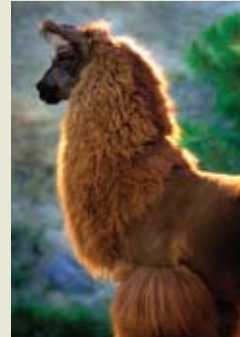


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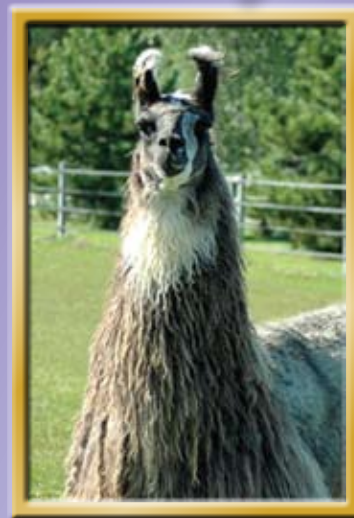


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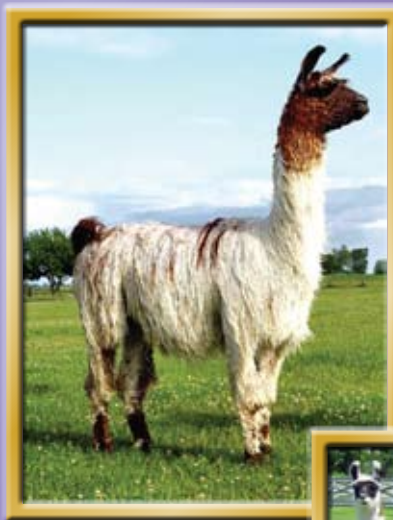


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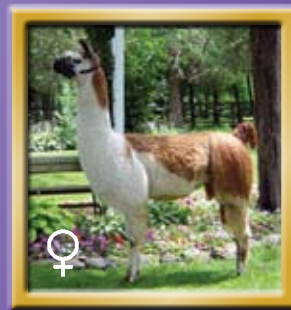
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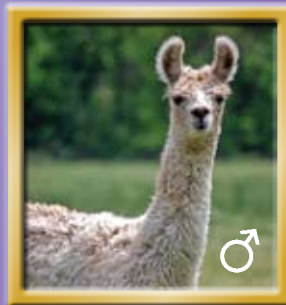
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BREEDING CONTRACT - Do you have one?

By Lynda Carothers

If you have a herdsire, you most likely have him available for outside breedings. Do you use a breeding contract? You should. It helps to protect both you and the owner of the female. Plus it lets you put in writing exactly what is to be expected from both parties. I have included a copy of one that we use for an example.

The first thing is to list all the information about the owners of the stud and female coming to be bred. As the stud owner you need to know who the female is and make sure she isn't too closely related to the stud. You should make sure she is old enough to breed. We want females to be at least two years old before we will breed them.

You also want to make sure the female does not have any breeding problems, is halter trained and is up to date on worming and vaccinations. We have had females come to us that have not been halter trained. The owner is not paying you to train their llama to lead and it really makes things a lot more difficult if they won't lead. If we are getting an older female that should have had babies and hasn't, we want to know why. Has she lost one? Maybe she has a cystic follicle or retained CL and needs to be seen by a vet before she comes to get bred. As the owner of a stud I think it is best to look up the female in the ILR database and see what she has produced. As the owner of the female,

you should check out the herdsire. Does he have any offspring? Most males are ready to breed by three years old. Some much earlier and a few take until they are four. Do your homework. Check out the parents of the herdsire you are looking at too.

Now let's take a look at each point in the breeding contract:

What is your breeding fee? When do you want to receive it? And is part of it considered a non-refundable deposit? I would do research on other llamas that you consider comparable to your herdsire. What are their stud fees? Some people want the stud fee up front. Some people

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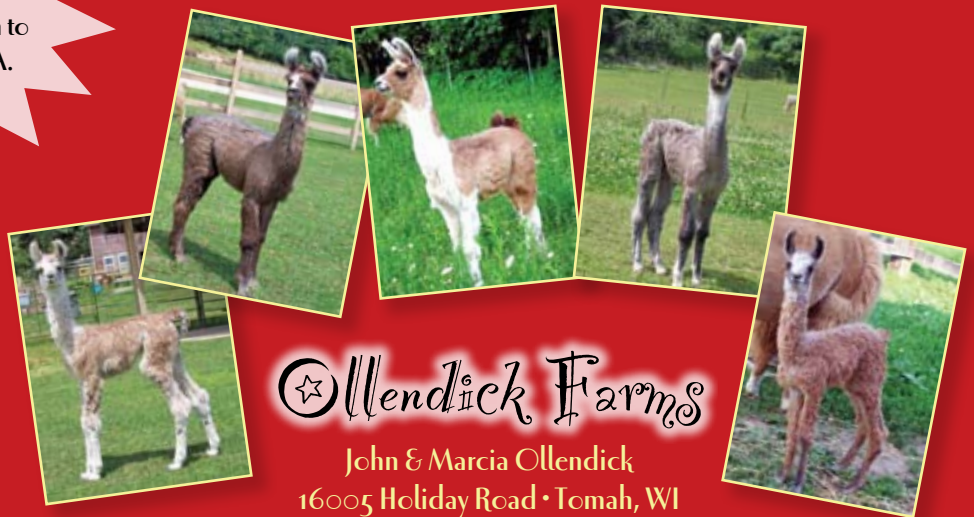
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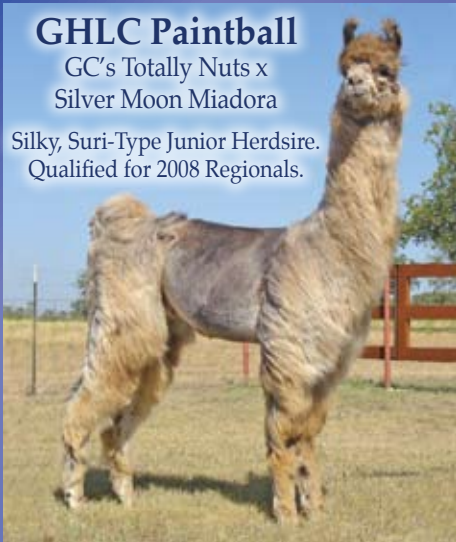
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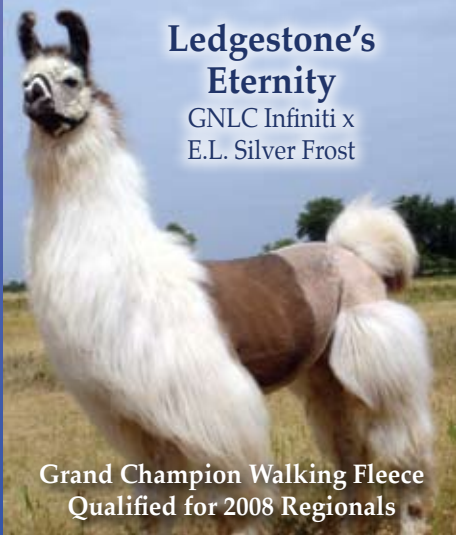
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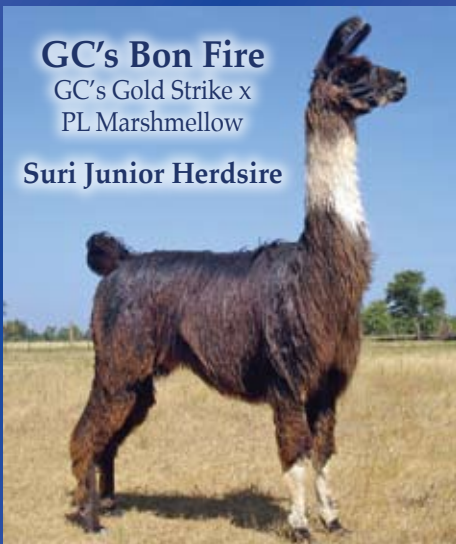


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will want half down and half before the female leaves. It is really an individual preference. I think it is a good idea to have part of the stud fee non-refundable. For instance, if you have a female with a breeding problem and you can't get her bred, you still have spent time and money working to try to breed her.

Board. Most breeders will give you a set amount of time of free board. Usually that time should include time to breed and make sure your female is out at least 21 days. But I have known some people to leave their llama at the breeders for months and if this is the case, board should be charged for the care of the llama.

Veterinary Expenses. We all hope we don't have to deal with these. But they do come up. I have to drive over an hour to my vet so I charge a vet trip fee plus the actual vet expenses. I always check with the llama owner to see if it is ok to have their female go to my vet. As the female owner, be sure to have your female sheared and nails trimmed. Don't expect the herdsire owner to do this unless you have talked to them previously.

Care of Female. The female that comes to you for breeding needs to have the same care or better than your llamas. Some people have special paddocks or pastures to keep visiting females. The females visiting you should be kept up on your worming schedule, get the same treatment as the other females on the farm. If they have an accompanying cria, that cria will need care too.

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To download or see the contract in its full version go to LamaLink.com and view it on the homepage. This contract is an example and is not a substitute for legal advice. Consult an attorney in your area to help you develop a binding contract.

Breeding Contract for Argentine Stud

Lynda Carothers, owner of Argentine Stud, hereinafter referred to as "stud owner" and _____ hereinafter referred to "female owner" make this contract _____ day of _____, 20__.

