind the scenes. There is no way a Board of five alone could even begin to handle the many events and activities that are available for RMLA members and the public. The precious gifts of time, energy and money given by the many RMLA volunteers make possible the events we all have the opportunity to enjoy.

So for the many members who give to RMLA and its events, I say a very sincere and warm THANK YOU!

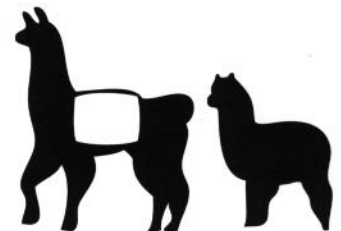
We have a herd of several hundred donkeys that came through a cut fence during one of our recent great fires. These critters seem to have enjoyed living on the



outskirts of our village of about 1500 homes. Now they have taken to the streets during the night. Magically, at 1:00 AM a person can be awakened by the braying of donkeys! They leave their calling cards as well in the park, up and down the street and on lawns. It is sort of nice to be near the smells of a pasture again.

As we continue the summer months and look forward to the return of fall enjoy your animals and travel safely to your destinations. And, please take the time to say thank you to the volunteers.

Lougene



Membership, Service Directory & Web Report

As of June 10, 2010, we have 139 Adult Memberships; 4 Young Adult Members; 16 Youth Members; 27 Life Memberships and 16 Honorary Members. The Honorary Members are mostly Veterinarians. The difference between "Members" and "Memberships" is that "Member" refers to an individual, while "Memberships" may be one or two members. We've had quite a few NEW members join RMLA - THANKS for your support.

I apologize for not getting the Directories to you in a timely manner. Between health issues, computer problems, shearing and who knows what else, the time just got away from me. I hope I can get them into your

hands by July, but at this time I don't feel I can make that a promise. New members have been added to the web ASAP.

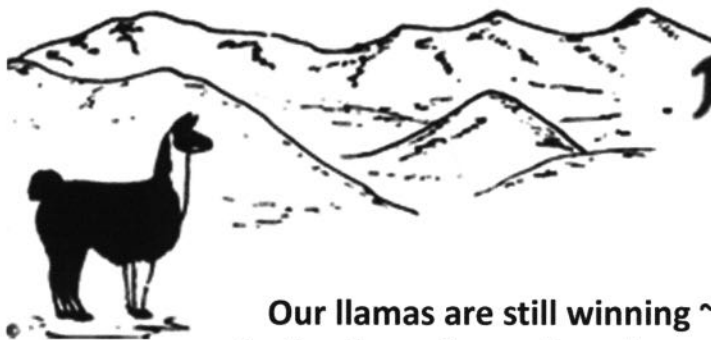
There are a few of you who have not renewed your memberships, and this will be your last Journal. If you received an email from us, we DO NOT have your renewal

Please remember that RMLA is an all volunteer organization and we could sure use help. If you could run for the BOD, assist with the Fiber Booth, or volunteer in any other way, PLEASE contact a BOD member and let them know. Thanks.

Barb Hance,
RMLA Membership Chair

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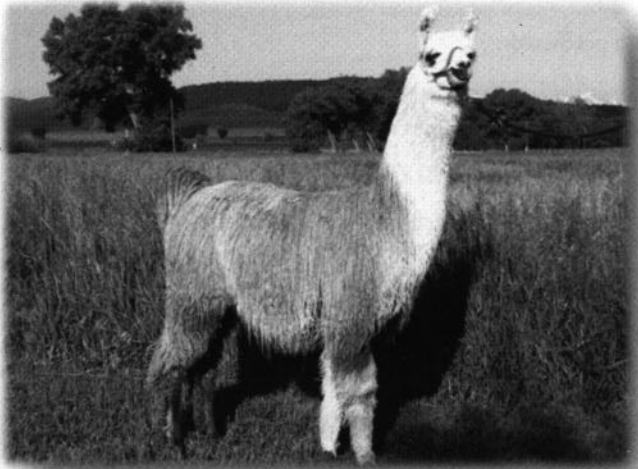
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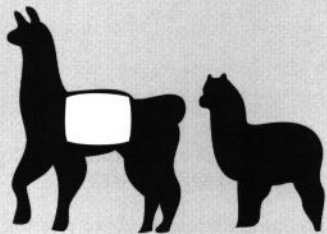
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"I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on and it will be better tomorrow."

— Maya Angelou



"Live as if you were to die tomorrow.

Learn as if you were to live forever."

— Mahatma Ghandh

Calendar of Events

JULY

- July 10 Douglas County Ice Cream Classic Youth Show, Whispering Pines Park, Franktown, CO., Contact Scott McHenry, LloftyLLamas4HClub, 303.688.6642, cr_smch@yahoo.com
- July 10 Training Llamas for Willing Cooperation, Longmont, CO., Contact Bobra Goldsmith, Lillette Vasquez, 303.503.5575, lillette@rockymtllamas.com
- July 17-18 Packing Clinic, Longmont, CO., Contact Bobra Goldsmith, 303.530.5575, lillette@rockmtllamas.com
- July 24 *Fairplay Llama Pack Race, Fairplay, CO., Contact Gary Carlton, 303.503.1324, gary@jmhfarm.com
- July 25 *Fairplay Llama Camp Performance Show, Fairplay, CO, Contact Ann Bruhn, 719.660,9253
- July 25 Out on the Prairie Llama/alpaca Youth Show, Calhan, CO, Contact Maureen Bergenfeld, 719.522.0347, maureen_bergenfeld@yahoo.com

AUGUST

- August 7 Douglas County Fair 4H & Open Youth Show Castle Rock, CO., Contact Scott McHenry, Llofty Llamas4H Club, 303.688.6642, cr_smch@yahoo.com
- August 14 Training Llamas for Willing Cooperation, Longmont, CO., Contact Bobra Goldsmith, Lillette Vasquez, 303.503.5575, lillette@rockymtllamas.com
- August 19-23 Leadville Trail 100 , Leadville, CO., Contact Lauren Munger, 303.591.4357, laurenmunger@msn.com
- August 28-29 Packing Clinic, Longmont, CO., Contact Bobra Goldsmith, 303.530.5575, lillette@rockmtllamas.com

SEPTEMBER

- September 4 & 5 LOCC Fall Classic, Castle Rock, CO, Contact Barb Harris 719.275.9457 or 719.510.0899
- September 4 & 5 ALSA Rocky Mountain Regional Championship, Castle Rock, CO, Contact Barb Harris 719.275.9457 or 719.510.0899
- September 18 Training Llamas for Willing Cooperation, Longmont, CO., Contact Bobra Goldsmith, Lillette Vasquez, 303.503.5575, lillette@rockymtllamas.com
- September 25 Looking For The Gold, Golden Gate Canyon State Park, Contact Jerry Dunn, 303.277.1129, beartrak@q.com

RMLA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2010

Present: Lougene Baird, Bob Hance, Dick Williams, Jerry Dunn, Geri Rutledge.

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm by Lougene Baird.

Dick Williams motioned to approve the minutes of the last BOD meeting. Jerry Dunn Seconds, motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Bob Hance For the period of January 1 to April 14, 2010 a Budget report was sent via email to all BOD Members for review. RMLA will have two people's signatures on every CD at Wells Fargo Bank, at this time it will be Bob Hance and Jerry Dunn. Discussion about the Llama Legal Defense fund. Jerry Dunn motions to accept financial report. Dick Williams seconds, motion passed.

Bookstore – Bob Hance Jan Adamcyk has been working to reprint 100 copies of the 4H youth manual. This was done with double siding and three hole punch for putting into 3 ring binders. This is an interim reprint until revisions are done.

Calendar – Geri Rutledge A few 2010 calendars remain. Contact is Patti Morgan for any remaining supply. The 2011 Calendar will be done by Patti and her daughter Lindsey, photos submissions are welcome.

