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Calpaca represents alpaca owners, breeders, and enthusiasts in California and beyond. We promote the well-being of alpacas and education of the public about alpacas, alpaca fiber, and alpaca products. We support each other through shared information and experiences, and host meetings, speakers and shows for the benefit of members and the public. We invite you to join us!

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President's Message

Hola Calpaca Members,

The time has gone by so fast...this is my last President's message. After serving for 4 years on the Calpaca board, 3 as President, it is time to pass the torch. I have been so blessed in this position that I was somewhat reluctant to accept. I have had the opportunity to work with wise, kind, enthusiastic and inspirational board members and I feel that I have received much more than I have given in volunteering.

We are really fortunate in California to have so many alpaca breeders with differing objectives and goals that are passionate about this industry. It has been a rewarding experience to work along side all of the board members who I have had the opportunity to serve with. I look forward to seeing the future success of the board.

The election is once again upon us. I honestly feel that the remaining board members are a strong group and am excited that we also have a great line up of candidates running in this upcoming election. Each and every one of them has something to bring to the table as well as to be inspirational to California Alpaca breeders.

With the California fires we were very sad to have to cancel the Gold Country Gathering but very grateful to our fire fighters in doing such a good job and minimizing the loss. As usual Calpaca people more then stepped up to the plate in helping those in the fires path with evacuation. It is comforting to know we are surrounded with such great support.

In closing I want to share that I have learned so much while serving on this board. I have learned that we all have different gifts. I have learned how to work as a team. I have learned to respect those with differing opinions. I have learned to be more open-minded. In coming to a close I want to thank you for voting for me, trusting me, encouraging me and giving me this opportunity.

Karen Ball (2017 Calpaca President)

Calpaca Member News

PLEASE ADD THIS MEMBER INFORMATION TO PAGE 6 IN YOUR HARD COPY 2017 MEMBER AND HERDSIRE DIRECTORY

WELCOME CALPACA MEMBER

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It's Time To Renew Your Membership

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Calpaca Farm Membership-\$100/yr (\$50 first year)

Benefits:

- Run for a seat on the Board of Directors
- Two votes on Calpaca issues
- Quarterly Calpaca Connection Newsletter
- **Farm profile with online store on Calpaca website!**
- **Farm included in directory, Alpacas for Sale, and Store listings**
- **Free Newsletter advertising**
- Attend all Calpaca meetings and events

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Benefits:

- Quarterly Calpaca Connection Newsletter
- Attend all Calpaca meetings and events

Staying Connected

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<http://www.calpaca.org/>

Group Emails

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Calpaca— California Alpaca Association

To join or renew your membership: <http://www.calpaca.org/page/2572/join-calpaca>

Upcoming Calpaca Events

2018

February 10 — Membership meeting—Derwydd Alpacas, Esparto, CA

April 7 & 8 —CA Classic, Dixon, CA

May 19 (date change because of Mother's Day)—Location TBA

August — Membership meeting—Location TBA

October 12-14— Gold Country Gathering, Grass Valley, CA

Calpaca Annual Meeting

(Newly elected Board members will be announced)

When: Saturday, November 11

Where: Heart & Soul Ranch

14514 Oak Meadow Rd, Penn Valley,
CA, 95946

Time: Membership meeting starts at 10:00am

Potluck Lunch

Chili, Cornbread and drinks provided

Please bring your favorite side dish to share

Guest Speaker: Leslie Phillips M.S., D.V.M., C.V.A.

Dr. Leslie Phillips received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1988 from the University of California at Davis. She was certified with the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society in 1995 and American Veterinary Chiropractic Association in 1997. In 2006 she was certified in Veterinary Chinese herbal medicine with the Chi Institute. Leslie has been a lecturer at UC Davis Veterinary School and a laboratory instructor for the basic Veterinary acupuncture course for IVAS and the Chi Institute. Dr. Phillips is presently an examiner for the IVAS basic course in Veterinary Acupuncture and a Past President of the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture. Dr. Phillips treats large and small animals and her practice is limited to Veterinary Acupuncture, Chiropractic and Chinese Herbal Medicine in the Nevada County area.

Don't Miss It!!

