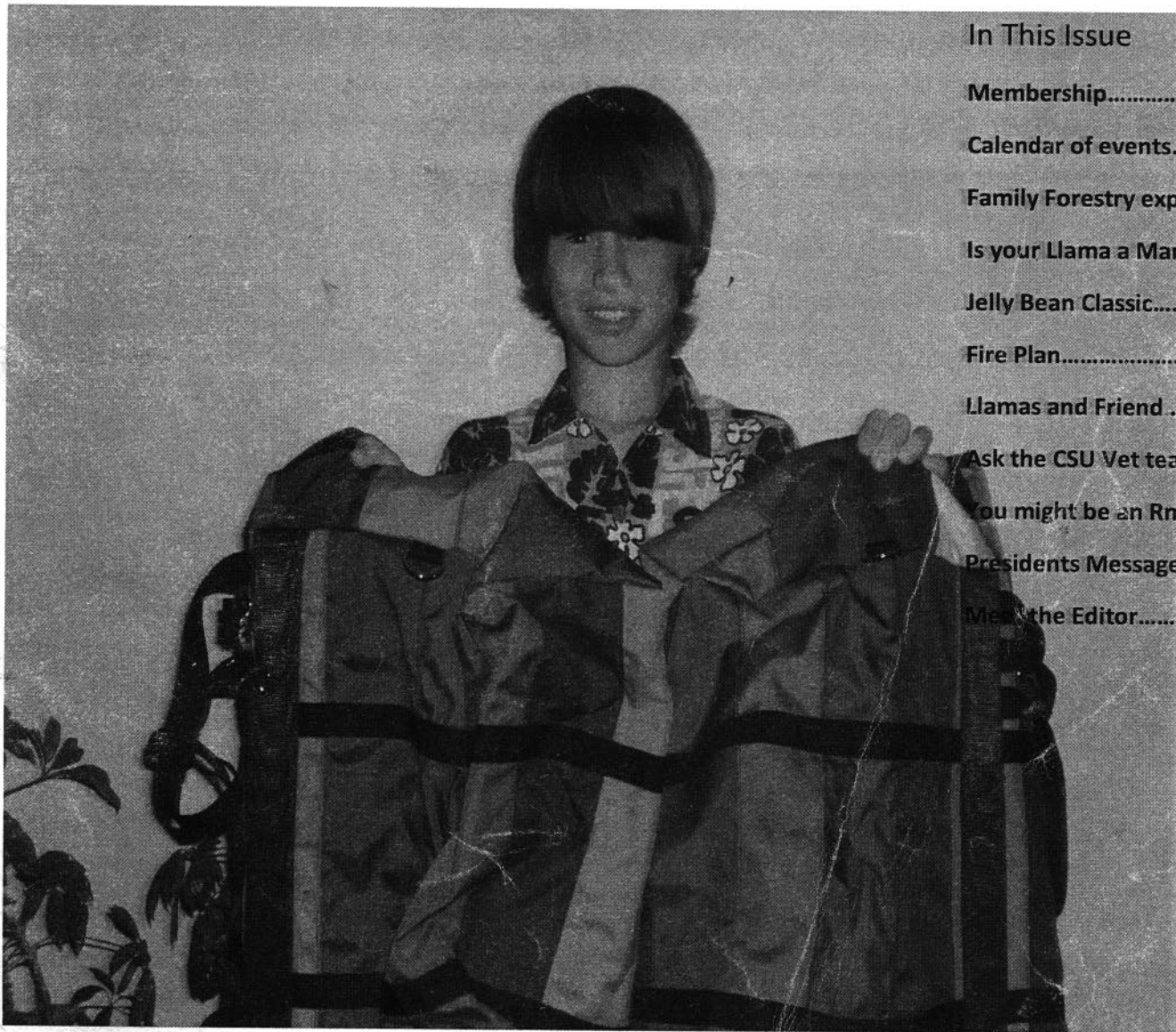

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Family Forestry Expo

Columbia Falls, MT 2011

Dick Williams

Pack Committee Chair

For the last 23 years a number of organizations in NW Montana have held a Family Forestry Expo at the Stoltze Experimental Forest just outside of Columbia Falls, MT. Held in conjunction with Forestry Week, it is attended by roughly 800 fifth and sixth graders from the schools in the Northern Flathead area. While on site the kids, teachers and parents walk around a trail that has about a dozen stations where they view presentations on topics like Wildlife, Fisheries, Watershed Management, Forest Management and others pertaining to usages of our forests. For a long time the most popular station has been the 'Backcountry Camp' which has displays set up showing proper backpacking, horse packing and llama packing camps. Earlier this spring I received an email from Jan Wassink, the ILR Registrar, informing me that the couple who had put on the llama camp for many years were unable to participate this year due to the wife's recent stroke and asking if I could fill in for them. He put me in touch with Jack Bradford of the Backcountry Horseman of the Flathead, who was the station co-coordinator, and after getting the details I agreed to come up for the last four days of the event.