Name of Female Owner _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Female Llama _____ Registration # _____

1. Argentine Stud's stud fee is _____. The female owner agrees to pay the stud owner this stud fee. This fee is due on or before the arrival of the female on the stud owner's premises. \$_____ is considered to be the deposit amount and is due at the signing of this agreement.
2. A charge of \$2.00 a day will be paid for each day over the forty-five days the female is boarded and is payable when the animal leaves the sire owner's premises. There is no boarding fee for an accompanying cria.
3. The stud owners are authorized to arrange any veterinary services and treatment, which are necessary in the stud owner's judgement, and the female owner will be responsible for the costs of such services to the female and/or cria.
4. The stud owners will provide the female and cria with the same level of care as their own llamas. In no event shall the stud owners be held responsible for any loss, theft, or death of the female llama or cria.
5. It is not the intent of the stud owners to provide breeding service to females which have any history or difficulty in conceiving or maintaining a pregnancy. If, in spite of the best efforts of the stud owners, the female does not conceive or maintain a pregnancy, the female owner shall be responsible only for the deposit and any veterinary expenses.
6. This contract is not transferable. In the event the female llama is sold, any unpaid fee of expenses incurred becomes immediately due and payable. Any return breeding or refund is not transferable to a new owner without prior written authorization of the stud owners.
7. In the event Argentine Stud dies, is sold, or becomes unfit for service, or if the female dies, this contract shall become void.
8. The stud owners guarantee a live birth and ninety-six-hour survival of the baby born from this breeding. Liability of the stud owners is limited to a free re-breeding of the female or another female mutually agreed upon or a refund of the fee at the stud owner's option. This breeding guarantee is void if death is due to accident or to negligence on part of the female owner or caretaker.
9. The female owners will transport the female to and from the stud owner's premises. The female will be halter trained and up to date on worming and vaccinations.
10. The female owner agrees to indemnify and holds the stud owners, harmless from any liability of any kind and to release the stud owners, their successors or assigns, their agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, and causes of actions, whatever kind of nature in connection with the care and/or control of the female llamas and/or cria while at the premises of the stud owners. The stud owners shall not be liable for injury, death or disability of the female llama and/or cria while at the stud owner's premises.

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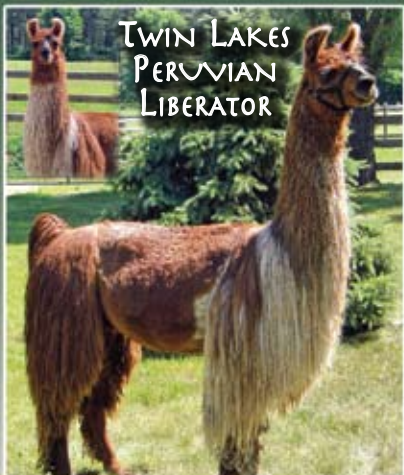
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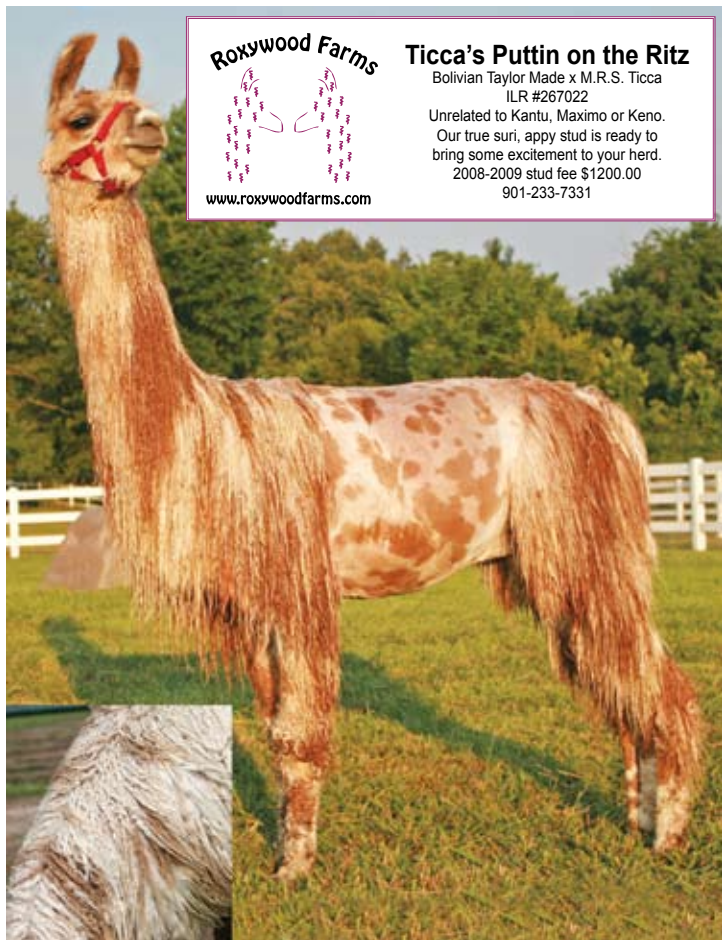
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Problem Females. This does happen. Many times the female owner has no idea that there is a problem. As the herdsire owner you have to decide how much time and energy you can put into getting a female bred. We have had females here with problems. I have taken them to the vet and worked on getting them able to breed. Some finally get bred, but others haven't. Our rule here is that if you breed a female 4 times and she isn't bred, we stop and say she needs to be seen by a vet, something is up. At the time the female owner decided to have her checked out or to come and get her.

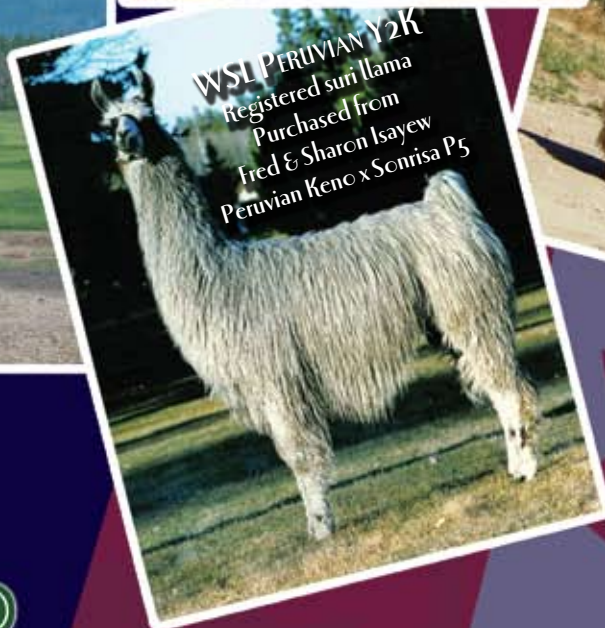
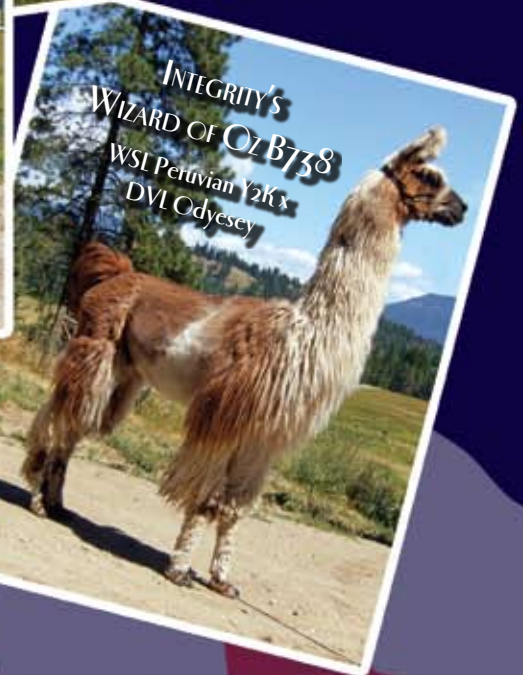
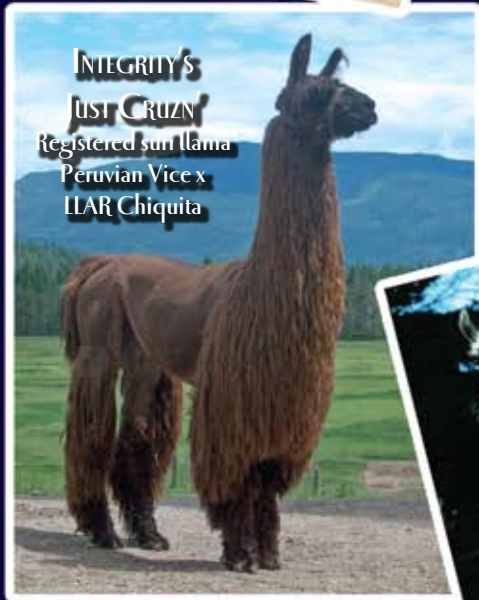
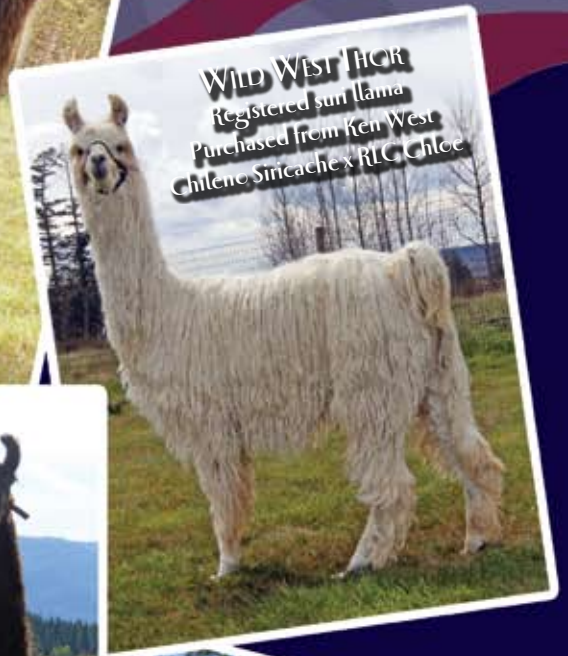
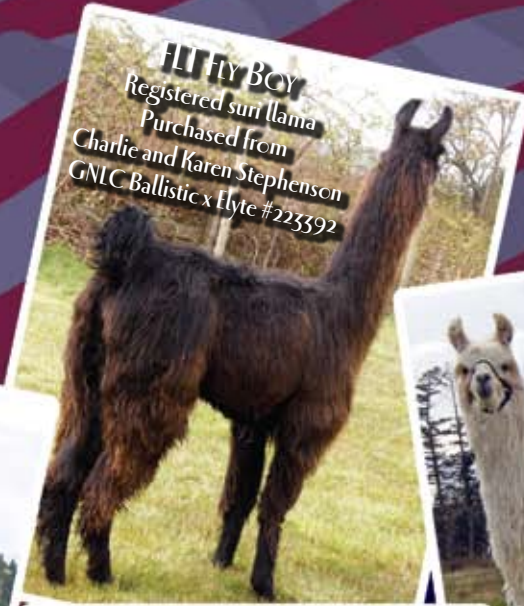
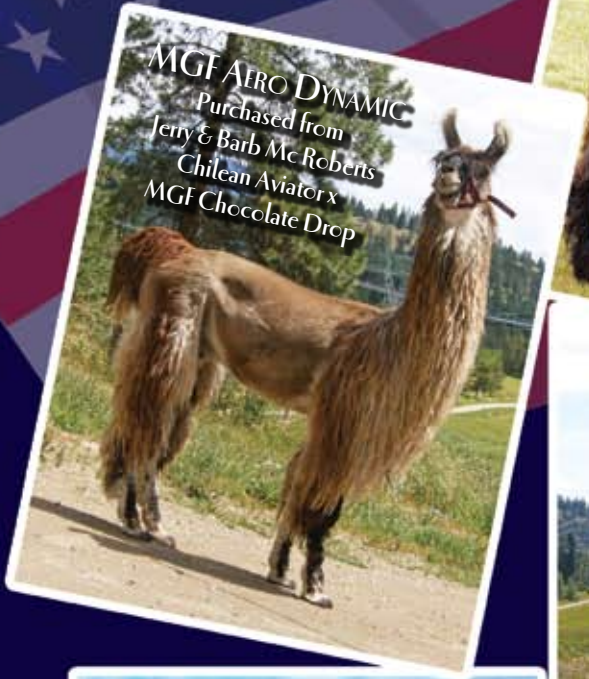
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Animal is Sold: If you have a contract with the owner of a female and something happens to that female, we usually will take a different female to replace the one that is on the contract. If that is not an option the stud fee is refunded. If the female or male dies, the contract is voided.