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Or call Karen 530-559-7223



Gold Country Gathering/Gold Country Fire

Can I just say that the week before the Gold Country Gathering Alpaca Show did not play out as I had planned! Instead at 4:30 am Monday, October 9th I was woken up to a text informing me that there was a fire in the community I live in and that I needed to evacuate. That will get your heart rocking believe me! As luck would have it, I had a packed suitcase since I had been gone for the weekend so I grabbed some pictures of my kids, my suitcase and Gracie my pup and after manually opening my garage (we had no power) took off to pick up some friends in the area and head over to the ranch where I board my alpacas, Heart & Soul Alpacas as they were out of the evacuation area. A group of us sat in the living room, which was lit by candle light while we searched the internet for updates on the fire. Unfortunately it wasn't long before the ranch was within the advisory evacuation area and being that there is only one way in and out of there, we decided to start moving animals. The rest of that day is a blur but by the time it started to get dark we had moved 4 horses, a donkey, 1 mini-horse, 3 mini-donkeys and 65 alpacas to various ranches in the Grass Valley and Loomis area (thank you Sierra Rose Alpacas and Alpacas All Around) not to mention the birth of 2 cria during the evacuation process!!! With the constant outpouring of people calling to offer help by providing trailers to help move animals or updating us on animals that were being moved from other ranches, the sun started to set and we once again lit candles to see while trying to figure out a meal with no water or power!

Luckily we never had to move the rest of the herd and by Wednesday I was able to return to my home. It was also that Wednesday that I was informed by the Grass Valley Fairgrounds that Cal Fire had set up their base camp at the fairgrounds and that I would have to cancel the Gold Country Gathering Alpaca Show. Here we had been praying for no rain but now had to cancel due to the fires. I quickly put together an email notification for all the ranches and vendors registered for the show to let them know that we had to cancel the show.....then I turned my attention to notifying the judges, security and sound people, our food vendor, spinning demonstrations folks and everyone else that was scheduled to make this an amazing weekend.

Today it is 3 weeks since that crazy day of evacuating, fear and uncertainty. I am happy to report that everyone is back in their respective homes, barns and pastures but we must not forget all of those folks less fortunate than us who have lost everything!! These California wildfires are one of the worst national disasters the State of California has ever experienced, with losses totaling over \$1 Billion Dollars not to mention the number of homes and businesses lost. While having to cancel the show was a huge disappointment for me, I am incredibly thankful that I had a home to go back to and that most of the beautiful community I live in is still standing.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as I work out the kinks in PayPal to get your money refunded. Thank you Herdsire Donors who helped the show recoup a good portion of the losses due to cancellation by donating some amazing Herdsires to our online auction and a big thank you to Sandy Wallace for putting the online auction together!!!

After the Gold Country Gathering Alpaca show's history these past 2 years I don't see how it can be anything but a huge success next year with lots of sunshine, alpacas and fun!! Mark your calendars for October 12-14, 2018 for next year's show. Jude Anderson will be there to judge the Halter Show, Sara Jane will be judging the Fleece Show and Sara Jane and Ken Hibbits will be judging the Walking Fleece Show. Here's to GCG 2018!!!

Thank you,

Tracy DiPippo

Event Manager, Gold Country Gathering

Mark Your Calendar!

Calpaca is planning two AOA Certified Shows in 2018



California Alpaca Breeders present



**GOLD COUNTRY
GATHERING**
ALPACA SHOW

October 12-14, 2018

Ever entered a “Double Show”?

Recently I entered two shows that were back to back over a long weekend. These two shows were the Western Alpaca Challenge and the Alpaca Breeders Invitational, aka WAC and ABI.

When you entered these two shows you actually paid one fee for both shows. They also had a “Walking Fleece Show” that in reality made it three alpaca shows. Your alpaca had an opportunity to be judged by three different judges based on type, color and gender and fleece.

It was quite an experience!!!

I drove in with Dale Davis of Derwydd Alpacas on Thursday morning. We got in line for vet check and were able to set up our pens. Then at 2:00pm, the Walking Fleece Show started. You had to make sure your alpaca had been color checked and then off to the designated ring where the judge awaited to judge your animal and total your fleece scores. That show ended on Thursday night.

Friday AM at 8:00 am the 2nd show started. The WAC Halter show. This show was run in two rings by two different judges. Normal halter show rules...accept...that you did not receive a ribbon to keep. The ribbons were handed out with the orals and you returned them as you left the ring. You took your alpaca to get a Show Photo and they had all the ribbons for each place that you could use for your Show Photo. More about ribbons later. The WAC show ended at 4:00pm in time for dinner and the Auction.