Elections Committee - Jerry Dunn Jerry has contacted Maggie Merrill Brown for the official counting of the ballots. It is time to get RMLA members to run for the new elections. Jerry Dunn will work with Geri Rutledge to get the Bio's ready, Ballot ready; any changes to the by-laws that need a member vote will be included when the mailing goes out. Lougene will be working on the by-law amendment proposals for the membership.

Events – Jerry Dunn Additional events have been added to the Calendar. Bobra Goldsmith is offering some packing and basic training. There is a new post for the Leadville 100; the LOCC Spring show is a 1 day show.

Fiber – Geri Rutledge The question remains if a raffle is legal in Colorado for fund raising to offset costs of the trailer going to events. Jerry Dunn will contact Patti Morgan and ask some more questions. This final vote can be done by email to meet the time frame of the next event.

Finance – Lougene Baird Still looking at ways to offset the cost of the Journal printing. Cheryl Junitilla is doing a wonderful job with spending carefully and looking for advertisers. The budget stands as presented at the last BOD meeting. Dick Williams motions to approve, Geri Rutledge Seconds, motions passed. Note Bob Hance did abstain from voting.

Government Relations: Bob Hance New bills by Gov Ritter of Colorado, after discussion the on-

line sales clause do not affect RMLA. They are also watching a new bill introduction on taxing pesticides.

4-H/Library – Dick Williams Overall use of the library has gone down, that is expected with the internet information available. Some of the VHS tapes have out of date information, need to move to DVD or CD for information. The BOD members had a discussion about putting Caring for Llamas and Alpacas on CD for purchase, or add a CD to the purchase of a book. Dick will do checking on this, for price and availability, would make storage a lot better. Dick also volunteered to loan some of his titles on DVDs to the library to see if we get increased usage with that format.

Membership- Bob Hance Overall membership numbers look good, if you compare to last year we were about 40 short of the numbers, and a second reminder for renewal will be going out by postcard. The Show season is just getting started so we may pick up some that just did not renew yet. BOD Members have been contacting previous members who did not renew, some have renewed, and some have moved on and may not own the animals anymore. But we still welcome them to be a member. Bob Hance is going to define Youth Member and list exactly what it entitles them to. Young Adults will also have a defined membership list of exactly what it entitles them to.

Packing – Dick Williams Dick has continued to send Packing information to the Journal for something in each Journal. Dick got lots of good comments on another publication he manages about getting Llamas into an airplane for a pack trip.

Publication – Lougene Baird Spring Journal got lots good reviews. Trying to cover every aspect animals so when the Journals are used for recruiting, new members can see what we are all about. Some good articles were presented in the last Journal. Continue to contact people to write articles for publication.

Youth- Geri Rutledge The RMLA has received the Youth Entry Applications for 2010. These were then sent to Dick Williams who will chair the Youth Committee and judge the entries to make the final selection of the 2010 Youth Award. Dick will also order the Belt Buckle, Savings Bond and present Certificates for the Youth Chosen.

Old Business

Jerry Dunn has sent black and white copies on colored paper of the new and improved RMLA brochures to BOD members. These are also going out with events packets. Note Cards have also been reproduced and sent to all BOD members.

Discussion for Annual Meeting. The BOD is now aware the Fall LOCC show and Regional's are being combined for Labor Day Weekend at Castle

Rock CO. To hold the Annual Meeting during this event will require a bylaw change for the Annual meeting to be held between Sept 1 and Dec 15. It worked out well to have the Annual Meeting at Regional's last year. This information can be sent with elections for bylaw change so the two events can be held together and add the Annual Meeting to the weekend event.

New Business

Dick Williams motions to approve entering the email votes as part of the record at the BOD business Meeting. Jerry Dunn Second, motion passed.

1. Motion to pay insurance made by Bob Hance, second by Geri Rutledge, all approved and passed on 2-27-10.
2. Motion to return Government Relations as an active committee made by Bob Hance, second by Lougene Baird Passed.
3. Motion to pay invoice for brochures \$462.68, two banners for St Patrick's Parade \$153.68 made by Bob Hance, Second by Geri Rutledge all in favor motion passed 3-11-10.
4. Motion to reimburse Geri Rutledge for RMLA note card expense made by Bob Hance, Second by Jerry Dunn passed Geri abstained 3-22-10.
5. Motion by Jerry Dunn to send 200 brochures to Dick Williams on regular paper to mail out with the Back Country Llama editions, second by Geri Rutledge, Lougene Baird and Bob Hance voted yes, Dick Williams abstained, passed.
6. Motion to pay invoice to Jill Knuckles reimbursement for Mt and Valley Wool Assn membership for Taos Market \$12.04 Patti Morgan reimbursement Calendar and postage. \$45.49 Jerry Dunn reimbursement mail event Packets made by Bob Hance second by Geri Rutledge. A discussion was held why RMLA is a member of M&VWA. All in favor motion passed.

Dick Williams motions to approve entering email votes as part of the record at the BOD business meeting. Jerry Dunn Second, motion passed.

Jerry Dunn motions to list 4H Clubs on the RMLA Website when the leader is an RMLA member as a means to provide a network for other 4H groups in different communities. Dick Williams seconds, motion passed.

BOD group discussion about offering a photo contest for use in Journal, brochures, CFLA book. After many viewpoints, it was decided to leave the use of photos to the publisher of the product.

Next BOD Meeting will be set for June 23rd, 2010 Phone Conference.

A RMLA BOD Meeting may be held at Estes Park Friday evening should we have enough BOD members and RMLA members willing to join in.

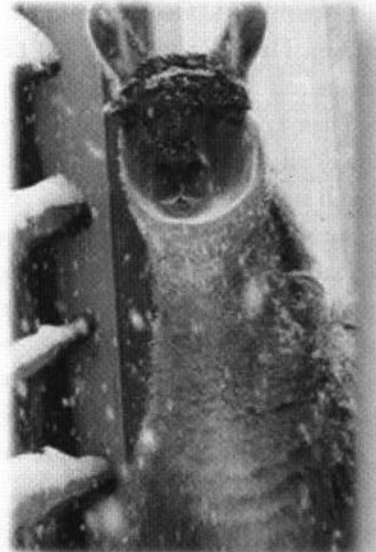
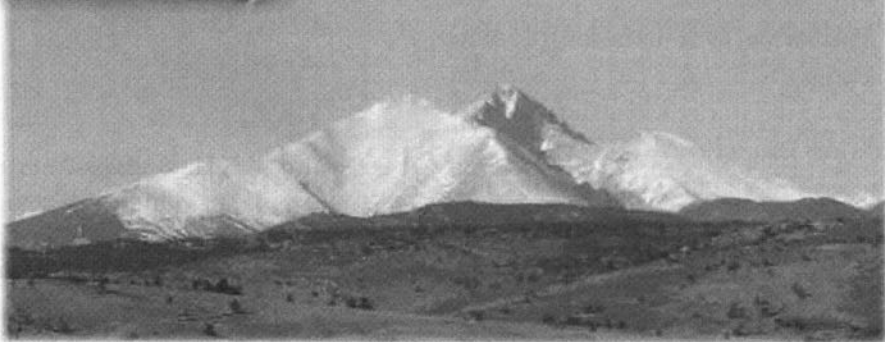
Motion to Adjourn at 8:37pm by Dick Williams, second by Geri Rutledge, motion passed.

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Llama Rescue Chronicles

***This article first published by International Camelid Quarterly Magazine, Dec. 2007. ***

Rehomes and herd dispersals comprise the greatest percentage of llama rescues. Not the dramatic, life-saving stuff; just good llama owners who can no longer care for their animals. Surprised? Most people are. Though the newspaper-worthy rescues do certainly come our way—the cases of horrible neglect and abuse, or situations of “collectors” and backyard breeders—most of our llama intakes are healthy, well behaved and well cared for.