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Female Training: It is really important to have a female that is coming in for breeding to be able to be handled. Many farms have one person doing their breedings. If you can't catch, halter and lead the female, it can take most of the day to get the breeding done! Don't expect the herdsire owners to train your llama for you. Just as you have to do for shows...be sure your female is up to date on worming and vaccinations. The herdsire owner will make sure she stays that way. Provide the herdsire owners with the dates of the latest shots.

The Legal part: This is just to try and keep things legal. You want to do the job you have been paid to do and you are going to do it to the best of your ability. Sometimes things happen. This is just to cover those unforeseen things.

Be sure to have a place for both llama owners to sign and date. Both the female and herdsire owner need to have a copy.

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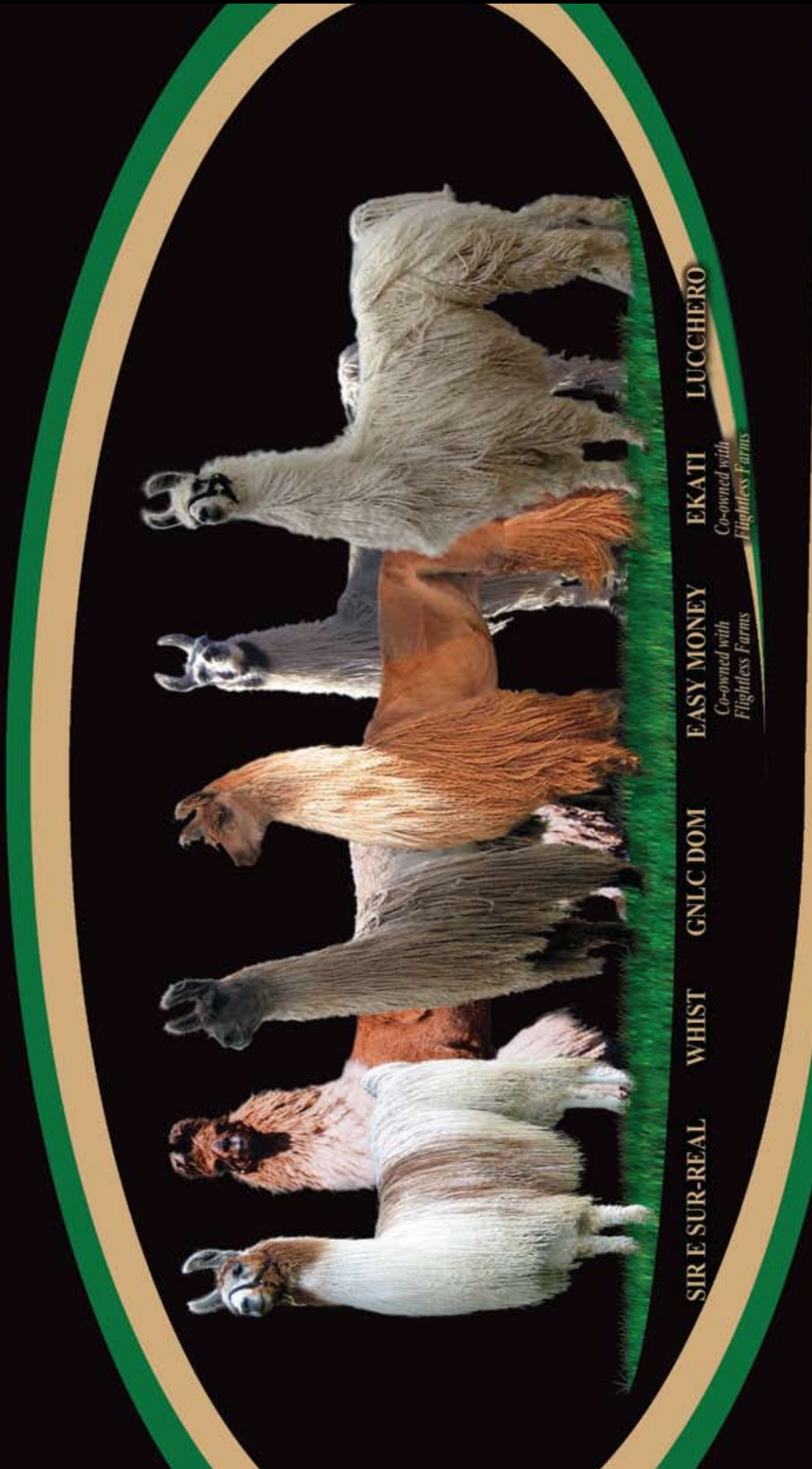


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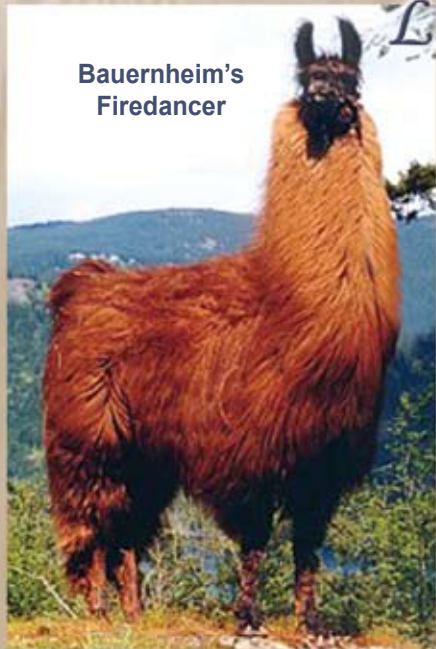


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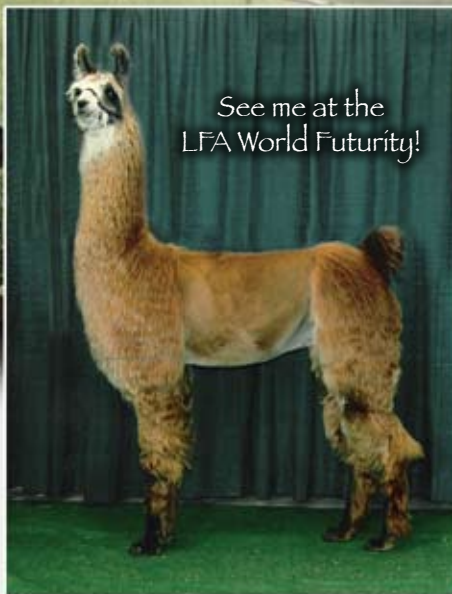
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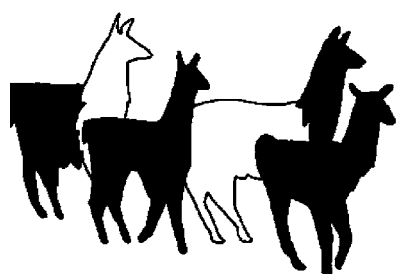
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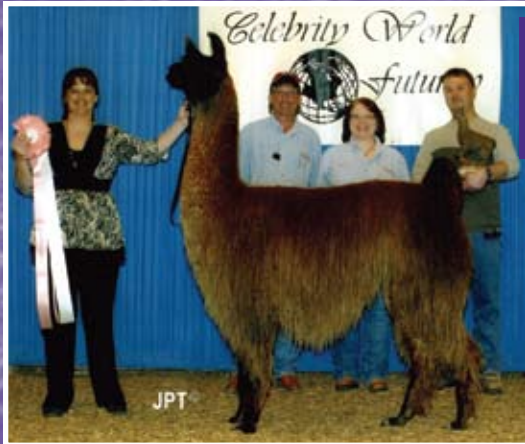
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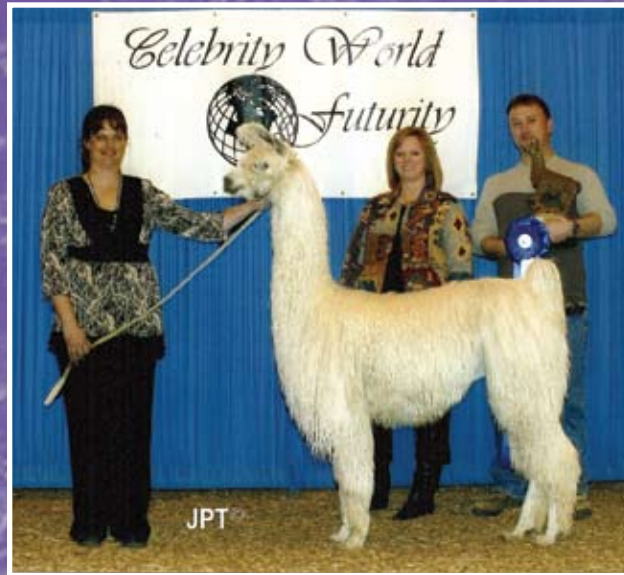
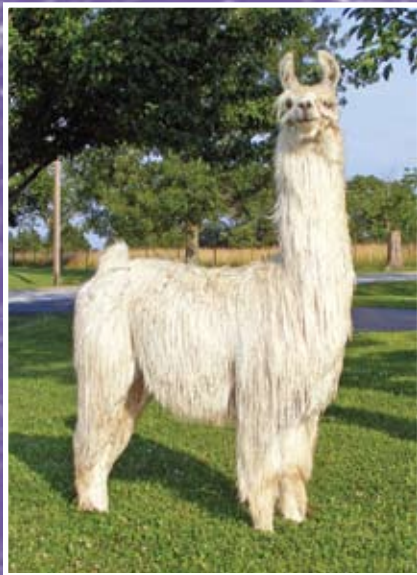
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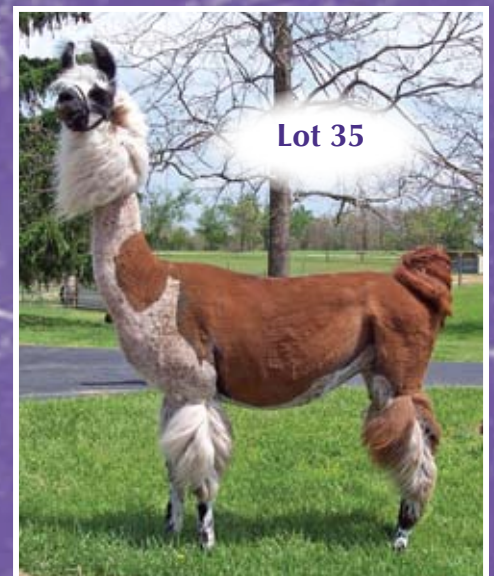