Early on the first Tuesday in May I packed enough gear to set up a good sized camp and along with three of our packers drove the 125 miles to the event site. After making contact with the organizers I found out that the Backcountry Camp was located just a quarter of a mile from the parking lot – so while the guys had pretty fair loads it was a short walk through the pine forest on trail covered in chips from a local mill to 'camp'. After checking in with Jack and getting located I unloaded the guys and set up a 'high-line' for them. The weather looked threatening so I hurried to get our big kitchen fly set up – good idea as just as I was finishing it started to pour! During breaks in the rain I set up the rest of condensed camp in a small clearing near the Backcountry Horseman's big wall tent and got dinner ready. Not wanting to drive back and forth I had decided to spend the nights at the camp so of course it rained all night, every night!

Over the next three days, from 9 until about 2:30 groups of fifteen to thirty kids and adults rotated through our camp at about 40 minute intervals. I spoke to them about differences between packing with llamas and packing with horses as well as showing them the equipment and considerations specific to llama packing. While interested, what most of them wanted to do was look at the llamas so Gandalf, Andy and Rad took turns playing 'demo llama' while we talked about everything from their feet to what it means when they lay their ears back. My goal was that everyone would know a little more about llamas and llama packing when they left and from the teacher's feedback I would say that the four of us succeeded.

On Saturday the Expo is open to the public. Several more displays are set up by groups like the Forest Service, Game and Fish and the Scouts. The local Lumberjack Team puts on demonstrations and the organizers host a free chili-dog lunch. The Scouts made Peach Cobbler (absolutely out of this world!) all day till they ran out of supplies. The Backcountry Camp stayed very busy talking to family groups about proper ways to travel and camp with llamas and horses in the backcountry until the skies finally opened up for good at about 3:30 which pretty much brought the day to an end. As we were trying to get the camps broken down and packed out in the rain we looked up to see some of the organizers show up with four wheelers and trailers, they had come in to move all our gear back out to the parking lot for us. "The least we can do in return for you coming in to help us with the event".

So we loaded everything up and drove home in the rain - tired and ready to get home, but feeling like we had exposed a lot of people to the pleasures of packing with llamas. If you have the opportunity to get involved in a similar event in your area try it. All you'll get out of it may be a "thanks so much for coming" and the sight of a

bunch of smiling kids – but you may very well find that the satisfaction is worth the time and effort.



Is You Llama a Mama??

Author Deborah Guarino

By Jerry Dunn

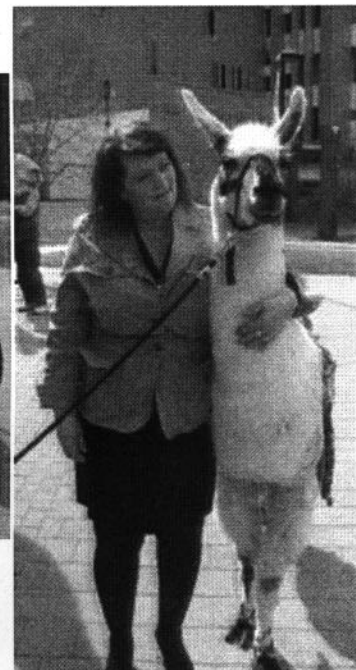
If you own a llama or have ever hiked with a llama you undoubtedly have been asked if you are familiar with the children's book, Is Your Mama a Llama? or they may jokingly ask, "Is your mama a llama". The question fosters many a smile opening the door for more conversation about llamas. The members of the llama industry has surely benefitted for years from the title of this book.

You can imagine my excitement when a member of the Denver Preschool One Book, One Denver committee requested a representative from the Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association to be represented at the events featuring the author Deborah Guarino and her book. Ms. Guarino was invited to read her book to preschoolers in the company of their parents at a kick off dinner at the Denver Convention Center Friday evening. Other guests included Denver Mayor Vidal and several mayoral candidates who read the book in Spanish. Saturday was the Llamapalooza at the Denver Public Library where games and free copies of IS YOUR MAMA A LLAMA?, were given to all of the children present.

Debby Rothwell came along as an additional handler for the llamas Jurni and Mr. Magoo. Debby with her knowledge of the city provided direction and support in negotiating a full sized truck and trailer in the Denver traffic. I was a nervous wreck! Friday night we had to enter the convention center through the basement. It was dark and the air was filled with the roar of huge exhaust fans. The llamas walked very tall not hesitating once as we entered the event via the kitchen. The vegetable platters must have been very appealing to our camelid snack hounds.

The experience was filled with additional quirky venues as only can happen when you involve llamas in something completely new and off the beaten path.

