



ARGENTINE  
LLAMA  
AFICIONADOS

# On-Line Sale

June 5-7, 2009

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## The Llamas

ALA Members from across the country are consigning the best of the best from their Argentine Llama breeding programs. With fewer than 350 full Argentines in North America, now is your chance to become one of the few to own your very own exotic Argentine!

If you love fiber, bone and wonderful dispositions...you will indeed want to add an Argentine to your breeding program.

Consigned llamas include both full and part Argentines. All part Argentines have to be at least 50% Argentine and all bred females will be bred to a full Argentine.

## The Bidding Process

You will be able to sign up to bid beginning May 1st, just go to the ALA website. All bids will be by email or phone and bidders will receive a bidding number. The ALA auction team will be there to answer any of your questions. For more information on the sale please be sure to visit our website at [www.arginellamas.org](http://www.arginellamas.org).

ALA presents a preview of llamas consigned to the sale. To view all of the llamas in the sale please visit [www.arginellamas.org](http://www.arginellamas.org) starting May 1st.



**Argentine Zoomba**  
Full Argentine Kobra son  
Carother's Country Farm, MN



**Roana - 3 in 1**  
1/2 Argentine bred female  
Carother's Country Farm, MN

Presenting a selection of llamas offered in the sale; to view them all,  
please visit [www.argentinellamas.org](http://www.argentinellamas.org) starting May 1st.



**Just Totally Perfect**  
3/4 Argentine yearling female  
Sun Valley Llamas, IL



**Dare to Dream**  
3/4 Argentine proven herd sire  
Sun Valley Llamas, IL



**Argentine Jupiter (ET)**  
Full Argentine proven herd sire  
Pine Haven Llamas, WI



**PH Lu Cinda**  
1/2 Argentine yearling female  
Pine Haven Llamas, WI



**MGF Argentine Toquarita**  
Full Argentine maiden female  
McRobert's Game Farm, NE



**MGF La Di Da**  
3/4 Argentine maiden female  
McRobert's Game Farm, NE



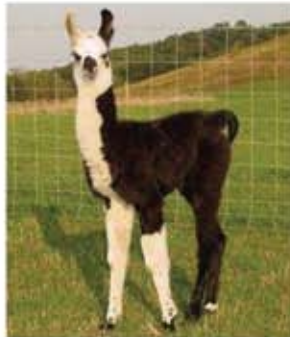
**Sarmiento's Aurora**  
3/4 Argentine female to be bred  
in May; TuckerWood Farms, CT



**Argentine Truco**  
Full Argentine proven herd sire  
TuckerWoods Farm, CT



**Argentine Bailero (ET)**  
Full Argentine male - unproven  
Taylor Llamas, MT



**Kobra's Kahlua & Crème**  
1/2 Argentine Kobra Daughter  
Homespun Hideaway  
Llama Ranch, WI



**PFO Kokopelli Smoke**  
1/2 Argentine male - unproven  
Fallen Oak Llamas, CA



**PFO Paiute Smoke**  
1/2 Argentine male - unproven  
Fallen Oak Llamas, CA



**Argentine Senorita Tren**  
Full Argentine open female  
Hacienda El Sueno, WI



**Argentine Pistola**  
Full Argentine bred female  
Hacienda El Sueno, WI



**Quinton Argentino**  
1/2 Argentine male  
Lone Star Llamas, OK/TX



**Lautaro Argentino**  
1/2 Argentine male  
Lone Star Llamas, OK/TX



*Lynda with Argentine Sarmiento*

**Lynda, you are an icon in the Argentine Llama community so it is an honor to interview you. Let's start out with some simple standard questions and expand from there.**

**How long have you owned llamas?**

I purchased my first llamas in fall of 1989. It is a day I will always remember. There was a 3 in 1 package, a 2 year old "friendly" male and a young female. I sure learned a lot from that day on! At the time I raised Arabian horses. But these llamas truly stole my heart. This year marks 20 years!

**How long have you had Argentines? and why did you decide to focus your program on them?**

I purchased my first Argentine's on the on-line auction that Paul and Sally Taylor had. The llamas at that time were in Chile and had to be imported. I have always loved fiber and the look of these llamas really intrigued me. That was in 2001. Once I saw them in person, that was it. I was in love with them. They were unlike any llama I had ever had before, gentle, kind, large bone, tons of fiber



*Carothers Country Farm Located in SE Minnesota*

*Interview with*

# Lynda Carothers

of Carothers Country Farm

by Laura Harrawood

and a robust build, big eyes and beautiful heads. I never looked back since then. I use to buy any pretty llama, now I am really focused. It is the best thing I ever did! Once I had my focus, the rest came easy. I can't stop talking about the Argentines. They truly have become my passion, my life.

**How big is your herd?**

Currently I have 62 full Argentines and 10 part Argentines, and 2 non-Argentines. I have 24 cria due this year.

**Tell me about your first Argentine?**

The first Argentine that I purchased was Argentine Sarmiento. He was on the on-line auction and on the import in 2001. When he stepped off the trailer, I couldn't believe my eyes! He was absolutely amazing and not even two years old. I don't think I slept for days. He was one of the most exotic Argentines in the import.

**Do you have a favorite llama and why is that one your favorite?**

I have a couple of females that I just adore. The first is an import, Argentine Naranja. She is one of the sweetest girls in my herd. And she is absolutely one of the top exotic Argentine females in the US today. She has all the qualities that we look for in producing Argentines. She has big feet, huge bone, extreme fiber coverage,

triangular head and great ears. She has been spoiled just a little! We have a special bond. The other favorite is Argentine Chocolat (ET). She is extreme Argentine and out produces herself every time. She is quite the character and is so fun to be around. Just watching her makes you smile. I could go on and on...I really love them all!