On Saturday the show was completed with Production. AND...two new judges were ushered in and we then started the ABI Show. This show started exactly where the WAC show ended...with Production. You had your brand new Show Lists to look at so you knew which ring and what judge you needed to be in front of. Sunday the ABI show was completed with Judges Choice.

In the middle of the two shows they were also running “The Great Pumpkin Race” which was based on points accumulated on Small, Medium and Large Farms. After the Judges Choice winners were announced and the shows ended the points were accumulated and the Trophies were handed out to the lucky farms. Now...back to the ribbons....you had the opportunity at the end of the show to receive your ribbon or a payout!!!! What a concept.

I must say this may be a new concept for alpaca shows. 1 Entry fee, 3 shows, 4 judges, 1 long weekend, 1 CVI, 1 set of pens, 1 destination. It appeared to go seamlessly with the great effort of everyone involved. Could some things be better...yes and time will tell if other shows decide to incorporate this idea. For me it was a win. I had the opportunity to win several more awards than just going to one show. I got 3 orals on all my animals. I would definitely do it again.

Laurie Findlay – Alpacas of El Dorado

How to Make an Alpaca Fiber Male!

By Sarah Donahoe, Long Acres Alpaca Ranch

Sometimes I'll hear a comment that then triggers an idea to share with others, in hopes of spurring further thought and discussion and maybe, change in behavior. It's isn't a criticism, but rather a "why do we do that?" sort of thought. Such was the case for this blog.

I was looking to put together a group of "fiber males" for a new client, and she was looking for a top selection of males, one of each of the colors. Not having the variety that she was hoping to buy, I called on several farms in hopes that they might have a fiber male to contribute to her package. I was surprised at my fellow alpaca farmer responses as most had either older fiber males to sell, or had none to offer (an amazing run of females?) and a few stated that they had hoped to sell their alpaca as a herdsire.

Heavy sigh as I thought about what goes into the **"MAKINGS OF A FIBER MALE!"**

I started reading through the alpaca classifieds in print and social media to see what other alpaca farmers were offering as "alpaca fiber males" for sale, and below were some of the descriptors used in advertisements. All are in the classification listing of "Fiber Alpacas For Sale."

Halter trained!
Seven years old!
Gelded!
Pet males for sale!
Needs forever home!
Rescue alpacas need re-homed!
Very friendly!
Very gentle!
Related genetic lines!
Did well in the show ring!
Wonderful companion animals!
Wonderful fleece!
Many colors!
Just sheared!
ARI registered!
Recent toenails trimmed!
Does not get along with other male alpacas!
Sweet, slightly shy!
Great bloodlines!
Good fiber!
Too many boys!
Great female, nonbreeder d/t fertility problems!
Great presence!
Unbelievable coverage!

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If we are a fiber industry, shouldn't we be selling our best to alpaca fiber farmers? Why wait until they hit the "default" list to place them in the "alpaca fiber" classifieds? Why are we hoping our males will be a Herdsire? If a livestock model estimates 5% of it's males to be breeding stock, why not decide early on and sell the other 95% to make that luxury fiber into marketable textiles. Why hold on to that 95% and continue to invest high for low return?

If we start thinking critically about the 5% that should be the breeding stock, then it will be easier to view the other 95% as the wondrous males that are actually creating our textile industry, rather than the "those that didn't make the cut."

I decided to compile a list of what I believe a classified listing for fiber males should look like to the prospective buyer. I've broken them into five categories for simplicity and organization.

Date of sale—March 2018

Fiber male, intact, for sale

DOB 12/3/16

Recent shearing 6/4/17

First shearing 6/4/17

This first section is the demographics on the animals. Perhaps you've already noticed that the alpaca is not AOA registered. Most livestock industries do not register production animals. It is an added cost and not necessary for a farmer whose business model focuses on fiber production.