Amazingly this was Deborah Guarino's first hands on experience with llamas!



2011 Jelly bean Classic

By Jerry Dunn



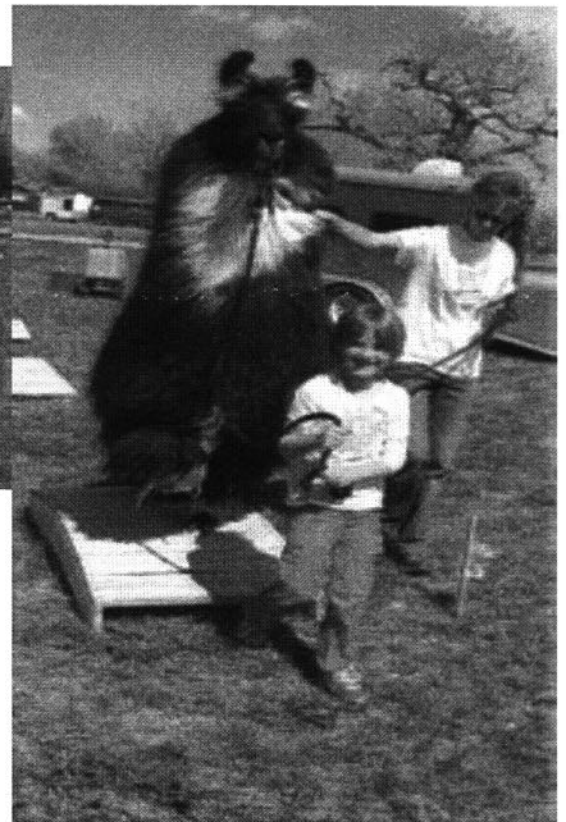
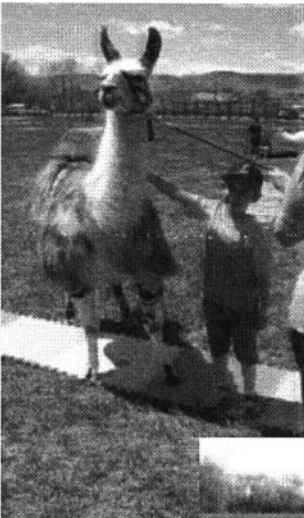
SWEETNESS AND SUNSHINE at the JELLY BEAN CLASSIC

How many years have manufacturers been making those colorful tasty and chewy beans? Speculation is that jelly beans first appeared as chewy candy for soldiers in the late 1800's. And the new flavors keep comin'.

For us the jelly beans were just a silly excuse to have fun with our llamas without someone telling us how we should do this or that. The Jelly Bean Classic is a free, no groom, and no pressure celebration that has been happening for about 12 years. The weather has been frigid, windy, snowy, and this year it was filled with wonderful sunshine and no wind.

The group was small in number but filled with play and creative ideas in setting up the obstacle course. The potluck lunch was set out around 11 am. There were drawings for prizes. One of my favorites was the Jelly Bean pack created and constructed by Mary Mauz. Christian

Watch the RMLA calendar for the date for the Jelly Bean Classic in 2012.



EVACUATION PLAN FOR FIRE AND FLOOD

Developed by Fran Etzkorn, retired fire chief for High Country volunteer fire department in Gilpin County and Jerry Dunn, former High Country fire captain.

Do you have a plan that you have shared with your family and neighbors to evacuate your loved ones and animals in case of a disaster? Following are guidelines for such a plan.

BEGINNINGS:

- Decide which animals are to be evacuated first. You may only get one chance! Remember the family house pets.
- Make arrangements for housing for your animals before a disaster.
- Family pets need I.D. collars and should be transported in travel crates with leashes. Crate them before the confusion starts.
- Always back your vehicle into your driveway facing the exit, in front of your trailer if possible.
- Practice hitching your trailer. Check brakes and air in tires on a regular basis.
- Determine a safe staging area with extra stall panels.
- Practice backing your trailer into the loading area.
- Train all of your animals to lead and load into a trailer.
- Provide barnyard lighting with a back up in case the power goes off.
- Mark driving lanes for the rescuers with construction cones.
- Mark pick up point and/or the driveway with long streamers of surveyors tape.
- Provide orange vests with **ANIMAL RESCUE** printed on them with black magic marker. This reduces confusion if the fire company is there at the same time.
- Organize halters and lead ropes on a peg board in barn hallway.
- Print up a list of all of your animals and make copies. Photograph your herd and keep it with your master list . Organize your herd into groups (geldings, studs, moms and babies). Who should go first?
- Make plans for your animals if it is too late to transport them to a safe area.
- Get to know your volunteer fire department. Attend work parties and give them a copy of your evacuation plan. Ask for suggestions.
- Involve another reliable person, neighbor or close friend, in your plan. With one phone call that person can set your plan into action.