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Interview with
Robin Bohac

of Starlight Valley Llama

by Sue Wilde

Hi, Robin, where is Starlight Valley Llamas located and how did you get the name for your farm?

Starlight Valley Llamas is located in El Cajon, California (Southern California). Many people ask me, "Where is Starlight Valley?" Only being a name and not a location, the name was chosen after we had llamas for about 1-year. While one of our babies was being born at night, (it was a very difficult delivery), when we were finally getting her out I looked up in the sky and noticed she was born by starlight, and we were sitting below the hills. Her name is Amazing Grace. It just all seemed to work out that way.

It's always interesting to know what got you interested in llamas and how you got started.

Why llamas? I always get asked this question. Well, I have always loved animals. Having a variety growing up. When I moved to San Diego in 1984 from San Clemente, a friend asked me to take his horse with me because he was taking on an out of town job and was not going to have time for her. Through the

years I purchased my own horses and started showing. I remember one time at a horse show someone pulled up in a car and unloaded a llama from her back seat. This was incredible to me. Never thinking about it again until I came across an add in the paper. "4-H is over, everything for sale, including llamas." So I called and spoke to the son who told me they had a 3-day old baby. That's all it took for me. I told him I wanted the baby and mom and that I would be there in the afternoon. I left with three. Mom, baby, and a 6-month old female, which I have trained for pleasure and obstacle driving. In less than a year I purchased my first breeding male and female from Beverly Thacker, of Hillsdale Farm.

How many llamas are in your herd today? What is your focus on your breeding program?

Now I have 18 llamas, two on the way, and 2 gelded suri alpacas. The story we have all heard, "They are like potato chips" is true. They are addicting, and you can't just have one.

My goal in my breeding program is to strengthen the breed in many ways. Of course conformation is most important for the health of the animal, but

temperament to me is very important as well, and to better the fiber quality.

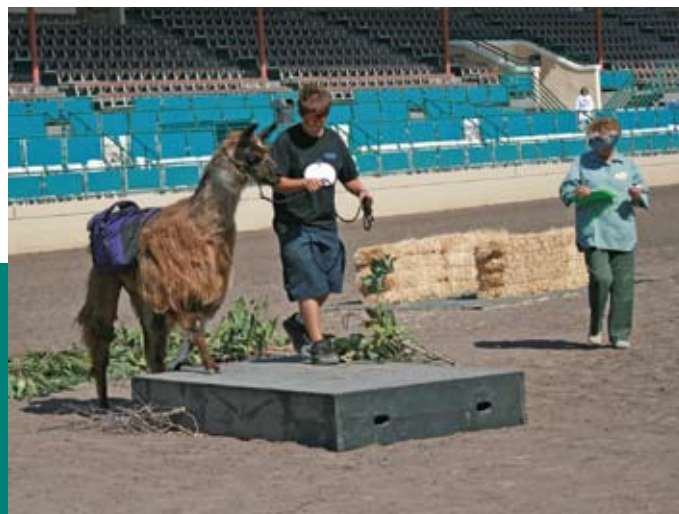
Two years ago I took note that the "suri" was something new this way and I was interested! So, I went on a hunt. Surfing the web I found Wilde Country Rancho in Canada. I purchased my first suri male, WCR Azzerello. He is a fantastic boy and does well in the show ring. Looking forward to seeing some of his offspring soon.

You are a great supporter of llama shows. What do you enjoy most about showing? How many local shows are in your area that you can easily participate in? Is there a lot of youth involvement in your area?

I am a competitive person and love the show ring. There is only one show in our area. We must travel to do any other shows. I try to do about six shows a year. My 14-year old son, Justin also shows. I have found that fellow llama people are very supportive of one another, unlike some of the other livestock competitions I

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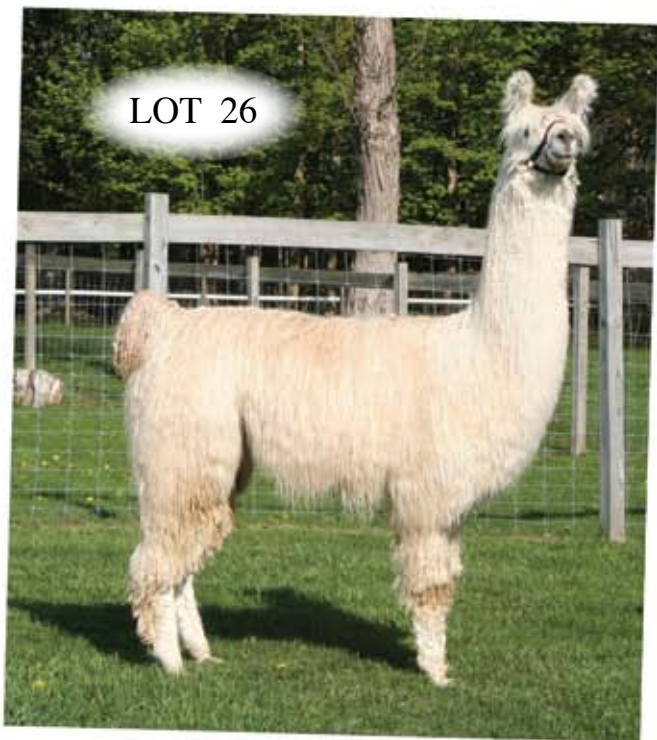
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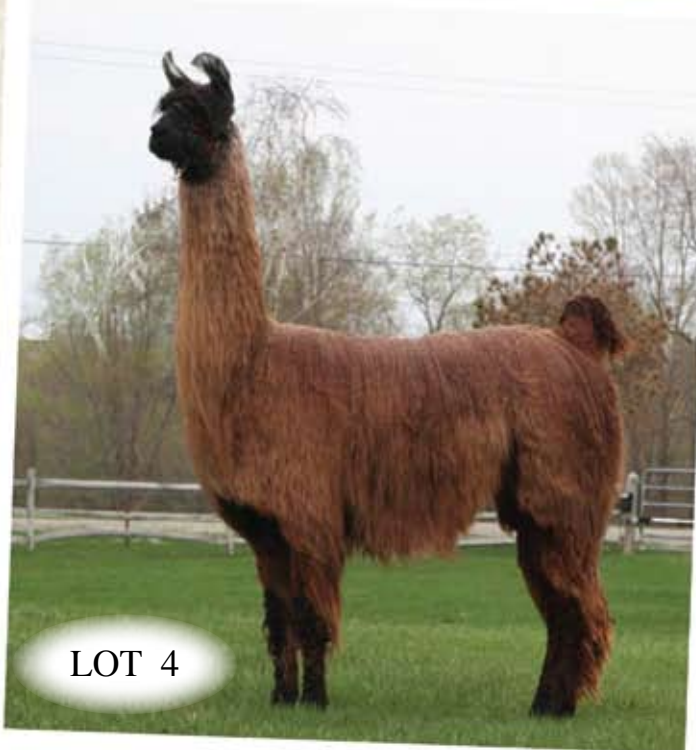
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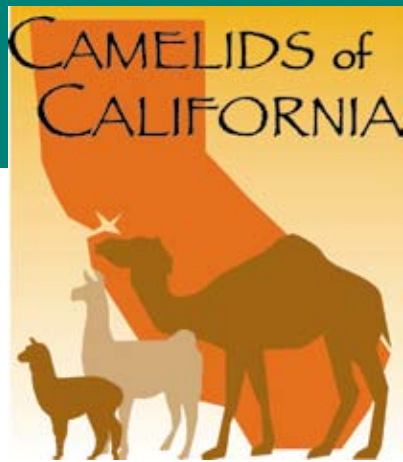


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have been involved in. I get more joy out of watching my son show than showing myself. In the future I hope to start a 4-H club to involve youth in our area.