Also, notice the time of the year for this particular sale. In other livestock, there is a time for the offspring to sell. For example, lambs can be birthed twice a year and sold for the holidays when demand is at it's highest. Hogs are frequently sent to market in mid to late Fall, probably a leftover practice from when people smoked hams in outbuildings. For alpacas, the offspring should sell as fiber alpacas as soon as weaned AND once they can start generating income for the farmer. For example, an alpaca born in the Fall in the northern hemisphere should sell *after* it's first shearing the following Spring. The reason behind this is as a commercial fiber farmer, you would want to buy the alpaca after this shearing, since this first fleece still in cria tips would be of lesser value as a commercial fiber sale. In other words, the alpaca farmer buying the alpaca does not want to incur the cost of shearing when he/she is not able to sell the fleece still in cria tips to the commercial fiber market. Whereas, an alpaca born just a few months earlier, e.g., in July that is then shorn a month after it's birth should sell to the alpaca fiber farmer *before* it is shorn in the Spring. In this case, the alpaca fiber farmer buying the alpaca will be able to harvest that fleece and sell it into the commercial market for a cash sale. Timing the sale so that the alpaca fiber farmer can almost immediately turn the fiber sale into cash with minimal cost into the production of the animal should be a selling point.

The date of birth (DOB) is imperative as fiber males cannot sell when they are older, and once we've harvested their best fleeces. Our alpaca fiber industry should not be one based on alpacas that *still* produce good fiber. Rather, our alpaca fiber industry needs to decide early on which alpacas are to be sold as fiber alpacas.

Recent Shearing and First Shearing need to be listed for the obvious reasons for the buyer. The buying farmer needs to know the date of the last harvest as a gauge of blanket weight and length.

Blanket Weight
Blanket Grade
Blanket Color
Fiber break/tenderness current fleece

Histograms, including staple lengths, can be done on every fleece that the alpaca has produced. A simple AFD and SD is all that is needed, and it is relatively inexpensive to have done, one US source offering it at \$3 per test. A histogram is significant for the animal buyer, but remember that it only shows a measurement of one sample within the blanket (or multiple representations if it is a grid pattern). I believe it's critical that we promote Blanket Weight and Sort/Grade/Class which is entirely different from a Histogram. A blanket that is sorted/graded/classes tells you how much you can get for the fleece per weight, which is the bottom line! The Blanket Weight has to be done at the time of the Blanket Sort/Grade/Class, because each of the SGC lots has to be weighed as separate sales. It is critical for the alpaca fiber farmer to know the consistency within the blanket as evaluated from the commercial buying side.

Color is critical in the commercial market, not only regarding actual color but also regarding consistency within the blanket. This color uniformity is throughout the fleece blanket ONLY and does not involve, head, legs, belly or tail. So if the alpaca has a fading fawn bonnet, but the fleece blanket is white, it sells as a white alpaca, not a light fawn. For our AOA Registration and the AOA Show, the alpacas are registered/entered according to patterns. These pattern designations are not of significance for the alpaca fiber farmer provided they are not in the blanket.

An alpaca fiber farmer does not want to buy an alpaca, keep it for "x" number of months, and then not be able to sell the fleece to the commercial market because it is tender. Commercial machines create more pull than a person does hand spinning, and therefore if the fiber is brittle to the hand, it will break in the machine production. Tenderness associates with the health of the animal, and the buyer should be made aware of any long-term problems that could cause ongoing fiber breaks.

Spinning Competitions
Spinning Evaluation
Spinning Sample available

As sellers of alpaca production animals, we should be educated on determining the spinning qualities. It's not imperative that the alpaca seller be able to spin, but it is critical that we understand what makes a fleece of good spin quality, and what we as producers can do to influence it. There is now an AOA Spin-Off Judging as a certification. I believe we as an industry have much to learn about commercial spin, knit and weave manufacture. Simply having a spinning sample available, hand or machine spun, should be a minimum when selling alpacas to fiber farmers.

Physical Anomalies
Care Management
Weight
Height

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Physical defects, weight, height at withers, care management all go together since for the fiber farmer, he/she wants to keep the expense per animal at a minimum without compromising care. “Easy keepers” have an advantage, meaning the alpaca that merely looks at green grass and maintains/gains weight (as in our HUMAN WORLD!) is a better choice than the forever forager that grows a short staple length. A fiber farmer does not want to supplement with hay more than necessary, and I believe we should not be feeding grain to fiber animals. Fiber animals should be able to maintain a healthy weight on grazing and free choice minerals and fresh, clean water. In winter months, they will need hay, but it doesn’t need to be the higher protein that is for lactating females. Providing a lower protein, even 1st cutting, that has a sufficient RFV, TDN and mineral composition will be adequate for these fiber alpacas. Alpacas are meant to be kept on a slightly leaner side (except at our farm, aka Bubba Farm).