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- Develop a phone tree of people who hopefully will not be involved in their own rescue. Provide a highlighted map to your place with the entry and exit plan. Make copies for all rescuers. Keep it simple and safe.
- Make a list of how many animals each rescuer can transport and safely house.
- Give each rescuer your vets name and telephone number.
- Keep a copy of all of the information on a clip board with extra pens and pencils, tape, orange vests, and a flash light in a place where your number one helper can find it. This list is to document "who went where" for later verification. You might not be home. One person needs to be in charge of the list on the clip board as the rescue begins.
- Carefully review your plan with all of the helpers.

RESCUE PEOPLE

The volunteers need to be clear about their responsibilities. Encourage them to practice backing their vehicle and trailer. Suggest that they have a special back pack in their vehicle which includes the following:

- Drinking water
- Emergency food and snacks.
- Flashlights and/or head lamps.
- Sturdy foot wear.
- Hat leather gloves, warm coat, rain gear, bandanna
- Shovel
- Extra lead ropes, stake lines, halters
- Surveyors tape.
- First aid kit

PLAN IN ACTION

- All markers in place
- Take a deep breath and stay calm!
- Begin catching and sorting animals.
- Clip board person puts on vest and begins the list with the first rescuer.
- When the last of the animals are loaded--get out of there!

WHEN SHOULD YOU EVACUATE?

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

You also need to plan what will be taken or moved from your home?

- Driver's Licences / Birth Certificates / Passports / Insurance Papers / Bank Documents / Tax records
- Special Medications / spare glasses / hearing aids
- Computer / CDs and or floppys
- Family pictures / Keepsakes / Jewelry / other Valuables

It might be wise to keep all of these things in one or two locations so they can be easily collected and stowed in your vehicle, quickly.

It is fire season in all of Colorado and the Southwest. This years fire season looks to be one of the worst in years. Being prepared for any emergency only takes a few minutes a month to keep records up to date.

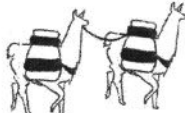


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LLAMAS AND FRIENDS IN THE PARK

By Jerry Dunn

The first hike of the season to shake out the bugs and stretch those legs was scheduled at the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. This fun little four mile hike is for any age group or camelid in the neighborhood. With some scouting we can always find jumps, water, bridges and an occasional duck taking flight off the creek and big horses or the families with their dog. This is a good hike for beginners or the experienced.

The weather was pleasant and filled with sunshine. Folks showed up with llamas and alpacas reading to strike out on the trails along Clear Creek. Each handler was given a small trash bag to work on a little clean up along the way. We enjoyed the hike so much we didn't stop for lunch until we completed the entire loop.

Come join us next time. Watch for the information on the RMLA calendar of events.



