# GRAND SLAM LLAMA EVENT 2008

Grand Slam organizer Shawn Norman with horse trailer winner Bob Minto and Charlie McBay and Rob Crosby of Integrity Trailers of Oklahoma!

This is the weekend to be a part of the llama industry, fun and games! Friday the opening pitch was thrown out by "general manager" Shawn Norman and the games began. The Grand Slam Show this year took on a new flair awarding super prize money and a custom trailer. Integrity Trailers of Shawnee and Oklahoma City, OK, (www.integritytrailers.com) stepped up to



High Selling Female Lot #48 East Fork Illusion consigned by Heather Bamford of East Fork Ranch was purchased by Kay Patterson-Sharpnack of Hinterland.

## Let's Play Ball and Rock and Roll!

## Celebrity 2008

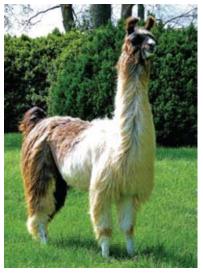
By Sue Wilde

the plate and donated the use of an amazing stock trailer for one year. This trailer had so many features for safe and efficient hauling it had more "hands on" action than the llamas! Thank you to Charlie McBay and Rob Crosby for your support of the llama industry. Congratulations to Bob Minto of Jasmine Llamas who will be sporting this trailer around Michigan this year. Enjoy! Hats off to Shawn Norman for putting together a great show event with fun, awesome sponsors and great premium money. Check out <a href="https://www.lamalink.com">www.lamalink.com</a> for full show results.

"Back in the 50's Night" was more fun and games generously sponsored by Charlie and Karen Stephenson of Flightless Farms. Friday night we rocked and rolled,



Hill Vin Santo Lot # 77 consigned by Spirit Hill and purchased by Bob and Toni Skousen.



Bolivian Serena - High Selling Female and Grand Slam, Best of Show Winner consigned by Hard Rock Ranch purchased by John & Debra McDougall.

got crooned by Elvis and swished out poodle skirts, ate ribs, chocolate covered strawberries and renewed our friendships.

With the preview for Celebrity Sale at 9:00 Saturday morning it was up and at 'em early, primping, the llamas of course, and donning show finery. Congratulations to all the consigners who parted with their best and to the buyers who went home with their futures tucked safely in their trailers. It was a high tie for top selling female, #48 East Fork Illusion consigned by Heather Bamford was purchased by Kay Patterson-Sharpnack.

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### Look What The Canadian Suri Wind Blew Into Oklahoma!!!

#### WCR Silver Ariat '02 Suri Male

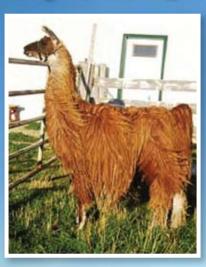
Supreme Champion High % suri offspring

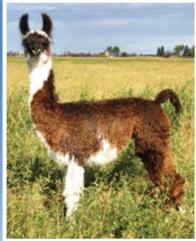
#### Sire of: Futurity Winner & High Selling Remember Alamo

High Selling 07 LFA Female

Halter Winners

Remember Titan, moving to France





#### WCR Revolution '07 Suri Male

Future Herdsire

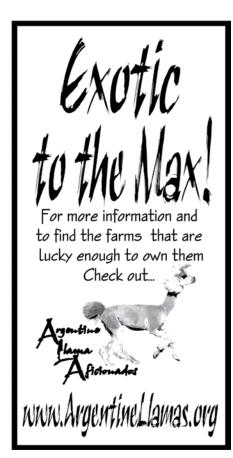
Chilean Evolution X WCR Hot Tomale

New suri genetics unrelated to most suri bloodlines

Thank you Sue Wilde for making these incredible animals available. We wish you the best in the future!

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This super tall, white beauty created a lot of excitement. Lot #14 Bolivian Serena consigned by Steve and Donna Clark was purchased by John and Debra McDougall. She was a high seller and Grand Slam best in show! The high selling male Lot #77 Spirit Hill Vin Santo, consigned by Virginia Vogel was a sharp little suri appy that carried his tail like a winner and he pranced his way to \$23,000 in the sale ring and second place in the show ring. Purchased by Bob and Toni Skousen, we'll see more of this guy. The sale average was \$4100. Check out all the results for the sale and the Sunday Celebrity Futurity at <a href="https://www.celebritysales.com">www.celebritysales.com</a>.

Celebrating llama people is also part of celebrating llamas. The recipient of the Linda Pierce Memorial award was Debbie Shellabarger. Recognized for her devotion to the industry this accomplished lady was a great choice. Her breeding program is top of the class and her participation in shows and judging is integral to the llama community. I call her the "loaves and fishes" lady as she feeds us all those wonderful cookies

that a high light to us at the llama events! Congratulations Debbie.

The long standing support of Steve and Sue Rolfing was recognized with the Craig Wilkins Memorial Sportsmanship Award. We all remember the many years of service and exciting sale's "highs" the Rolfings have provided. Craig would be proud of this choice.

Ron Kavanagh, the colorful auctioneer we all enjoyed was remembered with the award going to the high selling llama buyer and consigner. Rick Rowley's creations this year were once again creations to be truly treasured.

For twenty years Tom and Nancy Simmons and Tim and Teresa Vincent have been devoted to the promotion of llamas. The Celebrity sale has seen many llama lovers come and go and stay faithful. Hopefully we are headed into another successful 20 years of celebrating llamas at Celebrity Sale. Thank you to all of you for making this celebration a game we want to keep playing, let's roll!

Celebrity World Futurity Champion

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Class 6 Suri Females



Congratulations and a Big Thank You to the following breeders for their support of the

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A special THANK YOU to Tom and Nancy Simmons, Tim and Teresa Vincent of Celebrity Sales, for putting together such a wonderful event over the last 20 years and counting!!

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## Thank You to the Entire Llama Community

At the 2008 Grand Slam and Celebrity World Futurity, I learned how wonderful and supportive the entire llama community is. I experienced a tragedy that no animal owner ever wants to go through. My six month old female, which I had taken for her first show, jumped in the wash rack and broke her neck. This resulted in having to euthanize her, which was very difficult. It was my first time bringing my own animal to this show, and she was my only cria from last year.

I just wanted to thank everyone for the kindness and sympathy they have shown me since the accident. I am truly impressed on how the community as a whole responded. This makes me know why I love this community and why I have enjoyed being part of it for so many years. I want to thank you all again and part you with this wonderful poem;

Natalie Langowski

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

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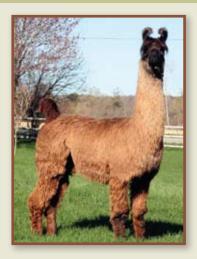
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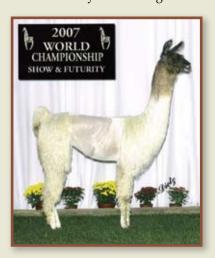
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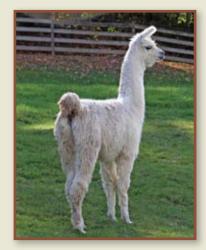
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