ALSA is in a state of restructuring, as some one who believes in the value of shows, what are some suggestions that you might have to promote the continuance of ALSA?

Showing is such a big way of promoting our efforts of training and breeding. There has to be a guideline and I think ALSA is doing a great job. They just need to keep moving forward and be open to listening to everyone's input and concerns.

You started your local llama club. What is the name of the club and how many farms are involved? What is the focus of your group?

Yes, I have founded, Camelids of California. We just celebrated our 1-year anniversary at Rancho Machu Picchu and Coach Vineyards. The owners Sandy and Scott Mubarak, who have gone from llamas to wine, hosted our celebration with barbecued herb salmon, and chicken,

and served us wine from their vineyard throughout the day. Along with a tour of their llama ranch and vineyard.

Camelids of California has members from both alpaca and llama ranches. About one-third of our membership is alpaca folks. We have enjoyed learning from each other the differences in showing our animals, the grooming practices, and sharing care and business aspects.

The reason for the formation of Camelids of California (COC):

It became apparent to me that there was a big need for a more local club. From the San Diego area it is about a 2-½ hour drive and sometimes more to attend and participate in a llama club. To go it would take up to a whole day, and there were many people down here not attending for this reason.

So, I started collecting from our local feed stores, veterinarians, and friends a contact list of llama and alpacas in the area.

We had our first meeting July of 07, where we invited people to come and be a voice of the formation. It was a huge success. My main focus was to get the alpaca and the llama community together. To network and be a resource for one another.

Our 2nd meeting was held in September of 07, which was to structure the club. After this meeting I had a great contact list established.

In October, we were in the middle of the California wild fires. One of our members, whom I had just met at the September meeting, called me. Her house had just burned down, she was in her car, her ranch family had the truck and trailer, all the llamas they could load, and were

driving around trying to figure out where to go. So I took them in for 2 ½ weeks, 16 llamas, 2 dogs, several cats, and four people whom I did not know.

I have been a dispatcher for over 20-years, so after receiving her call, I sat down at the kitchen table with my contact list from our first two meetings, two phones, and my computer. For three days I organized rescue, evacuations, shelter, food and water for animals. If it had not been for the formation of COC this could not have been accomplished.

For my efforts in the wild fires and the formation of COC I have just received an award from LANA, Llama Association of North America, the Adult Follow Me Award. I am very honored and proud of this award. I want to thank everyone who pulled together during this disaster and donated time, money, collected donations, gas, supplies, whatever was needed - people were there to help. This shows how strong and wonderful the Camelid community is!

Strength at the local level is so important. What are some things your club is doing to promote llamas?

The Mission of Camelids of California is to promote and share information with the public and each other, to increase knowledge and awareness on the care, well-being, and versatility of camelids. Our group fosters a community in which members may meet new people with common interests and form lasting relationships. We are about sharing and learning in a friendly atmosphere, providing educational opportunities, and sponsoring venues for having fun with our animals and one another.

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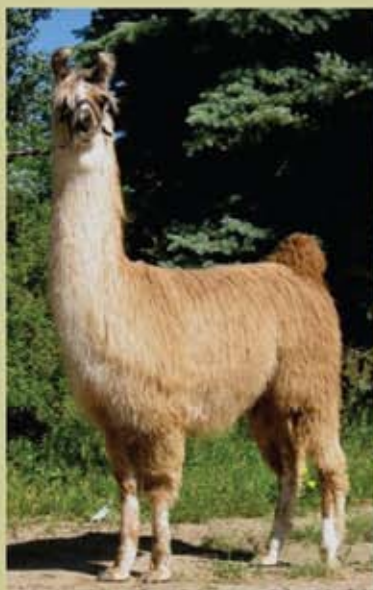
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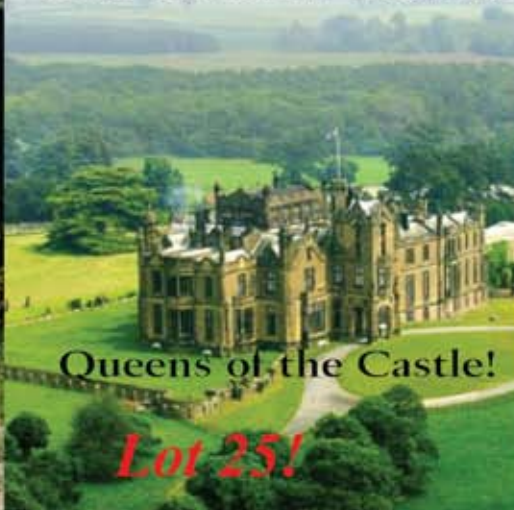
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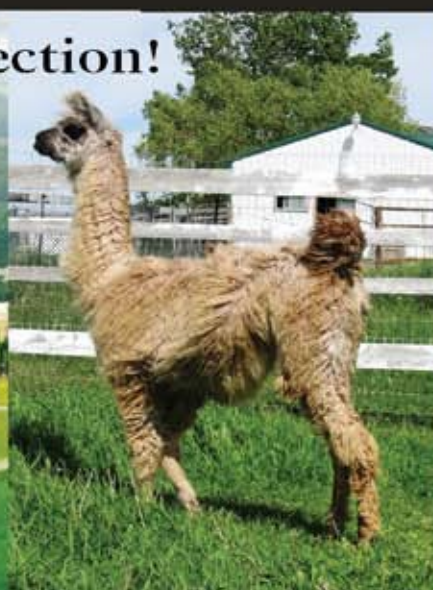


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8:00 am "Fall Harvest" Single point ALSA show begins

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Llama Fiber Demonstrations

3:00 pm Futurity Jackpot Obstacle Classes —
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9:00 am - 4:00 pm Llama Fiber Demonstrations

9:00 am Amateur Futurity begins with the male class – Show arena

10:30 am Jackpot Non Breeder Futurity

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12:45 pm to 1:45 pm Lunch is Served

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Snacks and beverages will be served during the auction

Sunday 9/21/08

7:00 am Fresh Pastries and complimentary coffee

8:00 am Futurity Classes begin — starting with the Suri Male Llama Class

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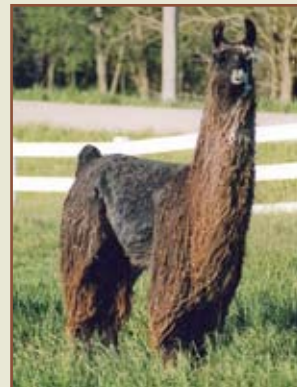
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This pretty much sums up the question. In one years time we have had several speakers, a local veterinarian shared her experiences with camelids and what we could do to be prepared if her services were needed; we had a representative from Purina Mills who educated us on the Mazurri llama and alpaca chews; Emergency Animal Rescue spoke about how to prepare for a safe emergency evacuation; we also offered them training at our ranches with the llamas and alpacas. We have a seminar scheduled with Dr. Murray E. Fowler, DVM, and have put in an application for a Marty McGee Bennett workshop.

You were involved a couple of years ago with the Rose Bowl Parade. What was the experience like? Did any marketing opportunities evolve from it for your area?

Yes, my son and I were in the 2007 Tournament Of Roses Parade. We were part of history in the making. It was the first

time in the 118-year history of the parade that llama's marched down Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena.

The President's wife had seen llamas in a parade and fell in love with their eyes and eyelashes. So they sent out a scout to look for llamas. It was on my birthday that I opened an e-mail asking if we would be interested in putting in an application for the parade. The process was intense but well worth it! The two people involved in the politics between our llama group and the parade committee were wonderful! I came away with a great respect for parades and two special friendships. Not to mention is got us into a few local papers and a local TV news camera interview.

What ways are you marketing on a personal level? Website? Brochures?

Marketing on a personal level? Well, getting into the publics eye and showing their versatility and magical beauty of these wonderful creatures has been my marketing strategy. The pictures taken when we show up to an event in a Town & Country van, and the llamas get out, helps marketing I guess.

My mom, son, and I during the Holidays take some of our llamas to Adult

long-term care facilities. We participate in many parades throughout the year. We have taken them to school and our Church as well. We even take one of our alpacas with us on occasion. A "suri-alpaca" with a pack on at a hike is quite a site to some of our alpaca owner friends.

I have been working with equestrian clubs and the city Parks & Recreations organizations to desensitize horses and to show how we can all safely use the trails together.

How many llama farms would you estimate are in California? Is there any regional activity to promote llamas? How do you see yourself involved with the future of the industry in your area?

I really have no idea how many llama farms are in California. I do know since the formation of COC, we are learning about more of them all the time. I hope that by getting more into the public we can promote the uses of llamas, their ability to not cause damage to the trails, the uses of their fiber, the use of fertilizer they produce and their incredible calming effect to we humans.

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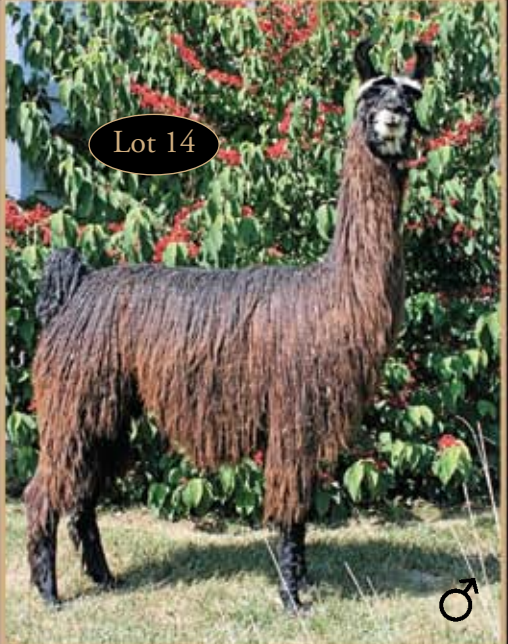
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FINDING A NEW FRIEND ON THE TRAIL

By Karen Neal



Karen, Jorge and Pat Happy Jorge!