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2011 Pack Llama Festival

Silverton, Colorado

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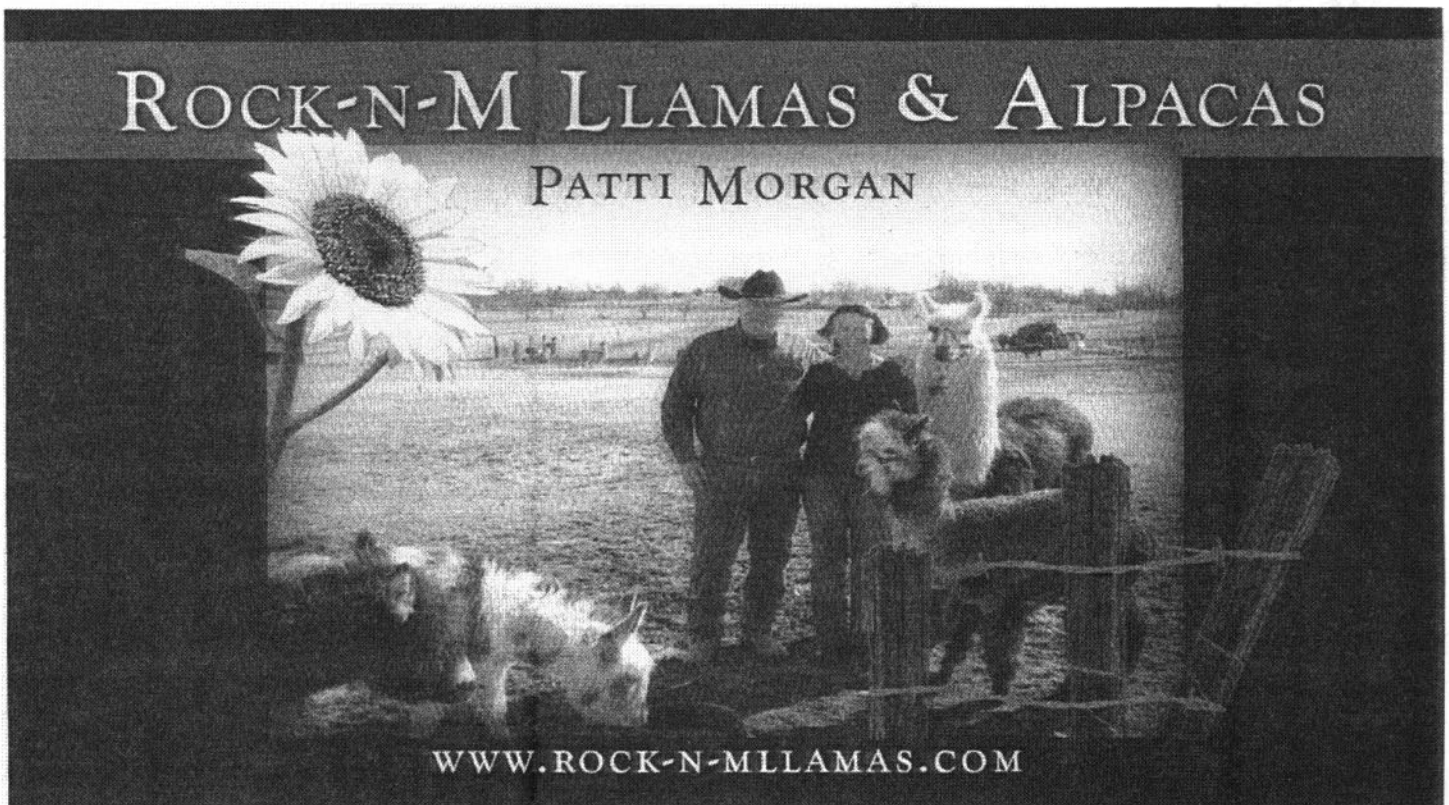
Long time RMLA member Charlie Hackbarth, along with Bill Redwood, Mark Ponnier (both of Redwood Llamas) and Alexa Metrick (of Rent-A-Llama.com) are organizing what promises to be the largest pack llama gathering in many years. The 2011 Pack Llama Festival was conceived as a way to promote a nation-wide exchange of llama packing knowledge and enthusiasm. They have gathered an impressive list of some of the most recognized names in the field of llama packing that will be present to share their knowledge with current and future llama packers.

In addition to fostering a diplomatic exchange of individual views on llama packing, the 2011 Pack Llama Festival will encourage newcomers to explore the many iterations of the sport, from family recreation to thru-hiking to commercial packing and performance showing. For those who have been involved in the industry since it's early days, it will also be the perfect setting to reconnect with old friends.

Visit the website at <http://packllamafestival.rentallama.com> to view the general schedule of clinics, demonstrations and panels. In addition, you can also see information on the site, details of the event and registration information as well as view a list of the people that the organizers have gathered to put on what promises to be an extraordinary event at a beautiful location.

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The 2011 pack festival



Ask the CSU Vet Team

With cooperation from our friends at the Colorado State University Veterinarian Teaching Hospital, the goal of this column is to answer your basic camelid-care questions

By Kathy Stanko & The CSU Camelid Vets & Interns

in a helpful and practical way. In this issue we continue to examine feeding our llamas. Robert J. Callan, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM explains the whys and hows of hay forage analysis.

What is a Hay Forage Analysis? Forage analysis of hay provides the nutrient content of the hay that you are feeding to your animals. Forage nutrient content varies between seasons, locations, cuttings, and storage conditions. By knowing the nutrient content of the hay, you can better manage the nutrition of your animals for better health and productivity.

Why Should I Perform a Hay Forage Analysis? Nutrient requirements of livestock vary with age, use, season, and production status. Forages generally make up the primary feed of most livestock. Knowing the energy and protein content of forages is important to provide optimum nutrition for your animals. Forage analysis can also determine mineral levels in the forages. Different areas of the country have different availability of minerals in the soil and thus result in forages that may or may not meet the requirements of the animal for specific minerals. Knowing the nutrient content of your forages, allows you to better tailor additional supplements to meet the needs of your animals.

How Do I Collect a Hay Sample for Forage Analysis? The most important aspect of collecting a hay sample for forage analysis is obtaining a representative sample of the entire lot of hay. This means randomly sampling several bales and obtaining a representative sample from each bale. While it is possible to simply grab some hay from several bales, this often results in a composite sample that is not representative of the hay because of over representing stems versus leaves. This is particularly true with alfalfa or alfalfa-mix hays. In addition, hand grab samples tend to collect forage from the exterior of the bale where the nutrient content of the forage may be affected by exposure to the environment (sun, rain). Core Samples are the preferred method of sampling hay for forage nutrient analysis. Quality hay core probes are made of a sturdy metal tube with a sharpened or serrated end to cut through the hay when obtaining the core. The length of the probe should be at least 14 inches and 18 to 24 inches is preferred. The probe diameter should be between 3/8 and 3/4 inches. This will provide about 1/2 pound of hay from 20 samples. The purpose is to collect a representative sample of stems and leaves.