As hay prices have risen over the past years, as owners age and life circumstances change and, lately, as winter draws nigh, groups like Southeast Llama Rescue (SELR) and Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc. (SWLR) receive an increasing number of calls from established llama owners who can no longer keep some or all of their animals. Yet foster farms are still far too few, and these excellent animals, most registered with ILR and trained at least in basic catch, halter and lead, may soon have no place to go. When our foster farm resources are stretched beyond capacity in housing healthy and whole llamas, where will we send the ones now needing our attention, or those relative few requiring extraordinary care and attention?

The numbers that show most of our intakes coming from rehomes and herd dispersals should definitely not give the impression that we don't still encounter too many situations where we save llama lives. We have tales of auction rescues, where we prevent at least a few perfectly healthy and wonderful llamas from going to slaughter houses. We can also tell you stories of llamas abandoned on huge tracts of government lands; of calls for someone to come and save a starving llama neglected in a tiny pen; or llamas with toenails so overgrown that they can't walk, or the ones with halters grown into their faces. We get those calls, too.

Two Eagles: A Rocky Mountains Rescue



In a small mountain community in Colorado, a concerned neighbor, whom I'll call 'Joe,' contacted our local llama vet about an apparent case of neglect. A llama had been living in a tiny pen with a barely-there tarp for shelter. It had been wearing its halter for at least a year, and there was clearly some damage to the skin where the halter had rubbed. His toenails were extremely long and clearly painful; his fiber was a matted mess; and a rope was wrapped so tightly around one leg that it had become embedded in the flesh.

After my van had broken down en route to pick up the llama, I put out a request for help to the Rocky Mountain Llama & Alpaca Association (RMLA). One of their volunteers drove quite a long distance into the mountains to get him and keep him at her house until he could be transported the next leg of the journey. The folks who offered to foster him also drove several hours the next day to pick him up. They planned to care for him until his injuries healed and he could be moved into long-term foster care. However, after getting the guy home and conducting further evaluation, they determined that his behavioral issues might prevent him from being adoptable and offered to keep him as long as necessary. In the meantime they will continue working with him to correct his behavior issues as they help him heal his body.

This was a great example of a best-case rescue scenario. We run into a lot of really

good people in the llama world, and we had some great volunteers helping with this situation. I was also hugely impressed by the non-llama people who made this rescue happen. This is a llama that might well have died from his injuries and neglect. Instead he was fed by a group of people not even involved in llamas. Joe, the 'concerned neighbor' couldn't get the owner to give him the llama so he not only bought him, but also offered to donate additional funds toward the upcoming vet bills. A network of llama owners who genuinely care and are willing to take the actions necessary, stepped up and made the rescue happen. And a temporary lay-over has become his permanent home.

Ft. Collins Auction Rescues



On two separate occasions, our rescue group has made the trip to an auction barn in Ft. Collins, Colorado, to keep llamas from being sold to slaughter houses. In July 2006, with funds gathered from a last-minute plea to RMLA members, friends and local llama owners, and with the assistance and support of SWLR members, several people gathered at the auction barn to participate in bidding on some 23 llamas up for sale. On this occasion we had enough money to bid, but stopped bidding at a predetermined amount. Our thinking was that if someone was going to pay a decent price for the animals, they'd be more likely to take care of them.

In the end, seventeen of the llamas came home with the group that attended that day. A few were purchased by members of our group, and the remaining llamas

went to various foster homes in the area. Two females went to Kris; one that had just given birth to a premature cria, and another who had been separated from her newborn in the auction. She would later prove to be pregnant again. A year later, when Kris' pasture and predator situation made it necessary to move the llamas, those two girls and their offspring, Punk (then a yearling) and Stormy (a rambunctious four-month old), came to live at Rocky Mountain Llamas with my little herd and Bobra's large one. Petra, one of the moms, was a very nervous girl, but fit right away into the larger herd environment. Punk, her yearling boy, moved into a paddock of other weaning males. Beauty, the mom who had lost her cria during the auction, keeps Stormy close by her side. He now has a same-age playmate in Nataya, a beautiful little girl born of one of the Jane Sheppard sale llamas. The other females that went to buyers among our impromptu rescue group are comfortable in their new homes. Several of the young males came to Rocky Mountain Llamas for training, and are either here still or have been rehomed to lives as packers or livestock guardians. All are well.

In September of this year, I was alerted that four pregnant females and a gelding would soon be offered at the same auction barn. The owner had died and his wife was selling the livestock. No one knew names, ages or veterinary information on any of the animals (including the several that had already gone to auction before we heard about them). However, we did know that

none of these animals had even the most basic of training; the four females were likely due to give birth any day; and they'd probably also been running with the stud. After the auction, we discovered that they'd probably also been running with at least one juvenile male who, though his age was unknown, was certainly old enough to have been breeding his sisters and mother. Again, thanks to individual donations by RMLA and SWLR members, we were able to acquire two of the females and the young male. The females immediately went to an adoptive home where they'd be cared for by a young lad in 4H. The male went to Rocky Mountain Llamas for training and later placement.

Though I'm certainly delighted we were able to save these wonderful animals from slaughter houses, I cannot help but wonder how many we've missed. It's not possible to haunt the auction houses regularly, though we are trying to establish contacts there. We don't often have the funds to buy them or the ability to get them from their owners before they're released to auctions. Education will help. We have to get the word out that owners may be able to receive [U.S.] tax benefits if they donate their llamas to a registered nonprofit llama rescue. We also need to have more foster homes available for the llamas we are able to reclaim. As always, donations help support efforts such as these and are what will ultimately make the difference. Even when homes are available-and those are always in

short supply-it takes money to transport the animals to their new homes.

Hopeful: Mountain Lion Attack

In September 2006, we received a call from Teri, who had been contacted by a new llama owner near her. A mountain lion had attacked her dam and weanling. In the melee the mother, protecting her offspring, was killed and little Hopeful severely mauled. Because the owner didn't know how to care for the young female, "Hopi" was brought to our farm. Her wounds were horrible and required consistent care. We cleaned the wounds daily with a WaterPik, then manually dug out the necrotic tissue and scrubbed the wounds. In spite of many weeks of painful treatment, Hopi remained friendly, sweet and curious, showing no signs of fear or other results of the trauma.

The SWLR All-Stars

When an organization like SWLR takes in a llama, it's evaluated for health and behavioral issues. After that initial period, if we have foster homes available, the llama is rehomed until it's adopted. Some rescue llamas however, are never deemed adoptable. Sometimes it's a matter of age; sometimes the llama has already been through so much trauma that it needs the security of a permanent home. SWLR, for example, has several llamas at the sanctuary in Silver

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City, New Mexico. Each of them has a story here is one favorite: Robert E. Lee is one of the newest residents of the Silver City, New Mexico sanctuary. Having heard that a llama would be arriving at a meat packing plant for slaughter, one of the SWLR co-founders immediately contacted Lee, the packing plant owner. He didn't want to have to kill the llama, so he turned it over to SWLR. The llama had a bad eye, but was in pretty good shape for a boy so close to having met his untimely demise. He is a real sweetie, stands on command for haltering, and has surprised us with some very nice fiber beneath the mats and burrs. He was named Robert E. Lee, in part as a 'thank you' to the owner of the packing plant. The name also fits so perfectly to this wonderful, elder gentleman who looks so commanding — a real survivor — and has such a powerful presence. The many others that will live their lives out at the SWLR sanctuary in Silver City all have their own tales, their own challenges. You can find out more about them at the SWLR website on the Sponsorship Llamas page. As Southern California reels from the recent fires, we anticipate many calls about llamas, as well as other livestock and domestic pets, needing places to stay while their owners rebuild and recover. If you can help, there are some contacts listed at the end of this article.

And Lest We Forget...

These are just a few of our most recent rescue stories, there are so many more. Not just stories from rescue organizations like SWLR, but from individuals committed to saving llama lives and ensuring that

these incredible animals live the lives they deserve. For every llama rescue story there are stories of those who do the rescues. For every rehomed llama, there are the owners who love them enough to let them go, and the people who ensure they get to their next loving homes. For every unnecessary death, for every mutilation or starvation or other horror, there are people who have passed by, people who have looked the other way, reluctant to interfere or draw attention to themselves. Don't be one who passes by. Be someone who is involved, who cares and, most importantly, takes action. Support llama rescue.