Physical anomalies are important to the alpaca fiber farmer only as they relate to working hours and materials. As an example, a well-aligned bite is important because of the expense of dental management regarding working hours and materials and time spent doing this type of care, even if not outsourced, needs to be accounted for in labor costs. An alpaca fiber farmer cannot afford financially or labor wise to perform dental on a significant portion of his/her herd. Nor can an alpaca fiber farmer keep alpacas that are not conformationally correct, blind, deaf *if* there is an added burden of medical management or if there is fiber loss created by illnesses and stressors.

Height, weight, care management are also important for the alpaca fiber farmer as they relate to the terminal market.

Personality Problems

I’ve left personality problems for the end because, in reality, it is important that fiber males have a personality that is amenable to the herd dynamics. I have culled alpacas, who have wondrous fleeces because he/she was unable to get along “well enough” with the other males and was forever causing the herd to be in high tension. An alpaca fiber farmer cannot afford the time, energy, nor resources to deal with animal hierarchy problems that adversely affect the herd. Being obnoxious is one thing, but causing total disruption to the herd is not tolerable. Conversely, neither is the male that is small and the object of constant torment. It is unfair to expect the very disadvantaged to hold his/her own within the herd dynamics.

Imagine a catalog with even a few of the above categories, composed solely of ALPACA FIBER MALES, aged eight months or so, ready to be shorn, their harvested blankets sold within two months. It doesn’t take much time or effort to put together this information, and I believe it’s necessary on many fronts.

It’s in our hands to make it happen!

For further discussion, see this post in Facebook Groups Farmers and Ranchers [Facebook Group–Farmers and Ranchers](#) Join in to make a difference.

Editor’s note: Sarah graciously gave her permission for me to publish this blog in the Connection. If you visit her website www.longacresalpaca.com you will find many interesting and thought provoking articles/blog written by Sarah.

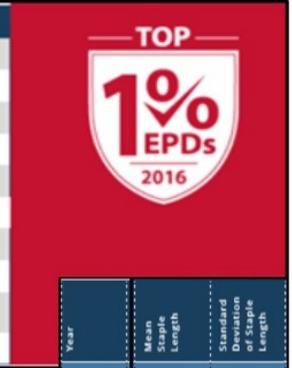
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Trait	Value	Acc	Rank	1%
AFD	-0.385	0.5	9342 of 21089	
SDAFD	0.179	0.499	18958 of 21089	
SF	-0.215	0.558	11335 of 21089	
%F>30	-2.115	0.56	8811 of 21089	
MC	0.875	0.486	7863 of 21089	
SDMC	0.874	0.515		
%M	2.219	0.191	19394 of 21089	
MSL	2.902	0.418	1321 of 21089	
FW	1.607	0.389	7 of 21089	✓
BW	0.338	0.135		



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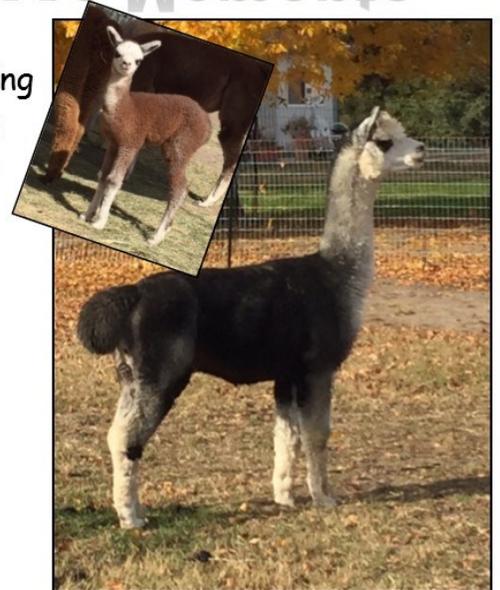
Year	Mean Staple Length millimeters	Standard Deviation of Staple Length millimeters
2017	85.2	7.29
2016	81.6	1.52
2015	91.2	4.44
2014	101.4	2.07
2013	107.8	0.84
2012	114.8	4.44
2011	108.6	2.88
2010	102.4	6.11

2 genetic wonders—Back on the Market

Trait	1%	Value	Accuracy	Rank
AFD		0.066	0.527	15031 of 21089
SDAFD		-0.181	0.526	6606 of 21089
SF		-0.191	0.587	11660 of 21089
%F>30		-2.6	0.59	7475 of 21089
MC		-0.782	0.513	17019 of 21089
SDMC		-0.472	0.544	0 of 21089
%M		-0.279	0.124	10570 of 21089
MSL		1.557	0.439	3624 of 21089
FW		0.513	0.383	2633 of 21089
BW		-0.183	0.098	

Silver Rose Memento

Four of Silver Rose's six offspring are either rose grey (3) or silver grey!