Follow these steps to obtain a quality sample of hay for forage analysis.

- Sample each "lot" or cutting of hay separately.
- Obtain core samples from at least 20 bales selected at random throughout the entire lot. If there are less than 20 bales, take multiple cores from all of the bales until you have 20 core samples.
- Collect core samples from the side of the bale that is most resistant to puncture. For square bales, sample from the small ends. For round bales, sample from the side.
- Drive the entire probe into each bale.
- Empty the core chamber into the collection canister (multi-bore probes) or into your collection bag (single-bore probes) between each bale.
- Collect the sample into a 1 quart ziplock bag. Squeeze out the air and seal the bag. Label the bag accordingly.

Where Can I Get a Forage Sample Probe? Hay core probes are available from multiple sources.

Information on several quality hay core probes is available at the National Forage Testing Association web site (<http://www.foragetesting.org/>). Popular hay probes include

Penn State Forage Sampler: Nasco <http://www.enasco.com/>

Colorado Hay Probe: Nasco <http://www.enasco.com/>

AMS Hay & Forage Probe: <http://www.ams-samplers.com/>

Best Harvest Hay Sampler Probe: <http://bestharveststore.com/11.html>

Star Forage Sampler: <http://www.starqualitysamplers.com/forage.php>

Hart Forage Sampler: Hart Machine Company, 1216 SW Hart St, Madras, OR 97741, 541-475-3107

Where Do I send a Sample for Forage Nutrient Analysis? There are many laboratories across the country that perform forage nutrient analysis. The first way to ensure a quality analysis is to utilize a laboratory that is certified by The National Forage Testing Association (NFTA, <http://www.foragetesting.org/>). Certification means that this laboratory meets specific quality testing standards and demonstrates proficiency and accuracy for reporting percent dry matter (DM), crude protein (CP), acid detergent fiber (ADF), and neutral detergent fiber (NDF). A list of certified labs can be obtained from the NFTA web site.

What is the Difference Between Wet Chemistry and NIR? There are two general methods typically used for forage nutrient analysis, Near Infrared Reflectance Spectroscopy (NIR or NIRS), and Wet Chemistry. While NIR analysis is less expensive, this method is not considered as accurate as wet chemistry. NIR may be suitable for determining basic nutrient analysis including DM, CP, ADF, and NDF, it is often not suitable for accurate determination of minerals.

What Do the Forage Analysis Results Mean? The most basic forage nutrient analysis evaluates factors that help estimate intake, digestibility, available energy, and available protein in the forage. This is critical for proper feeding to support maintenance needs, growth, and production in the animal. The results are generally reported on a dry matter basis so that forages can be appropriately compared independent of their moisture content. Additional tests can also be performed to determine mineral content and sometimes vitamin content of the forage.

Moisture: The percent of the forage that is water. For hay, this generally runs between 5-15%.

Moisture dilutes out the nutrient value of forage on an as fed basis.

Dry Matter (DM): The percent of the forage that is not water. For hay, this is typically around 87-95%. Feeds with a lower DM require higher as fed intake to deliver the same amount of nutrients.

Crude Protein (CP): An estimate of the protein content based on total nitrogen of the feed and reported as a percentage. A normal range in hay is 6 to 20% on a DM basis.

Neutral Detergent Fiber (NDF): Measure of the fiber in the feed consisting of hemicelluloses, cellulose, and lignin. These are the carbohydrates that make up the cell wall and structure of the plant material. NDF predicts voluntary intake. As NDF increases, there is more fiber to the forage which takes longer to digest and thus decreases voluntary intake. A normal range in hay is 30 to 60% on a DM basis.

Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF): A measure of the cellulose and lignin and leaves out the more digestible hemicelluloses. ADF is a predictor of digestibility of the hay. As ADF increases, digestibility decreases. A normal range in hay is 25 to 45% on a DM basis.

Total Digestible Nutrients (TDN): TDN provides an overall estimate of the available energy density of the feed. It is the sum of the digestible protein, digestible NSC, digestible NDF, and 2.25 times the digestible fat.

Relative Feed Value (RFV): A calculated ranking of the feed based on digestibility (ADF) and intake (NDF). The higher the RFV, the better the forage. RFV is primarily used for evaluating alfalfa hay for dairy cattle. It will routinely give a low value for grass hays and does not accurately reflect their feed value. This is because grass hays tend to have a higher NDF (limits total feed intake) than alfalfa but at the same time, they have a lower lignin concentration and thus their fiber is more digestible. What this does in the RFV calculation is under estimate feed intake and energy value of grass hay, thus under estimating the RFV relative to alfalfa hay.