UPDATE June 2010:

Regrettably, the state of llama rescue has not improved since I wrote this article in 2007. We continue to get, not just individual llamas, but herds of them. And in the last 18 months or so, I've placed 20 alpacas into foster farms. The economy is worse now than it was in 2007. People have lost jobs and farms and homes and businesses. More and more llamas are going through auction barns, most often to be purchased by slaughter house buyers and, if lucky, by good intentioned but unknowledgeable folks who find out only *after* the sale... if at all... what the basic requirements are for camelid care.

I'd like to be able to end just one article without a plea for assistance to our local and regional camelid rescue groups; but that day seems quite far in the distance. The needs are huge; you can help. How? It can be a simple or as involved as you're willing to get:

Take in a couple of animals from rescue.

Help us find homes for the ones now in foster care. Can you make time to place a few phone calls, maybe send some emails?

Donate time, money or supplies. Donations to registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations—such as SELR and SWLR—may be tax-deductible as charitable contributions.

Volunteer to help transport animals to adoption centers or foster farms.

Help train llamas and alpacas so they are appropriate for foster or adoptive placement.

I'll keep asking until the need no longer exists. I'll keep hoping that just a few of you step up and open your hearts to these animals who might not otherwise survive. If there are no places to take them, no people to care for them, no monies to tend their injuries and nurture them... they will die. It's that simple. Do you even care? If your answer is yes, then what are *you* going to do about it?!

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Rocky Mountain Llama Association / Rescue Committee

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California Wildfires Assistance

- California Veterinary Medical Association

<http://www.cvma.net/images/cvmapdf/SCWildfires1007.pdf>

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- Red Cross Disaster Services

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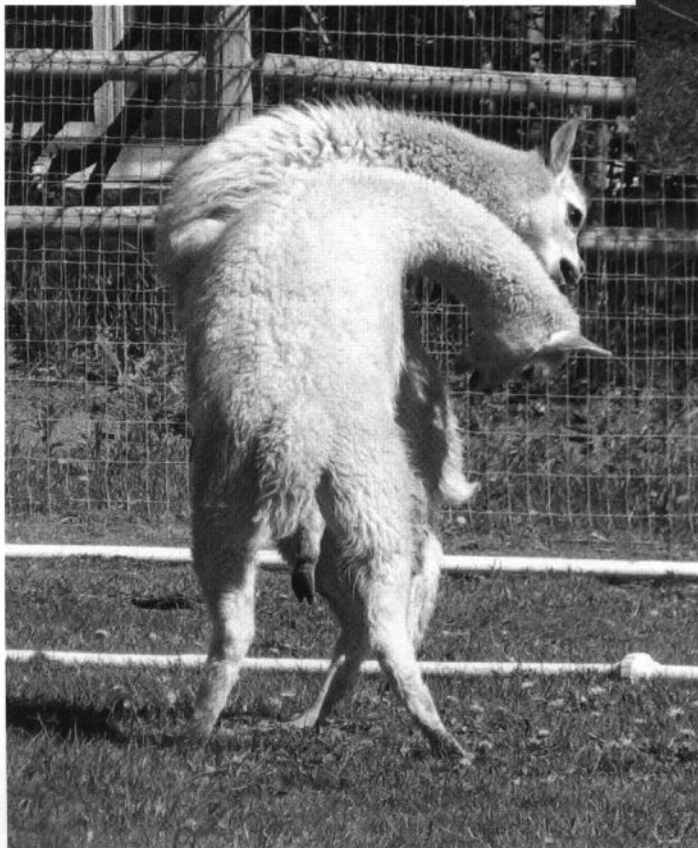
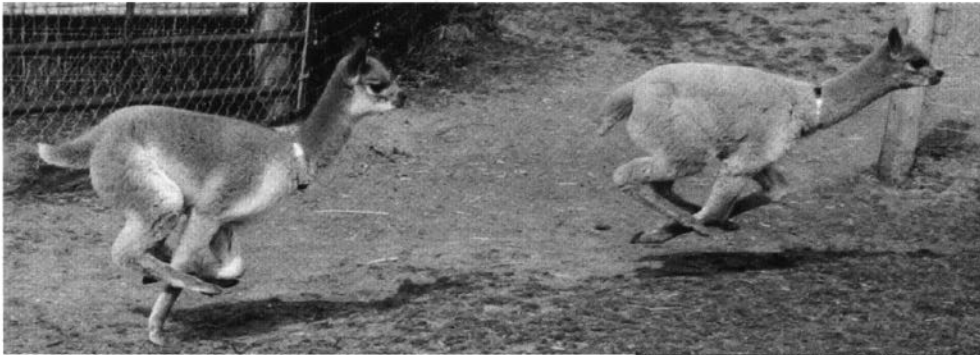
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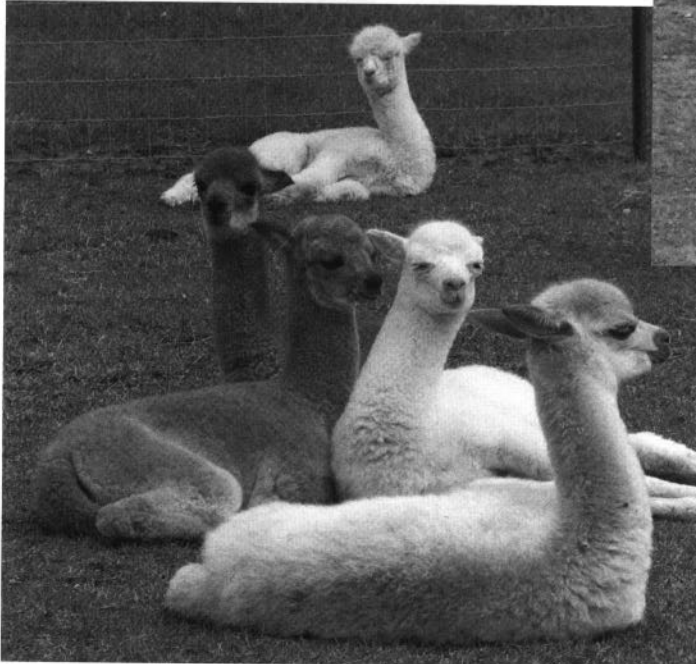
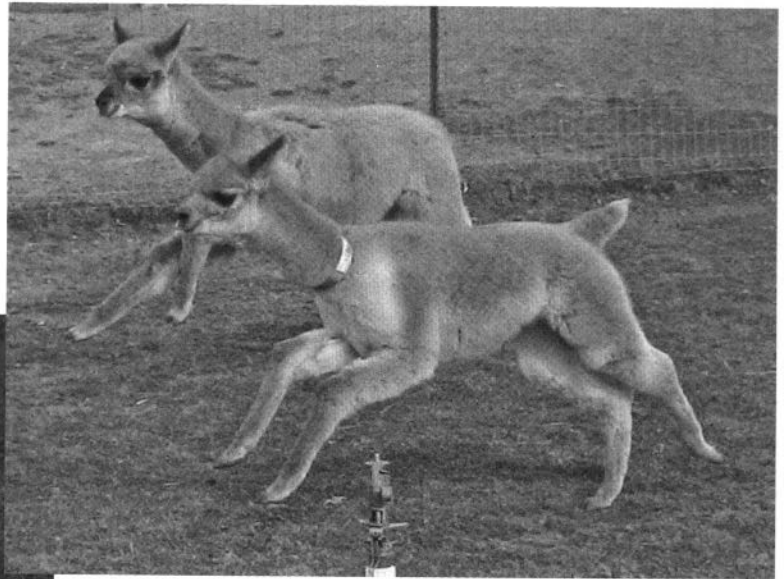
Jefferson Farms' Paco-Vicunas Photo Journal



What is a Paco-Vicuna?