My husband and I hike a four to five mile loop with our dogs every morning. Early in the week as we walked up the steep, half mile long hill where I always fall way behind Pat, I thought I heard a big animal in the woods alongside the jeep track. I heard a bit of crashing which is typical when elk, deer or antelope walk through the dry dead falls. At the time, I

didn't really give it a second thought. The next two days as I went up that hill I had a very weird sensation that something was following me. It was such a strong feeling that I turned around to look both days, but saw nothing. I don't believe I have done that once in the past 10 years on that hill!

The fourth day as we came out of the woods into the same field, I thought I saw a space alien! An E.T. sort of creature was looking at me! It was silhouetted against the sun and it was NOT a familiar shape. When my brain finally computed... I realized it was a llama. The dogs were all loose and ran around it... but as it didn't run, they didn't chase. We didn't stick around to tempt fate, but rather got our three dogs out of there as quickly as possible.

The next morning as I lollygagged a hundred yards or so behind Pat and the dogs, I saw the llama again. This time it was laying down in the woods with its long legs tucked up underneath. Since I was by myself, I thought I would approach it. It didn't move. I talked to it. I offered it a dog biscuit. It didn't take it out of my hand, but once I dropped it on the ground, it ate. I started to think about how thirsty it must be.

Again on the fifth day, the llama was present. We had started leashing up the dogs as we approached the area because we didn't want any unexpected trouble and we didn't want to scare it away. After Pat and the dogs passed by, I got out my collapsible dog dish and poured 20 oz.

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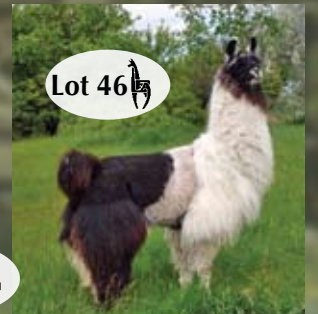
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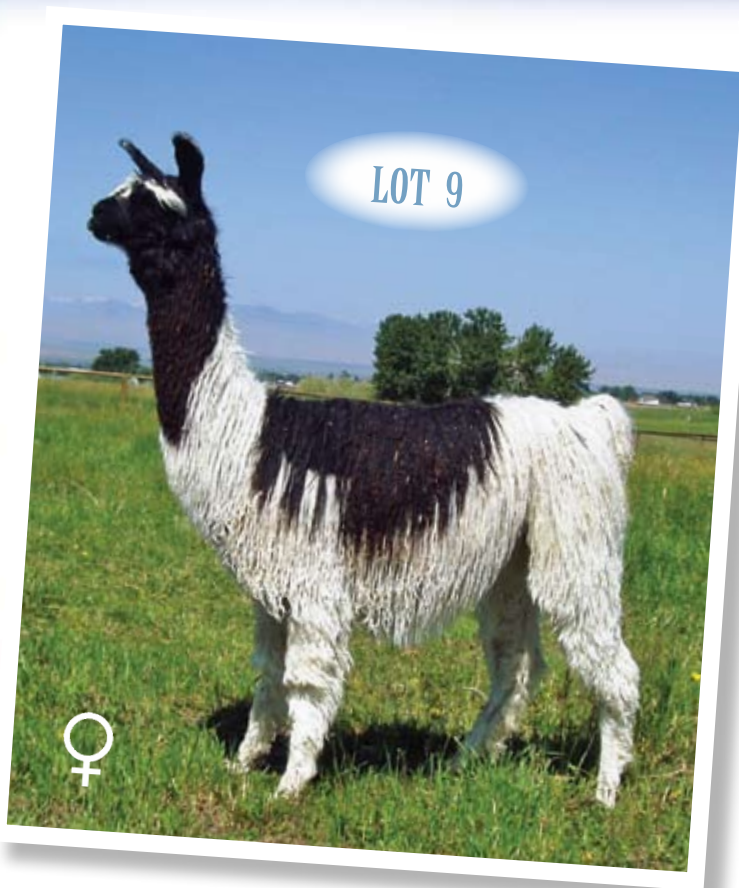
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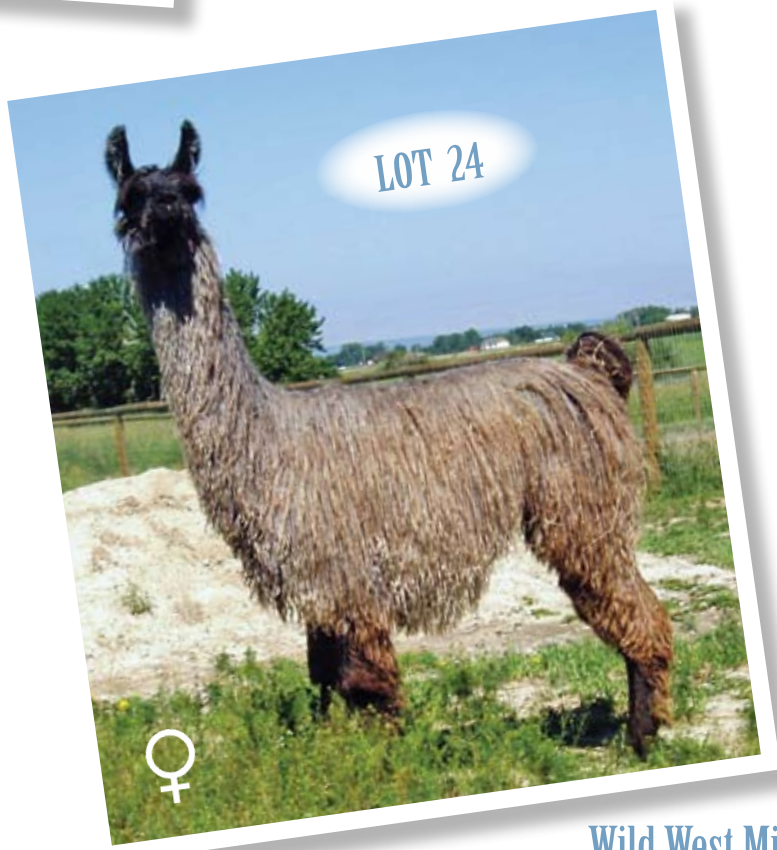


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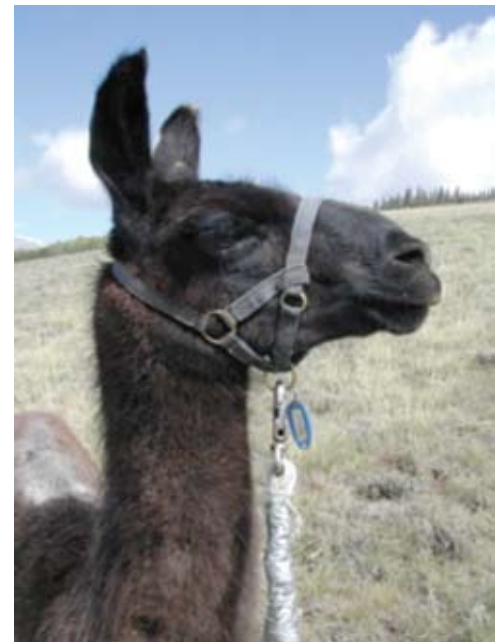
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of dog-intended water into the bowl and presented it to the llama. It put its face in the bowl, didn't make a noise and then lifted its head. Every last drop was gone! Llamas really suck!!! It finally dawned on us to report this llama to Animal Control.

That afternoon I got a happy phone call from Animal Control saying that the llama had been reported missing, due to a large bear breaking into its corral and chasing it off. The owners name was Bruce Hanson and they gave me a cell phone number. Now when you live in Park County and you get the name of someone who owns a llama, the sky is the limit on what type of person you may be dealing with. Could be a cowboy, a dread locked hippie, a pack animal outfitter, a doctor, or just about anyone.

On day six, NOT yet having connected with Bruce Hanson, we hauled a couple of gallons of water and an ice cream bucket to the top of the hill so we could water the llama properly. I had also Googled

llama diet and found they like cabbage and carrots as treats, so we had a nice supply of that too. Our mission at this point was to keep the llama happy and comfortable in his spot so eventually he could be retrieved. The smorgasbord was to the llamas liking



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and we felt very satisfied with our efforts. In talking to a neighbor, we found out that Bruce Hanson is an engineer in Denver who has a log cabin back in the woods a few miles from the llama's present location. I got his email address and pager number and again tried to reach him.

Saturday evening Bruce called me from Washington D.C! At this point the llama, Jorge, had been missing for nine days. Bruce had spent the previous weekend searching all over the area and had come to the conclusion that the animal had probably been killed by the bear. Jorge was one of John's first llamas and he was heartbroken at the loss. His scheduled family vacation on the East Coast had a sad beginning. And now. . .on the last day, hope rang eternal on Round Hill in Park County!!

As I went to bed that night, I just crossed my fingers that we had done enough to keep Jorge in his location and that all the effort would provide a happy ending!

Sunday morning at nine, after flying into Denver at midnight, Bruce arrived on our doorstep. We had already been up the hill with water and more carrots, and yes indeed, Jorge was waiting!

Bruce slowly maneuvered his 4-WD truck up the jeep track and what a sight to see that E.T. silhouetted creature start running toward the truck when he heard the familiar whistle! Kind of a, tears to the eyes moment at the happy reunion. One of the first things that Bruce noticed where the healing claw cuts that the bear had made where Jorge's front leg met his body. He was wounded, and skinnier than usual, but in pretty good shape. It was fun for Pat and I to actually scratch his long, strong neck, feed him some sweet grain out of our hand, and lead him around a bit. He had been trained to jump into the back of a pick-up, and that is just what he did.

We were rewarded the following weekend with an elk steak dinner at Bruce's cabin. We meet new friends in such interesting ways!