Minerals: Minerals are critical for the structure and function of tissues in the body. Too little (deficiency) or too much (toxicity) of these minerals can result in poor growth, production, or clinical disease. Mineral content of feed can vary greatly with geographic area. It is good to evaluate some of the important minerals in a feed sample to help select an appropriate supplementation to match with the hay that you are feeding. Minerals are typically reported as parts per million (ppm, mg/kg).

Typical mineral analysis might include any combination of the following

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| o Macrominerals | o Microminerals |
| § Calcium (Ca) | Cobalt (Co) |
| § Phosphorus (P) | Copper (Cu) |
| § Sodium (Na) | Fluoride (F) |
| § Chloride (Cl) | Iodine (I) |
| § Magnesium (Mg) | Iron (Fe) |
| § Potassium (K) | Manganese (Mn) |
| § Sulfur (S) | Molybdenum (Mo) |
| | Selenium (Se) |
| | Zinc (Zn) |

How Can I Use This Information? The most important part of forage nutrient analysis is the energy and protein content of the hay. This can be used to help determine what production groups of animals will benefit most from this hay and what production groups will need additional energy or protein supplementation. A general summary of energy (TDN) and protein needs for different production groups of camelids is listed in the table below.

If your hay has a protein or TDN value below the recommendation for the production group, then you will want to either use different hay for that group of animals, or consider supplementing those animals with another high TDN or protein supplement, or both. Feeding the proper hay to specific production groups to meet their dietary needs will help prevent both low and high body condition. It can also save you in feed costs so that you know what animals specifically need additional supplementation rather than always feeding these supplements to all animals.

Also remember that energy needs increase during times of higher physical activity or cold temperatures (winter). So, hay that may be doing just fine during the summer months may not provide sufficient nutrition for an animal in the winter.

After balancing your feeding for energy and protein, you can then take a look at providing optimum minerals and vitamins. If the hay is providing sufficient energy and protein levels, then additional minerals and vitamins can generally be provided simply with a mineral-vitamin mix. Many of these are commercially available and you can utilize your hay nutrient analysis to determine what minerals may be most important in the supplement. Intake of mineral-vitamin mixes may not be consistent between animals due to palatability. Thus, you may need to mix the mineral-vitamin mix with wheat germ or bran or some other carrier to improve the amount and consistency of consumption.

If the hay does not provide sufficient energy or protein, you will then need to supplement with a pelleted mix that has a higher TDN or protein than your hay. After you have satisfied your energy and protein needs, you can look to see how well your forage supplies other essential minerals. Some general guidelines for nutrient requirements in camelids are listed below. Often, any extra minerals and vitamins can be supplied by a comprehensive mineral and vitamin mix that is provided as a free choice salt for your animals. You can work with your veterinarian or nutritionist to help determine how much additional supplementation is required.

Table 1: Camelid TDN and Protein requirements in Camelids for different stages of production based on 1.5-2.0% Body Weight(BW) dry matter intake per day.

Feeding Plan	Physiologic States	TDN	Crude Protein
Sub-Maintenance	Obese Animals	40-50%	8-9%
Maintenance	Males > 1year Breeding Females Pregnant Female 1-8 months	50-60%	8-10%
Moderate	Pregnant Female 9-11 months	55-70%	10-12%
High	Weanlings up to 1 ½ years Lactation up to 4 months	55-60% 60-70%	14-16% 12-14%

Adapted From: Van Saun R.J. Nutritional requirements and assessing nutritional status in camelids. Veterinary Clinics of North America, Food Animal Practice. 25 (2009) 265-279.

Table 2: General Nutritional Guidelines for Camelids.

Nutrient	Estimated Maintenance Requirement Range
PROTEIN	
Crude Protein (%DM)	See Table 1
ENERGY	
NDF (%DM)	30-60
ADF (%DM)	25-45
TDN (%DM)	See Table 1
MACROMINERALS	
Calcium (%DM)	0.2-1.5
Phosphorus (%DM)	0.1-0.6
Magnesium (%DM)	0.1-0.5
Potassium (%DM)	0.5-3.0
Sodium (%DM)	0.06-2.0
MICROMINERALS	
Iron (PPM)	30-100
Manganese (PPM)	20-100
Zinc (PPM)	20-50
Copper (PPM)	5-15
Molybdenum (PPM)	0.5-1.0
Selenium (PPM)	0.2-0.3
VITAMINS	
Vitamin E (IU/kg)	500-1000

*Specific nutrient requirements in camelids are not well established and these maintenance ranges should only be use as initial guidelines. Consult with your veterinarian or nutritionist for specific requirements based on feed

Thanks to Dr. Callan for great information....again! And I would like to add that we were able to borrow a forage sample probe from our CSU Extension Office. Submit questions you would like answered to Kathy at turkeytrot2@aol.com. Just a reminder, if a timely response is needed please call your own vet! Thank you.