A paco-vicuna is a special alpaca that displays the phenotype traits of the vicuna. The fiber is known for its softness, fineness and color with the characteristic bib of the vicuna. The young paco-vicunas display the agility, vigor and playfulness of the vicuna.

It has been my pleasure to work with these groups of young animals for almost three years. They are truly unique individuals.



Once again the tradition continued with another great year at the Buckshollow Farm having an ALSA Show and fun friendly llama association. This year the numbers were great for animals and participants. It was so good to see so many families together for the weekend. The day started with Halter Competition which went smoothly as Mike Swanson was the Judge and gave great oral reasons. Then it was on to Showmanship where the competition was really tough. These kids were good! There were several tie breakers going on. And the afternoon was filled with Performance classes.

The best thing about the Stars N Stripes show is the people. When a Youth was seen



having some difficulty, help was there. After the course and all the exhibitors were done, time was spent going over "pointers" to help the youth and adult handlers. Some things are just so simple, but we develop bad habits. A simple thing like a loop in the lead rope that goes over the hand, where to tie up, safety and reminding everyone, if you go, the llama will go. It was one of the first shows of the year, so many were working out the cobwebs and long winter we all endured.

The second best thing about Stars N Stripes is the food! A pot-luck lunch with the theme Mexican Fiesta was the best spread of food ever! Nachos, Tacos, Burritos, Tostados - and it was all good.

During lunch the "Annual Competition" of the "DOWN HILL SKI RACES" was held. Now that many of the families have seen this, they are ready for the races. Teams are pre-determined and siblings are split up! Adults are put on the team, just to slow the kids down. This year some of the teams got very inventive about ways to cross the finish line.



Another great year of Llama friends and fun. RMLA was our Sponsor and we appreciate everything the organization does to promote Llamas and Alpacas across the United States. Looking forward to seeing everyone along the way and at other shows this summer.

Drug Expiration Dates: For Real or Just a Suggestion?

The question comes up repeatedly, so I asked LANA's representing veterinarian for the Morris Animal Fund, Dr. Tim Thompson of Town & Country Veterinary Clinic (tcvc.net) in Platteville, Colorado, for his thoughts on the validity of expiration dates.

"It is difficult to make blanket statements regarding expirations and potency of the products we use, but I will try:

Hormones and metabolic preps, i.e., HcG, lutalyse, insulin; Should be considered extremely questionable past the expiration date. Do not use.

Antibiotics: As long as they have not been subjected to abuses in storage - i.e., freezing or extreme heat - are probably close

to expected efficacy as long as there is no color change or precipitate. I have found many producers in the past using these products with adequate results. Always check, though, if unexpected results occur; check expirations again.

Other injectables: i.e., Banamine, lasix, etc.: Should follow the same guidelines; however, it is difficult to know how much the product has degraded once expired.

Vaccines: Should not be used past expiration. Antigen degradation in the case of killed or toxin-derived vaccines and bacterins starts soon after manufacturing; and sometime after expiration, they will stop adequate stimulation of the immune system. Live vaccine and bacterins are even more liable.

Powders and pills: Can be variable due to oxidation, heat and humidity. If storage is good, they could potentially last well past expiration. Take it case by case, and watch results closely.

"Even if a product is well within its expiration, it is important to remember that it can still be bad. This is especially true of vaccines. If in doubt or if you get unexpected results, change products."

Editor's Note: Dr. Thompson makes no recommendations. If in doubt, or if you have any questions, always check with your vet!

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Denver's Saint Patrick's Day Parade

ShamRockin' 2010

Judy Glaser and Kim Sawyer
St Patrick's Day Event Coordinators



March can always be a bit sketchy for weather so it was a great feeling to show up in downtown Denver on a beautiful warm and sunny spring day to join the large group of floats, horses, mules and bands for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was a small group of RMLA members – llamas and alpacas – that arrived for the parade but we were a great hit none the less.

For those that have never participated before, the entire parade route was packed with party goers and lots and lots of kids. It

was hard to keep up with the Rockies float in front of us because everyone wanted to pet a llama. Both handlers and llamas were decked out in green shamrocks – hats, big glasses, decorative blankets and beads. We were quite a colorful sight.

It was great to have a couple alpacas join us in the march and they did their best to keep up with the llamas. I don't think they get out us much as the llamas and it was a pretty warm day but with a little push from the llamas, they finished the parade in grand style.



There are three divisions of floats with about 40 groups per division. Fortunately, RMLA is always in the first division so while we did have to wait a bit for our start time, it was nice to be early. The extra time gave us a good time to catch up with everyone.



We hung out next to the "Hole in the Wall" gang which gave Judy and me a great idea for next year. We're going to have a tailgate party before the parade – breakfast, coffee and some great conversation. So mark your calendars for next years event, we're going to expect more of our llama friends to turn out.

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Owners of *Serendipity Farm*

One of the most positive attributes of the Llama is the "Versatility" of this exquisite animal. This year LANA wants you to think and promote the Versatility of the Llama.

As the famous Johnny Mercer song lyrics proclaim:

"You've Got to Accentuate the Positive"

- Llamas produce outstanding fiber. If you haven't previously engaged into the fiber arts this may be the time to take a class and learn about what outstanding fiber our llamas are producing. Make this year the year you promote your llama's fiber. Enter a Llama Fleece Show. The llama's fiber is produced through several building blocks. Genetics are a vital component, however proper nutrition and environmental factors are all part of the equation. Do something creative with your llama's shorn fleece. Show off and promote llama creations from socks to blankets. Hats, yarn, felted embellishments, knitted, crochet, woven and don't forget the batting for the quilts or the stuffing for pack gear or pillows.
- Llamas are excellent pack animals and trail companions. Even if you are not an avid camper there is nothing like hiking with llamas and letting them carry the load. Llamas are excellent pack animals and are relatively easy to train. It is important that you use the proper equipment (pack saddle and gear) that fit your llama's body and that the equipment is properly utilized so that the animal is comfortable. If you need help learning to pack with your

llama there are private and group training classes available. The Alpaca and Llama Show Association (ALSA) offers Novice Pack, Advanced Pack, Master Pack and Open Pack where the Llama can earn Recognition of Merit Points. Additionally, the Pack Llama Trial Association (PLTA) offers "Pack Trials" at various locations where you can earn levels of achievement by competing against a standard. Llamas can earn a Basic, Advanced, Master, Extreme and String Pack Llama Titles.

- Llamas are beautiful and elegant in Halter. Nothing is more beautiful and breathtaking to watch than a structurally correct, elegant llama moving gracefully in the show ring during a halter class. If you are not sure of what the Judge is looking for take a training class or clinic. There is no greater investment than education. In the 15th Edition of the ALSA Handbook the Llama Halter Judging Criteria is listed as follows, "Judging is to be done on a comparative basis using the lists of positive and negative traits and the list of serious faults." The positive and negative traits are listed on pages 47 and 48 of the 15th Edition of the ALSA Handbook. For a more in depth analysis of positive and negative structural traits read: "Medicine and Surgery of the South American Camelids", by Murray E. Fowler, DVM.

"Eliminate the Negative"

- Let's be positive about our industry. For all of us that are committed to our llamas nothing is more important than to be focused positively for the future. Breeding with a purpose is

important and the llamas of North America are now being bred for a variety of uses. Thus, the importance of versatility in marketing of our llama industry. "Llama Versatility" receives the most acknowledgeable validation in the show ring when judging is done on a comparative basis. In versatility the llama must compete in a combination of classes designed to accurately evaluate scores in Halter, Fleece and Performance. Just as champion versatility horses and dogs command increased value so should our llamas. What a great way to positively promote our industry through promotion of the "Versatility Llama".