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LA RAYA

The La Raya research facility has been in operation since the early 1950's at its current location in Peru. Consisting of nearly 70,000 acres, it has been one of the premiere sites for camelid research in the world. La Raya is home to over 4,000 camelids including llamas,

alpacas, and vicunas. However, it has faced some setbacks over the years. In the 1980's, La Raya was a prime target of Peru's Shining Path terrorist group. Many years of research and buildings were burned, hundreds of animals were killed, and lives of the people living and working there were threatened. Since then, the government and universities affiliated with La Raya have given little monetary support to help rebuild. La Raya struggles to have even the simplest of medical supplies delivered to them, due to confiscation at customs. Fortunately, La Raya has begun a turnaround over the past several years, and now has a new director – Dr. Virgilio Alarcon - who is looking to improve the herds and facility. Our group visited La Raya this January to find out how US camelid veterinarians could help.

One emerging problem is a disease of crias called enterotoxemia, which can cause diarrhea and rapid death. While this disease is fairly well-controlled in the USA by use of vaccines (CD&T), in Peru it is a different story.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The primary goal of this project is help in the control of a devastating disease of llama and alpaca crias. This disease - called enterotoxemia - is produced by a bacteria known as *Clostridium perfringens* type A. This disease kills thousands of crias every year in South America. It may kill up to 70% of crias born during the birthing season, and affects all crias, llama or alpaca. The disease acts so quickly, that any treatment is almost impossible. For this reason, vaccination of the pregnant dams is ideal to prevent the disease in crias. Several trials with local vaccines

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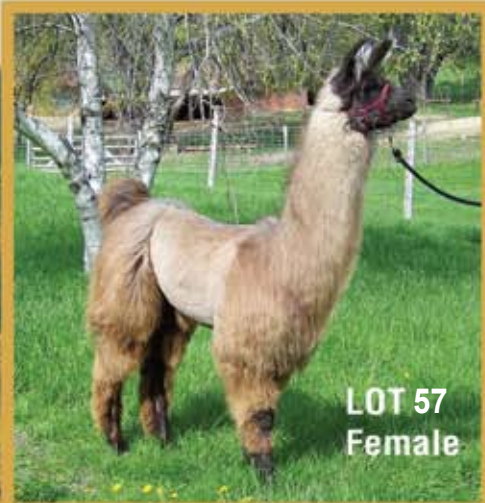
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and even vaccines produced overseas has not produced reliable results. During some years, the vaccine controls the disease and in others it does not. Producing a vaccine is a long-term goal of this project. However, a way to control the disease now is to administer an oral vaccine to newborn crias. This vaccine could be made from plasma of animals that have survived an outbreak. Blood needs to be harvested from hundreds of animals, prepared to obtain the plasma portion, then kept frozen until its usage. Administration of plasma would be by mouth to newborns during the first 6 hours of life to ensure a good absorption across their digestive system. To achieve this, plasma has to be prepared and frozen ahead of time before the birthing season.



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For this project, we plan to harvest plasma from llamas and alpacas this November after shearing. The plasma will be frozen until January, when the birthing season begins. A team of two veterinarians (Dr. P. Walter Bravo formerly of U.C. Davis, and Dr. Susan Tornquist of Oregon State University) will begin this project in November. However, equipment is needed to store plasma. In Peru, a laboratory quality freezer and a large refrigerator will be purchased to keep the plasma safe until it is needed. Unfortunately, it is extremely cost prohibitive to have these items shipped from the USA to Peru, and they may not even make it through customs. The La Raya team understands that can be a costly project, but is essential to the survival of the crias, and thus the research herds. A donation of any

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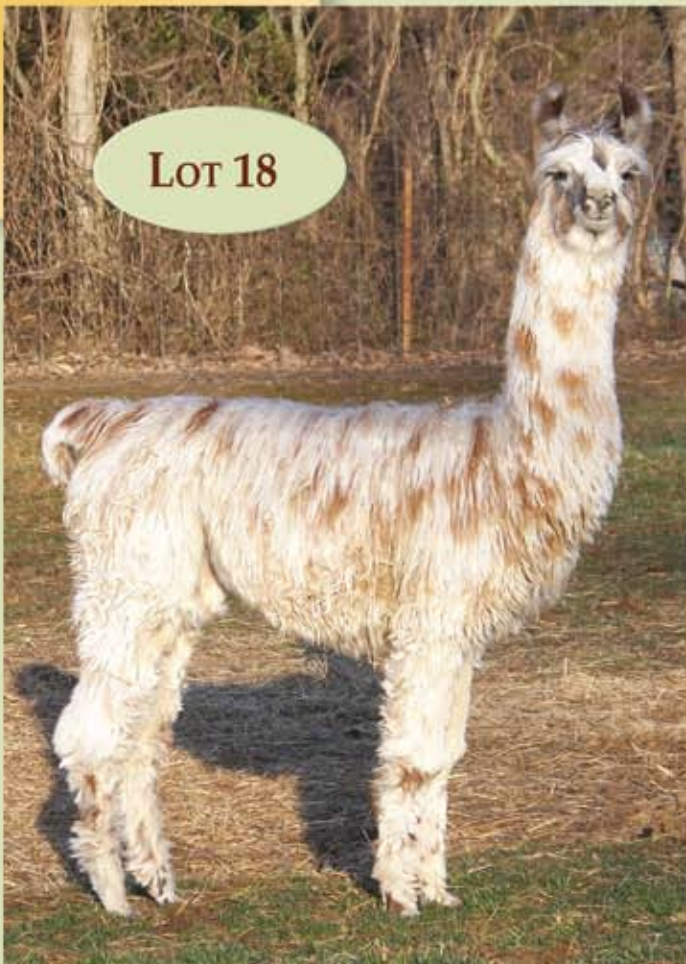
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amount would be greatly appreciated in helping reach these goals. The team will also be purchasing other lab equipment, such as a centrifuge, blood tubes, syringes, and needles.

Beginning January 2009 and lasting until March, teams of camelid veterinarians from the USA will visit Peru in 1-2 week long increments to assist in the preparation and administration of the vaccine. This vaccination protocol will likely continue for the next 3-4 years, until a reliable injectible vaccine can be made. If you think your veterinarian would be interested in assisting by attending one of the trips, or by donating old medical supplies, please have them contact Dr. Bravo at pwbravo@hotmail.com

If you would like to donate to the La Raya cria vaccination project, checks should be made out to: *Dr. Walter Bravo - La Raya Research* and mailed to:

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Sincerely,

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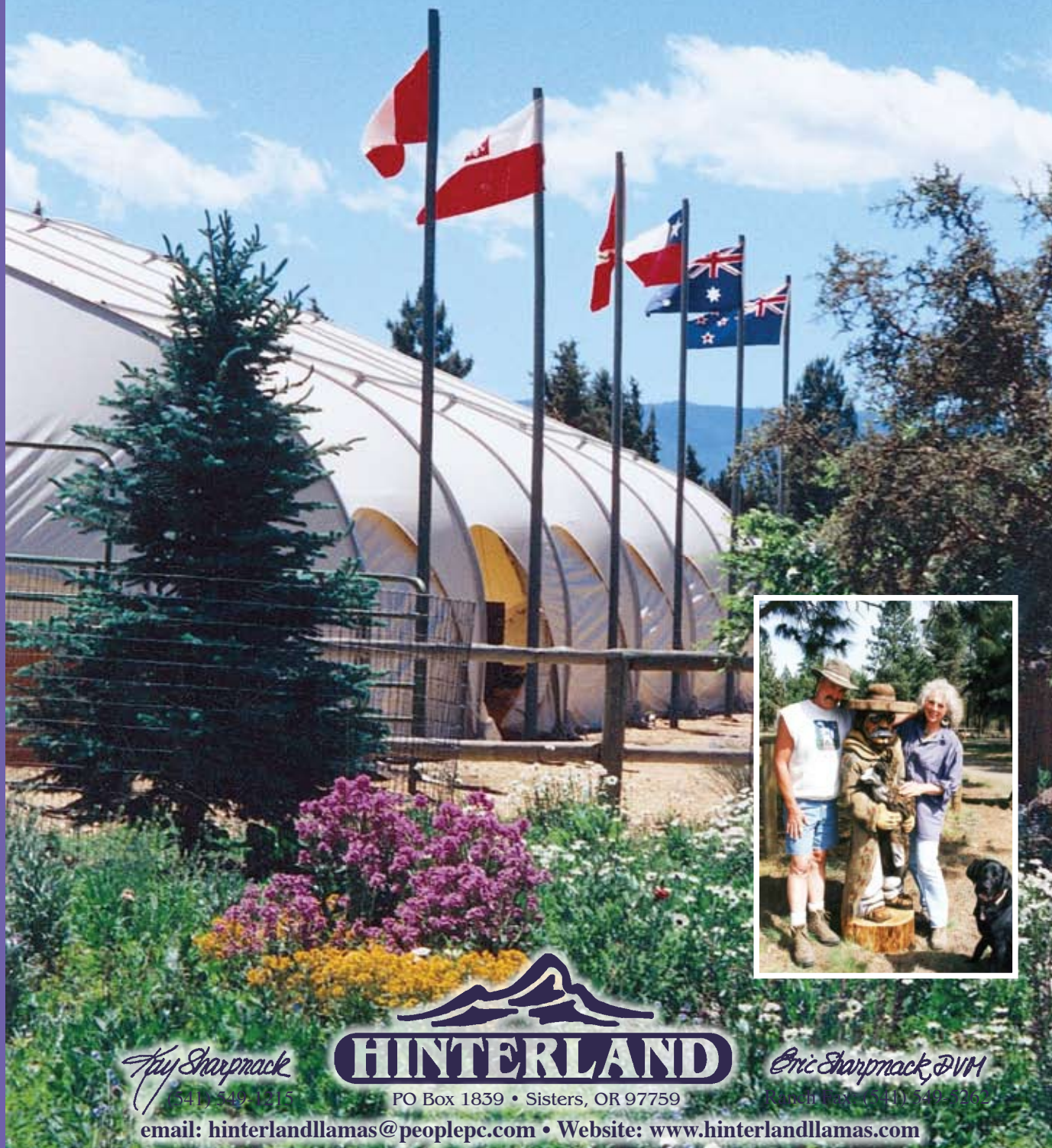
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We had planned to attend several other ALSA shows this past spring, but due to

new cria arrivals, we had to skip them all. So the excitement of our first show for the year was buzzing all around us. We had loaded my daughter's trained performance llama, as well as a yearling male who needed to get off the farm and see the world. Our cabinets were packed with goodies, and the fridge loaded with Coke Zeros (the best drink ever invented!!)