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- When light wool means our llama and not our Armani suit.
- All the plastic bags in your garage are not 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 county.
- You've ever "done Hotchkiss" out of the back of the aforementioned pickup.
- You have an advanced degree in business or engineering and spend the bulk of your day shoveling poop.
- Your idea of a pedicure is getting all of your llamas toes done in one day.
- 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 selling beans to our neighbors.
- The best painting that you own is on your barn wall.
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- You realize the Llama has trained you.
- You are sick of hearing the words "Do Llamas Spit?"
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- You spend 5-6 hours at work (company time/night shift) coating llama beans with epoxy to make a hat band.
- After a day of grooming and shearing you have a whole new concept of a "high fiber diet".
- If all your spare cash goes to hay.
- If you've ever orgled at a New Year's Eve Party.
- If you've ever worn llama ears into your barn.
- When someone says "beans" you don't think of "refried".
- If you buy 2 copies of "Caring for Llamas"... one for you and one for your vet.
- Your llama is better groomed than you are.
- A high tail set has nothing to do with pantyhose.
- Your favorite color is green.
- Your favorite birthday present is a big wheelbarrow and a poop shovel.
- When you're talking about babies, you're not talking about grandbabies.
- If you know how to pick beans.
- Every pocket of every piece of clothing you own contains hay, even after laundering.

This list was compiled by RMLA members at the 1999 Annual Conference in Grand Junction, Colorado.

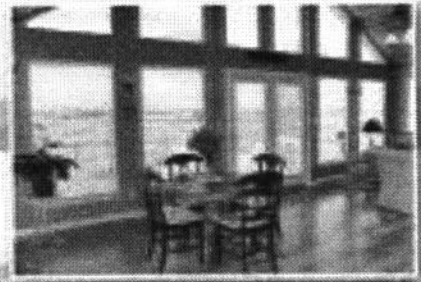
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It is unfortunate that some events have been cancelled because of the Equine Herpesvirus-1. Cancellations are necessary when our animals health is at risk. Many hours go into making an event happen. This can be a disappointment to event volunteers as well as those who planned to attend the event.

Please watch the health of your herd closely and call your vet should you see anything out of the ordinary regarding your llamas health. And, let's all hope this does not become a serious problem for the llama industry and our members herds! If you have questions about EHV-1, contact your vet or the CSU vet Hospital at 970-297-5000

We all appreciate Sue Grimm for stepping up as editor of the RMLA Journal. Please consider writing an article, as we all have stories to share. And if you are able, please place an ad now and then. All money generated by ad's is 100% invested in the Journal. Your participation by writing an article and/or submitting an ad will allow RMLA once again to expand the Journal.

Have a safe, health, sunshiny summer where ever your trail leads and may the wind be a at your back.

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Message from the Editor

I want to introduce myself as the new editor of the Journal. I have been a life member since the mid 1990's. I have done everything from help at shows to showing. I have run a packing business for llama hikes. My children both showed in RMLA shows. Both of which have flown the coop so to speak. So it became time to volunteer again to help out. I am a spinner and a weaver and enjoy playing with fiber. I am not able to show at this time so it was easy for me to come forward to take over the journal.

I want to apologize for the lateness of the Journal. I began in late May, when I found out that the board wanted the new editor to do the layout and get it ready for printing. No problem except my experience was the old cut and paste method. My learning curve with the new digital age is straight up. You are going to see changes in the Journal. I welcome letters to the editor. The email address is rmlaeditor@gmail.com. I also challenge you to write an article on the thing's you like to do with your animals or fiber. Send me pictures of your fleeces, yarn or finished products. Have a great pattern want to share it? Send it to me. Been camping? Tell the membership about it. Judges send in articles on what you look for in an animal. Send in photos and explain why you placed each animal.

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I want to thank the board for allowing me this opportunity to work on the Journal. I stepped up, and encourage members follow my lead.

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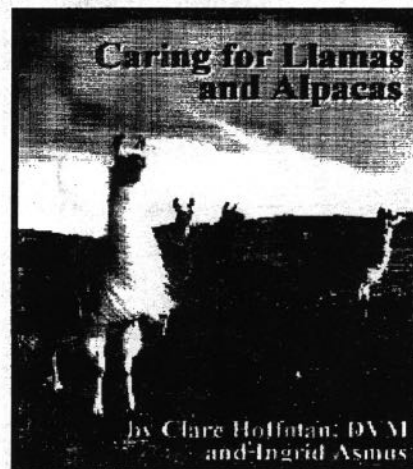
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