"Latch onto the Affirmative"

- Start Promoting the Versatility of your llamas. Now is the time to "Latch onto the Affirmative". This year LANA is helping to promote formal recognition of the "Versatility Llama" by sponsoring the Llama Versatility Jackpot Championship Awards at the 2010 ALSA Grand National Llama Show.
- Halter, Fleece and Performance are all important aspects of the llama's versatility and broad spectrum appeal. Llamas are highly intelligent animals. What a wonderful way to promote llamas, our industry and have a wonderful time doing something fun then to compete with your llamas in versatility. You have plenty of time to start preparing your llamas.

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2010 Jelly Bean Classic

By Jerry Dunn



The Jelly Bean Classic is for all who enjoy working and playing with their alpaca or llama.

No fees, no premiums, no judges, no grooming, no ribbons, no age limit. The requirement is that you have fun and consume lots of Jelly Beans.

Participants help design and set up the course comprised of many interesting obstacles. For every obstacle you and your animal attempt successfully, you can help yourself to a Jelly Bean (or two or three....). You are limited only by your ability to have fun and the number of Jelly Beans you can consume. Some individuals

have been sighted casually standing for several minutes at the end of an obstacle sorting through the Jelly Bean cup looking for their favorite flavors.

The weather was ideal this year with warm sunshine and no wind to challenge the patience of our participants. At 10 o'clock trailers filled with llamas rolled into the Indiana Equestrian Park. Kids and adults with llamas and alpacas in hand scurried up to the open field to sign in. The sign-in table was buzzing with people estimating the number of Jelly Beans stored in a special container. During lunch Rae McCarthy had the closest guess for numbers and was awarded the Jelly Bean jar packed with Jelly Beans.

The Jelly Bean is a great opportunity for animals to experience being staked out on a tether and socializing on the obstacle field. Many young people have returned for several years and still find it rewarding to negotiate the different obstacles. The excitement of accomplishing a challenging obstacle continues to bring smiles on our faces.

Following the pot luck lunch under the 'ole cottonwood tree, everyone pitches in and load up my trailer with the obstacles. Families load into their vehicles and drive off leaving the equestrian area quiet and absent of Jelly Beans once again.

Come join us next year.



TOOL LIST: wheel barrow, mud boots and gloves, safety glasses, bean collector, 14" metal spring rake, 8" metal spring rake, 24" plastic leaf rake, 8" plastic leaf rake, 4" hoe, 12" toothed rake, 20" plastic grain scoop, fork rake for straw, pick axe

My first experience working around llamas was with Bobra Goldsmith in 1983. It was during that year I learned the finer skills of cleaning paddocks with tools that suited the job. I learned how to fill up a wheel barrow to its max, use a pitch fork, shovel and rake in cleaning out loafing sheds and paddocks. Since that unforgettable experience and after moving many wheel barrows of manure and straw at different farms, I have created my own list of tools and routines that help make the job easier and more efficient for my small farm.

Since I spend a great deal of time casually observing my animals' behavior during cleanup, it is better that my tools are smaller so I don't find myself over loading a big shovel as I watch them take a turn around the paddock or pasture. The beans are raked into common piles on a daily basis with the 24" spring rake taking care to move the piles away from the llamas eating area. If I am unable to get the piles picked up that day the llamas kindly accommodate my efforts and poop on one of the raked piles. When time permits, I use the 8" spring rake and the bean collector to get the manure up off the ground and into the wheel barrow. I keep the wheel barrow, bean collector and rakes close to the area where I'm working to minimize the overall effort in lifting. Each time I finish a pile the tools are moved to the next area. For delayed cleaning and larger piles the



20" grain scoop comes into play. Using the grain scoop requires more leg work in the lifting in contrast to using the bean collector where arm strength and a good grip are important.

The wheel barrow I prefer is the old fashion single wheel supported with wooden handles. At my age I find it easier to balance and push the wheel barrow rather than pull or push a two wheeler. Emptying the wheel barrow onto the compost pile can be an exercise unto itself by balancing and shaking or just letting the wheel barrow flop over onto the compost pile. After the chores are finished it is a good idea to wash out the wheel barrow and prop it up on a fence or building on the wheel brace to prevent it from rusting.

The plastic leaf rakes are used to rake up dried material such as, hay and straw. The plastic rakes are nice in the summer when the ground and the manure are drier. The idea is to keep the beans from jumping all over when you rake so I might have to use both the metal spring rake and the plastic leaf rake during the same chore. The hoe and the pick axe come into play with winter ice and frozen bean piles. Using these tools is hard on the hands and elbows and definitely not one of my favorite exercises. Sometimes the chunks get so bad that I need to wear safety glasses and a hat to protect my eyes

and face. The 12" tooth rake is handy to pull soggy wet piles together. Turn it over and use it to smooth out some bumpy areas.

Am I making too big of a deal about tools and cleaning up manure? Maybe so.....However, it is a job that has to be done on a regular basis so you just as well make it as easy and enjoyable as possible. I consider it time well spent with and for my animals. I also look at the cleaning as a part of my daily exercises with the lifting, twisting, pushing and walking. These tools used daily do not require a personal trainer to be yelling in your ear to work faster and harder.

The cleaning of the paddocks can be a social activity involving visiting friends and young people, so it is good to have two or more of the basic rakes and bean collectors on hand so everyone can enjoy the activity.

All of the tools on the list can be purchased at your local hardware store and livestock specialty catalogues. The spring rakes have metal handles and last a long time if cared for properly. The handles won't brake but will bend should someone run over them with the garden tractor. Some brands of spring rakes carry a 1-2 year warranty.

Enjoy your cleaning. Enjoy your animals.

Camelid Fiber Being Used to Help Clean Up Gulf Oil Spill

The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is undoubtedly one of the worst ecological disasters any of us has ever seen. A non-profit organization named A Matter of Trust is one group that is working hard to help clean up the Gulf oil spill and we can help them.



Volunteers are using natural fibers, including everything from human hair to llama and alpaca fiber to stuff nylon and mesh booms to soak up the oil. Fiber donations have come from around the world, from hair salons, pet groomers, and alpaca, llama and sheep owners. Generous donors are all shipping, at their own expense, thousands of boxes of hair, fur, fleece, feathers and nylons. It is coming in now by drop-offs, truckloads, USPS, FED EX, UPS... from every city in North America. Even from donors in UK, France, Spain, Germany, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China and Brazil. Everyone wants to make this happen! Alpaca ranchers have already donated more than 10,000 pounds of fiber.



A Matter of Trust has received so many donations that they are running out of warehouse space to store it all. However, donations of llama and alpaca fiber are still very welcome, as stated in the following e-mail received on June 14, 2010:

Hi - Volunteers would love any fleece you still have. We sent out an email to everyone explaining that the warehouses are inundated and to stop sending hair because we have so many thousands of salons. But the fleece we will make room for. It is such a HUGE pleasure to work with and it floats like a dream. We're using it all over Alabama and Florida shores.

Please, if you have fleece to send, email us and we'll direct it to the warehouses that are making room the fastest for it as booms are getting deployed right now. The oil is coming in - in some places 8 miles inland in the canals and bayous! There's a lot of need for boom and we're making it as fast as we can.

We just don't want any boxes and bags outside as it rains and so we need to make room in the 19 warehouses and were panicking as for the past week (with the news of the oil ashore) tens of thousands of boxes started to arrive each day at each warehouse.

Thanks to all of you and please let your network of farmers know. Also there are t-shirt drives to help you with the cost of shipping. You are all so incredibly generous, and we know that this is so expensive.

Please see: www.afcna.com for the shipping assistance program.

We have put up new photos and FAQ on our website for updates.

*Best wishes,
Lisa Craig Gautier
President
www.MatterOfTrust.org*



Please visit the Matter of Trust website for information on how to sign up to donate fiber for this extremely important cause and to watch the videos demonstrating how well the natural fiber booms work in soaking up the oil. If you don't have fiber to donate, cash donations can always help. The photos and the cartoon from the Alabama Press Register are from the www.MatterOfTrust.org website and are reprinted with its permission.