The first sign of a great weekend to come was a strong line of thunderstorms which whirled past us about thirty miles south of Noblesville. Although the strong winds were a little scary, and visibility on I-65 was nil, the wake of the storms brought a cool breeze to the area which kept the temperatures in the upper



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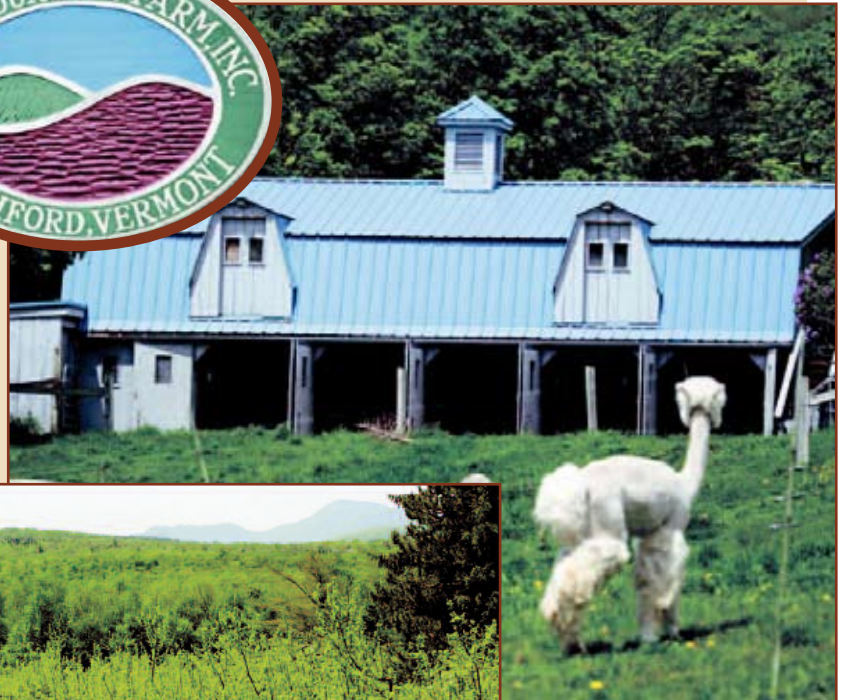
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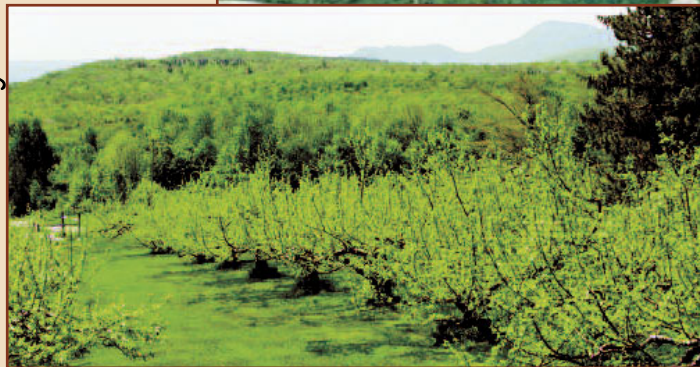
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We arrived at the Noblesville 4-H fairgrounds in one piece, and weary from a 10 ½ hour drive. The facility was just beautiful. This was our first time in Noblesville, so we were impressed with the well kept lawns, clean facilities and maintained grounds. We found a good spot near the llama stalls for our trailer and set up camp. The llamas were thrilled to get out of the trailer, and very excited



to meet some new friends, already housed in the stable.

The next morning the festivities began! A friendly staff of volunteers greeted approximately 70 youth from as far away as Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee, as kids and parents packed the newly constructed llama barn. This was an excellent facility equipped with concrete floors, picnic tables, bleacher seats, and a small arena. One of the nicest treats we discovered was the **AIR CONDITIONING!** How spoiled were we to get to show our llamas during the summer in cooled air! The local kids had choreographed a very nice grand entry sporting flags and decorated llamas, and once completed, the show began.

One of the most impressive aspects of our fun filled weekend was the degree of organization by which the activities were run. Marilyn and Jim Nenni really outdid



themselves with a fabulous volunteer staff and their smoothly run operation. The show itself was for kids only, and the events offered included: youth pack, youth PR, youth obstacle, youth judging, and youth showmanship. All age divisions were represented, and a 4-H show was held concurrently with the ALSA show. The 4-H kids were distinguished from the ALSA kids by their show numbers and all winners received beautiful ribbons. Some also received cash prizes and special awards.

In addition to the regular show schedule, a wide variety of clinics and special events were offered. Scheduled



like clockwork, and also carefully planned so everyone could enjoy just about everything without having to rush to the next event, the choices were nearly endless. In the main llama barn, wise show tips were passed on from the pros in performance and showmanship clinics. In the craft barn, volunteers taught spinning, wet felting, needle felting, and weaving. In another building, there was an incredible vet clinic covering the care and maintenance of llamas. The youth attending this clinic were even allowed to practice injections by use of BBQ sauces on raw chickens. The chickens were cooked up to feed the masses after the clinic, so there was no waste! How clever!

Another big hit at the Jamboree was the Llama Jeopardy. Kids were divided into groups of mixed ages so skill levels were even, and then played elimination rounds until there was one group of three, ultimate llama jeopardy winners!! There was a pizza party and auction (with play money provided to each youth in their registration packet) and a street dance.

The primary sponsor of the show, Hubbards Feeds, also donated a huge BBQ feast for all attendees on Saturday night. After the cook-out, one of the final events was the Farmer



Olympics where the kids, in teams, ran a relay race which included balancing buckets of water on their heads, rolling large steel drums, and catching raw eggs. Of course the highlight for this event was when the adults joined in the race, running the same obstacles and throwing buckets of water on the kids!

At a time when gas prices are so high, and people seem to hold off from traveling because of the costs, I think you have to really get a value for the money you spend. To me, spending time with my family is always worth every penny. Add to that, the bang for your buck at the Youth Jamboree, including all the activities we were able to participate in, and I really don't see how you could go wrong. So, in the end and after 1000 miles of roadway traveled, was the \$4.65 per gallon worth it? You bet... every penny!

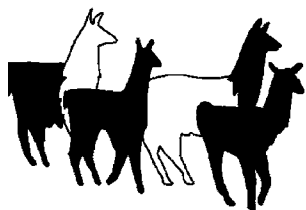
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W.C. Packer the author of the book states that success has three components: commitment, persistence and additional action. There are many books and enticing ads that claim the “silver bullet”, the “quick fix” but before you act STOP and think! People often put more effort into avoiding effort than putting effort into the

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basically means that things increase in relation to what the input is.)

What are we putting into our businesses? Are our websites being sent out to search engines or are they just sitting in cyber world waiting for someone to accidentally find them? Are we complaining about our industry or are we putting in that extra degree of effort to make it a steam engine shooting down the tracks to success?

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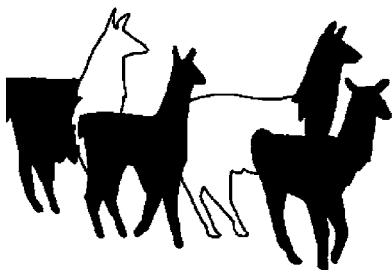
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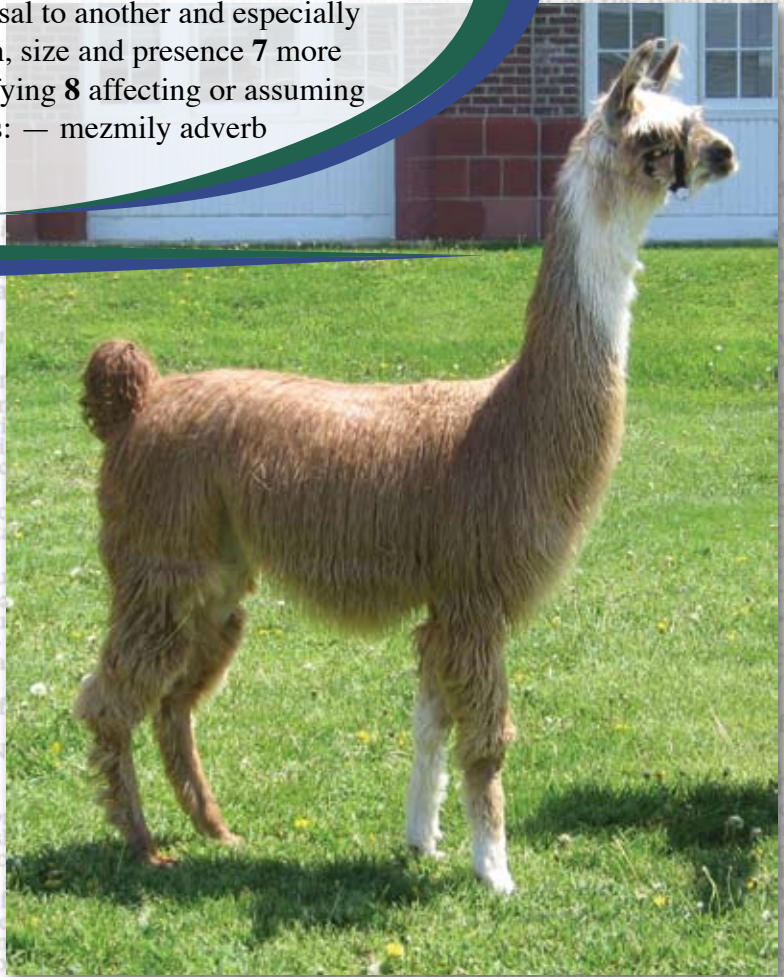


Main Entry: mez-mi-fy

Pronunciation: **HIGHTOWER** (LFA Lot #51)

Function: adjective Etymology: central Okie, from Middle of the State, from the Superior Tribe Date: 21st century

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