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**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.

The Pastor of our Church told me that my llamas are my ministry. I hope that in my works I can help people to see the value of human and animal interaction.

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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

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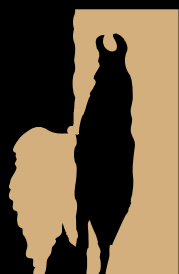
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# FINDING A NEW FRIEND ON THE TRAIL

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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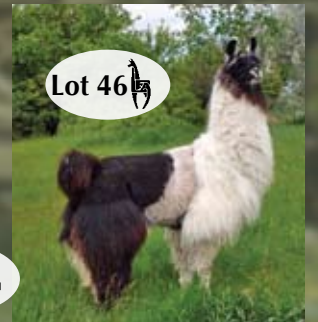
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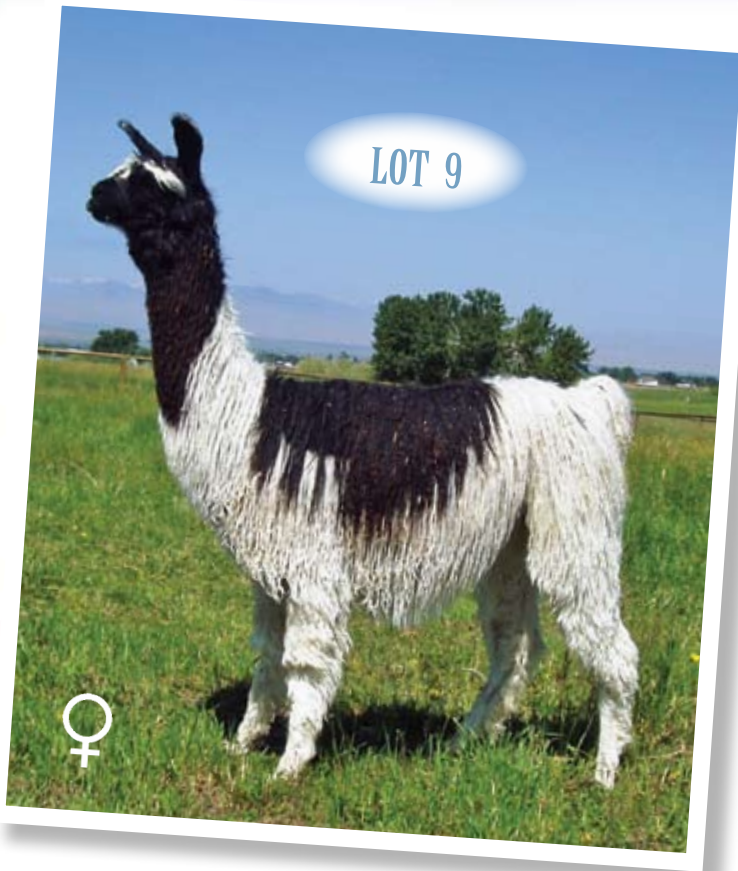
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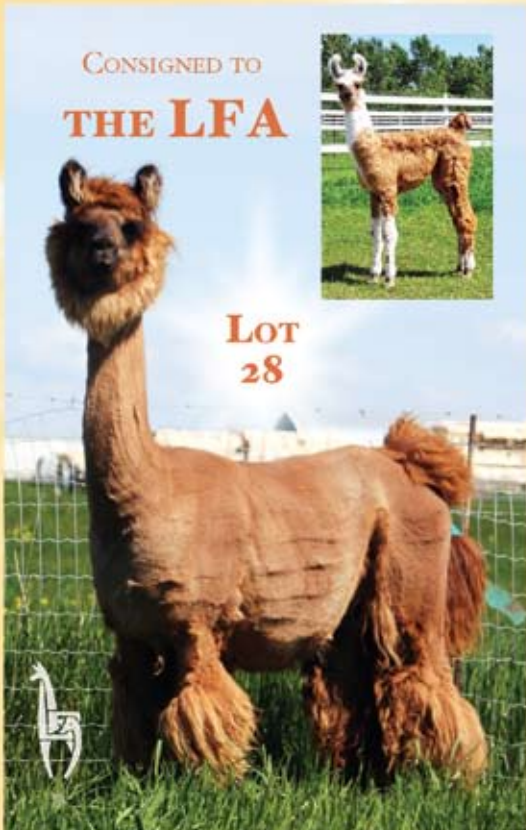


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of dog-intended water into the bowl and presented it to the llama. It put its face in the bowl, didn't make a noise and then lifted its head. Every last drop was gone! Llamas really suck!!! It finally dawned on us to report this llama to Animal Control.

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