This marked the fourth year of Nebraska's performance show "Wild 'N Wooly". This year the show was moved to Waco instead of Broken Bow because it worked better for the people entered as well as our superintendent. We ended up with around 21 animals shown. The classes we have at WNW are youth judging, showmanship, pack, obstacle and public relations. There are both open

class and youth categories. It is fun to watch our 4-H leaders either show to the best of their ability or to watch them struggle by using a new training animal. Our judge was Mike Swanson from Iowa. Because there are so many youth both new and more experienced, our judge, ring stewards (Pat Schendt and Karen Kurbis) and leaders reviewed tips after each class so we know how to improve for our next show.

We have made lots of friends over the years with the 4-H club from Missouri who has always come to the WNW show! This year they are planning a day demonstrating how to make bags out of fiber. We all pitched in (with lots of help from Geri Rutledge) to make samples for them felting between our classes for the show.

Our theme for this year was Mexican Fiesta. We had a potluck fiesta for lunch!! At the end of the day we each received goody bags representing what classes we participated in through some fiesta-themed souvenirs (a little pinata donkey, sombrero, packs of Mexican candy and fiesta rubber

ducks). Our show superintendent (Tami Schendt) and clerk (Catherine Steele) hid fiesta-themed llama signs throughout the Rutledges farm and each time we found one we got to grab something out of the prize box.

All of us in the different age groups like to hang out or play games together while we are waiting to show and we have a good time getting to know the new people and renewing our friendships from the last shows! This show is so fun because we get to have fun and learn at the same time. The grand and reserve winners each got medals this year which are really cool too!

The man who shears Rutledges animals stopped by as well and gave us a shearing demonstration. What a busy but very fun day we had on May 22nd at the Wild N Wooly Show 2010! Thank you to all the adults who help organize and run this show! Thanks to all my new and old llama youth friends too! I hope we all get together again soon - and bring more friends to next year's Wild and Wooly show in Nebraska!

Camelid Community 2010: Pulling Together in Fragile Times

**July 30-August 1 in
Kansas City, Missouri**

In today's economic climate, we in the camelid world need a vision that goes beyond mere plans for adjustment. We need to imagine new ways to accomplish our objectives. More of the same—including bigger and better of the same—just isn't going to cut it in our new economic environment. We need to realize that and move on, creating new options and opportunities.

That's just what we'll be doing at Camelid Community 2010 the weekend of July 30 through August 1 in Kansas City.

Join us and be part of the cooperative effort that continues to prove our various alpaca and llama groups can work together without taking away from each other. We would like to continue to have representatives from all geographic regions, national groups and local and regional breeder/owner groups. Interested individuals also are welcome.

Because we try to keep costs as low as possible for everyone, the registration fee for Camelid Community is still only \$75. This includes conference fees, as well as Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner. The conference is being held at the Radisson Kansas City Airport, located at 11828 NW Plaza Circle,

which is located about two miles from the Kansas City Airport. The hotel offers free shuttle service to and from the airport.

Radisson has reserved a block of rooms for Camelid Community 2010 at a special discounted rate of \$65. Rooms must be reserved by July 5 to guarantee this rate. Make reservations by calling the hotel directly at 816-464-2423 and specifically mentioning you are part of the Camelid Community group. For a complete registration packet, or for more information, contact Sheila Fugina (bsfugina@presenter.com) or Barb Baker (bebaker@hughes.net).

National Western Stock Show Report

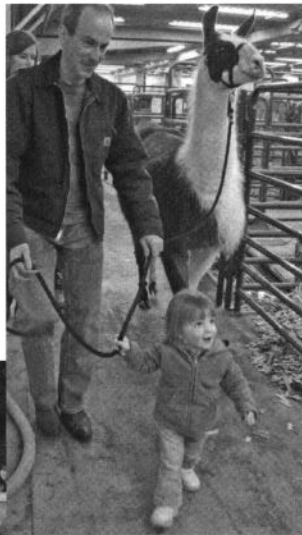
By Carlos Mendoza

The 26th National Western Llama Show returned to the first weekend of the 2010 NWSS with new features and surprises. Concerns about the effects of the recession and lowered attendance at the stock show prevailed throughout the facility but the second combined llama and alpaca show surprised the skeptics and energized the organizers. Similar to last year's show, another 20% increase in numbers was recorded and a busy schedule of activities managed to keep the exhibitors busy until late into the evening.

Friday's schedule was noteworthy for multiple educational sessions planned to provide concise and useful information for both new llama owners and more experienced exhibitors. In a free and easy format, participants had a chance to watch



Fiber Judge Karen Kinyon was a new class offered to National Western exhibitors. As halter competition continued well into the evening, the popular "Evening With a Llama and Alpaca" provided the public a chance to meet "close up and personal" with



and learn everything from grooming and health management techniques to the characteristics of the newest camelid mineral

products on the market. Sponsors from Ranchway and Purina provided helpful information on their products and donated free minerals and supplements to exhibitors.

Friday evening was highlighted with a dinner and Llamas 101 lecture by Kay Sharpnack sponsored by the Andis Co. Limited only by the late hour of the venue, a comprehensive lecture and slide display provided insight into the beginning of the llama industry in the United States and the movers and shakers in the early burgeoning market.

Saturday provided simultaneous ALSA and ILR Halter competition shows with Judges Bill Feick and Darrel Anderson. Walking fiber competition with ALSA

Llamas and Alpacas in a wide range of colors, sizes, and fiber types. Sunday provided the traditional ALSA performance classes and exhibitors competed well into the night.

With hopes and expectations running high, plans are already in the formative stage for next years 2011 show with efforts being directed to convince the National Western Board of Directors to start the camelid shows first thing in the morning and winding up well before dark....time will tell whether our recommendations will come to fruition and optimize the show experience for both the lama community and the members of the public for whom the lama classes are a highlight of their Stock Show experience.



Summary Of The Hobo Show

HASTINGS, NE

April 16 & 17, 2010

Friday evening saw Judge Wally Baker put the Youth exhibitors to work in their respective Youth Judging classes. We had 6 entries, 2 in each class of Youth.

Upon completion of Youth Judging, the "Friday Night Event" began!! Our Judges, Wally & Maryan Baker held the Exhibitor/Judges Meeting and answered any questions and explained the new classes we would be doing on Saturday. Since Maryan is an ALSA Fiber Judge, we could add Walking Fiber Class to our Show this year. After the meeting we were served a delicious dinner by Red's Country Catering...think everyone had plenty to eat. Following dinner, the famous "Not So Silent" Auction began. Tim Grothen was our Auctioneer this year (did a great job) and he was assisted by "Steve Erkel" (Cody Stewrd and "Uncle Erkel" (Tim Sund)...The three of them did a SUPER JOB of "fleecing" (just kidding) the crowd!!! The NLA thanks everyone for their participation and their generosity!!!!

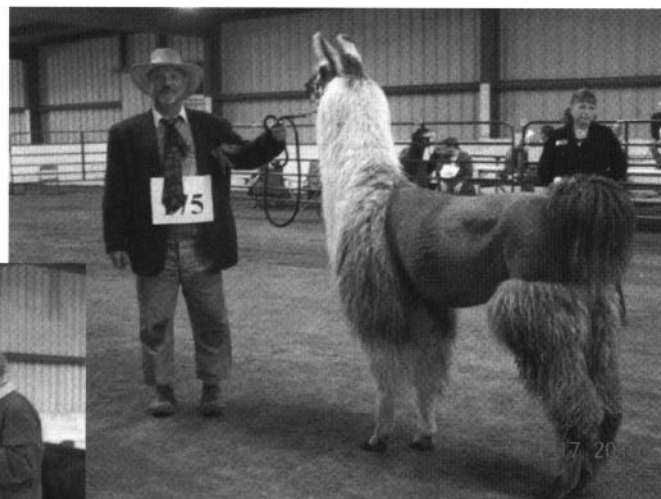
On Saturday, starting at 8:00 AM, in the cool confines of the barn arena,

exhibitors, Judges, and Show staff met to begin the Show. Tim Grothen played his guitar and sang the Star Spangled Banner. Youth exhibitors were the flag bearers along with their llamas. Then the judging began in earnest.