**Why do you think it took so long for Argentines to come into their own on the llama scene?**

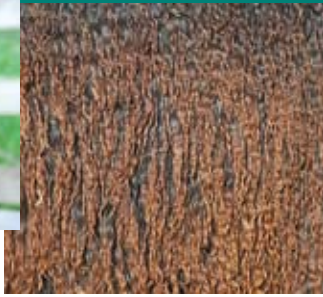
First of all, there really aren't that many Argentines in the US. Only about 80 were imported. And many of those were used to add the look to the llamas already here. Today there are about 350 pure Argentines. It isn't like adding suri fiber...that can be done quite quickly, but this is a country of origin and you can only produce as many as adult females there are. It just takes a lot longer. It is really within the last 3-4 years that they have been marketed and shown. In 2004, the Argentine Llama Aficionados (ALA) was started. A group of Argentine owners that got together to promote the Argentine llama. They have an online



*Argentine Poltergeist (ET) 2008 Grand National Reserve Champion Heavy Wool Male*



*Left: Argentine Marcel (ET)  
Below: Argentine Fiber  
from Argentine Marcel*



directory of most of the Argentine llamas in the US today. The Argentine definitely has a look of their own. Now we see ads promoting them, they are present at many shows, and they are catching the eye of many llama breeders. I am seeing more people interested in adding an Argentine to their herd. This past year we sold every Argentine we had for sale. I have even started a pre-purchase program. You can pick a cria before it is born and buy it. I have even had some special orders where customers have picked the sire and dam and have pre-purchased that off spring. I get calls and emails asking advice on breeding goals and bloodlines for the Argentines. It is really something I just love. And I love to talk Argentines.

**What is your biggest regret in your Argentine llama business history?**

My biggest regret is that I didn't have more money to buy more of the Argentines in the original import! Several very nice llamas were left behind. I would have loved to have imported all of them.

**What is the best thing that has happened to you in the llama business?**

That is easy! Definitely buying the Argentines! I now really have a focus and that has helped me tremendously. I only buy full Argentines of excellent quality. I look carefully at bloodlines and conformation. That has allowed us to have some showing winners and help get the Argentines even noticed more. That recognition was quite a journey for me. I am very thankful to have Natalie Langowski help me in the show ring! I couldn't have done that without her help.

**Do you know when a llama is born if it is show quality? If not then at what age do you know?**

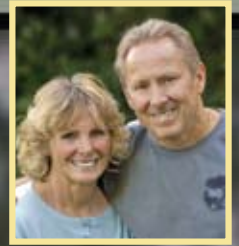
I think if you have an awesome baby born you can tell. But most the time you just have to wait and see. The Argentines seem to grow a little slower. So often at a young age they are smaller than the average llama. But between 2 and 3 they really come into their own. It is really at 6 months or so that you can really see the fiber coverage and conformation. I have had Argentines continue to grow in height until they were 4 or 5. I don't think they are really different than any other llama.

**Argentines have several specific characteristics that make them uniquely Argentine. If you had to pick just one characteristic to be the *most* important which one would it be?**

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## For Sale

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*Left: Argentine  
Chocolat (ET)*

*Right: Argentine  
Richarius Valentino  
Arg Tico x  
Arg Valentina  
2 weeks*



*Right:  
6 Month old  
Argentine*



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It would be the fiber! All that dense fine fiber and outrageous coverage, from the tips of the ears to the bottom of their toes. You do see all different types of fiber from silky, almost suri, to dense lofty and crimped fiber. But when you can get five pounds or more of beautiful fiber from one shearing, you are indeed in heaven! You do find Argentines in all colors, but predominately it is the rich reds. Those are my favorite!

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**Can you briefly talk about your goals?**

My main goal is to preserve the Argentine in the US. I focus mainly on raising pure Argentines. I want to continue to produce the best Argentine llamas that I can. Not only putting together good conformation, but all the Argentine traits on top of that. Argentines can add wonderful qualities when crossed with other llamas and I think that great too. But my goal is to keep the pure Argentines pure. I want to produce the ideal Argentine llama... fine dense fiber with extreme coverage, robust build with heavy bone, the beautiful triangular head with the big beautiful eyes, and the oh so sweet disposition plus the correct conformation. I have also worked hard at getting a good variety of bloodlines. This has become so important as the breed continues to develop here in the US.

**Have you ever been to Argentina? Do you have any plans to go?**

No, I haven't been to Argentina, not even South America. I would love to go!

**Do you have anyone that you would consider your mentor?**

I can't just pick one person. There have been so many people that have helped me in my journey with llamas. I have learned

so much from so many people. I am so grateful to so many. The internet has let me meet many people that I never would have met before.

**What would be your best advice for new buyers?**

Put together a list of goals. Raise a type of llama that you truly love. Don't do it for money, but because it is what you have a passion for. Everything will fall into place!

**What motivates you?**

The llamas. They give me so much every day. I love to spend time with them. I use to work full time off the farm and I couldn't wait to get home to spend time relaxing, just watching them. Today, they are my full time job. I couldn't have it any better.

**What is the thing that you are most proud of?**

In 2008, we showed and promoted, Argentine Poltergeist (ET). He won Grand Champion almost every time we showed him. And at the ALSA Grand Nationals he was Reserve Grand Champion Heavy Wool male. That was a dream come true for me. He is a super male and such a gentleman. But to get the recognition in the show ring was so great.

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