Judges Wally and Maryan Baker had a full day's work ahead of them at this point beginning with the Performance classes. A



total of 17 youth participated throughout the day in various classes.



There were 7 ranches represented from Nebraska, 4 from Missouri, 1 from Colorado, 5 from Kansas, and 1 from Iowa. The quality of the llamas and alpacas was top rate and the



Judges had their work cut out for them in picking the very best.

Several new things were added this year. One of them being that the Hobo show offered light wool classes in the male and female divisions and also medium wool classes in the male and female divisions. However,

due to the fact that neither class had the full quota for ALSA points to be given, the Judges did what they call a local show (judging for the trophies in each class) and a light/medium combined male class and a light/medium combined female class for ALSA points. Confusing, but manageable!(!?)

A new Jackpot Maiden Performance class was offered. This is a class made up of animals that have never ever done an obstacle course before. We had 6 entries in this class and it was fun to watch. Larry

Lewellyn of Colorado won this event with Foothills Buster.

We had a Versatility Llama/Alpaca class, which was won by F5 Tornado (or should I say swept up) shown by Brianna Jensen. To be eligible for this class, you





Bobra on the News Again



In case you missed it, Bobra Goldsmith was once again on the evening news, but this time wasn't because of a fire or other bad news. On May 6, 2010, KDVR, the Fox affiliate in Denver, ran a segment about obscure and

odd laws that had been adopted for unknown reasons and were still on the books but not enforced. Some examples included laws in Denver that make it illegal to lend anyone your vacuum cleaner or to drive a black car on Sunday. In Louisville it is illegal to own any chickens, but you can have up to three turkeys. Pueblo has a law banning dandelions in homeowners' yards.

The final example was a Boulder ordinance which makes it illegal to have a llama on city property. The video tape that was used showed a gentleman in period garb, including a top hat, surreptitiously walking an alpaca at night. However, the real fun part of the segment came when Bobra walked up to the news desk with her llama, Rocky Mountain High Spirits. Reporter Eli Stokols had arranged for her visit, but it came as a complete surprise to the two news anchors. They were both charmed and impressed by the llama and commented on how beautiful and mellow he was. One even said they should have a llama on the news every night. The segment ended with the camera panning to show Bobra and High Spirits walking calmly out of the studio through office desks and cubicles.

If you would like to see the video of this broadcast, it can still be viewed at <http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-weird-laws-050610,0,5035632.story>.

have to be in 2 performance classes, a halter class, and a walking fiber class. The top llama/alpaca that scores the highest in each class then becomes a finalist and the highest score overall for all 4 classes is the winner.

Kim Holloway gave us a beautiful trophy to be awarded to the BEST IN THE SHOW animal. This was in memory of Noah who was tragically killed by dogs and is greatly missed. The winner of this trophy was Jahara owned and shown by Overmiller/Tagtmeyer. To be chosen for this award, all the halter male and female champions came into the arena and the Judges picked the top one.

The walking fiber competition, judged by Maryan Baker, was another new feature and provided a lot of exhibitors the ability to showcase their best fiber animals. It was a really good turnout for this event.

Thanks to all the volunteers, Dee January and Deb Manske for putting on another successful Show.

Respectfully submitted,
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Nebraska State Fair Moves to Grand Island

By Catherine Steele

PLEASE COME TO THE 2010 Nebraska State Fair to help celebrate its new location in Grand Island, Nebraska on August 28th - 29th, 2010. The State Fairgrounds are now part of Fonner Park in Grand Island and will feature brand new, state-of-the-art barns and arenas!

Llama open and youth showmanship and halter classes will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 28. Performance classes will be held on Sunday, August 29, starting at 9:00 a.m. This year we will also add some exhibition classes! Gary White and Rancee Forney will demonstrate llama

carting and Larry Lewellen will give us a pack string demonstration. All interested exhibitors are welcome to participate in leaping llama and llama limbo exhibitions! Judges for the show are Cheryl Juntilla of Clifton, Colorado and Mary Wickman of Woodland Park, Colorado.

The preferred way to enter is online at <http://www.statefair.org>. The preferred method of payment is with a credit or debit card online. PLEASE NOTE: The Entry Deadline is August 6, 2010 and THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS OR LATE ENTRIES ALLOWED. If

you are unable to pay or enter online, there will be a printable form available on the State Fair website. If you do not have internet access, please call the llama show superintendents Catherine Steele at 402-747-2301 (thecsteele@yahoo.com) OR Tami Schendt at 308-872-2936 (ptschendt@yahoo.com), and we will mail an entry form and show information to you.

The Nebraska State Fair website at www.statefair.org has lots of information and a live camera feed where you can check out the building progress!

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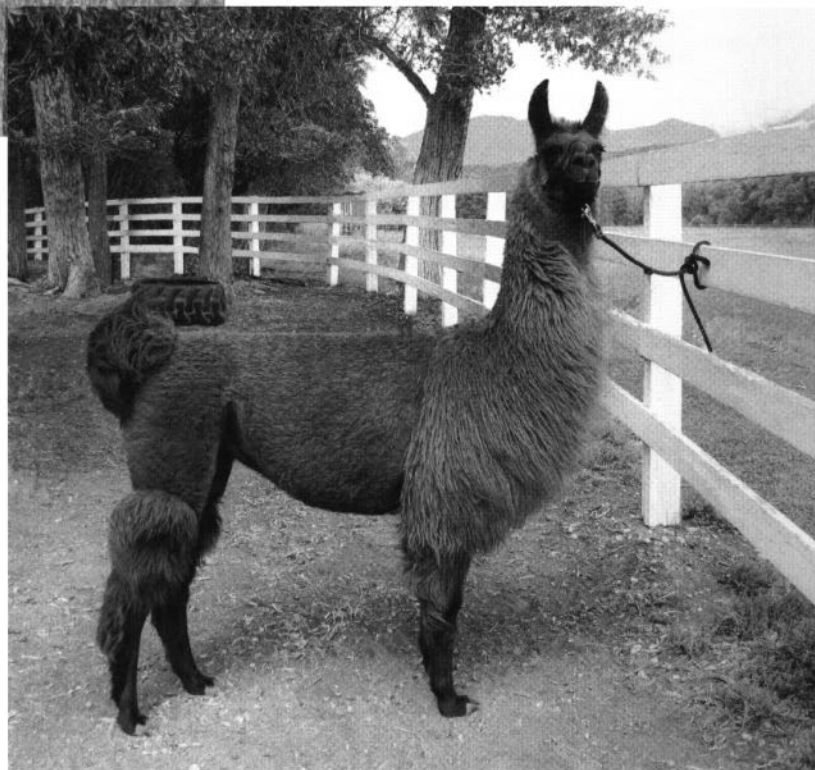


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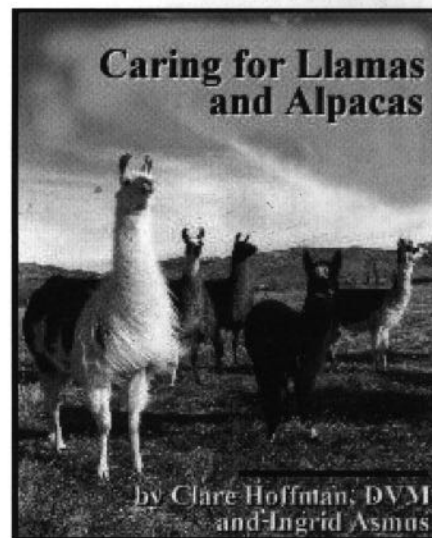
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