To schedule your breeding, contact either co-owner—

Bruce and Joan Nelson
Ahh... Sweet Alpacas

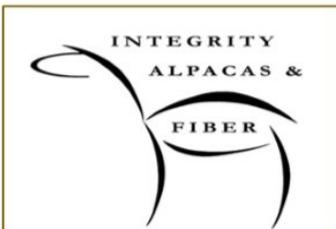
707-448-9157 sweetalpacas@cs.com.

Charlene Schmid

Integrity Alpacas & Fiber

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Stud Fee:
\$500



Spread The Love

Bear River alpacas has recently been working with the P.A.W. 4 The Foundation in Ramona, California to find homes for mini donkeys and mini horses that are rescued. The P.A.W.S Foundation is a nonprofit organization run by Charlotte Olhausen and staffed by volunteers. With the help of Bear River Alpacas the Foundation has been able to find loving homes for 25 miniature horses and mini donkeys in Northern California this month. Although it was a grueling 28 hour round-trip drive from Lincoln, California to Ramona, California and back and a second trip (thank you Chris!) we were able to get the minis to their new families.

These rescues came from a kill pen in Texas where so many unwanted horses and donkeys end up when their humans no longer want them or can no longer care for them. They are auctioned off and if not rescued are sold to slaughter houses.

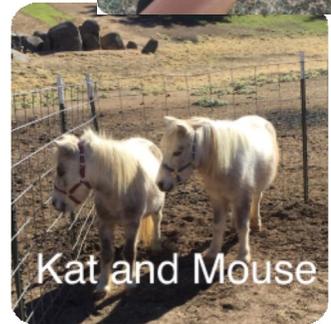
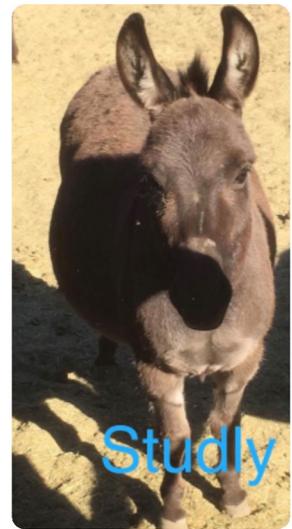
Once The Foundation funds the rescue fee they are given antibiotics and quarantined for 60-90 days and then transported to the ranch in Ramona, CA. where they are again quarantined for 30-60 days before being introduced to the other rescue animals. Everyone is examined by the vet, teeth checked, given vaccinations, wormed and their feet get trimmed. Many of the males arrive in tact and are gelded and some mares arrive already in foal. At that time they are groomed and handled to determine their personalities and what type of homes they would be suited for. Charlotte explained "it isn't just about finding a home. It's about finding a good home where they won't end up back at a rescue, an auction house or kill pen." It is important that they are matched up with a person whose skill level is suited to their personality and ability." For instance some have the temperament suited for a child to handle and are great family pets. Others may need more rehabilitation and handling from being neglected. The minis make great companion animals and get along with just about any other livestock including alpacas, llamas, goats, sheep and pot belly pigs. Some rescues go on to be therapy animals for people with disabilities or visits to assisted care facilities or hospitals. Most just need some love and attention and come around quickly. The mini donkeys are great guardian animals and have funny quirky personalities. Female donkeys are "Jenny's" gelded males are "Johns" and in tact males are referred to as "Jacks". Not to mention just how adorable the mini horses and mini donkeys are!

If you think you might have room in your heart and your home for one of these wonderful little guys you can contact Nadine at Bear River Alpacas at 209 986-9892 or Charlotte at the P.A.W.S. Foundation at (858) 344-1815 for more information. Adoption fee usually runs about \$450. Don't have room or time to adopt? That's ok, you can still help save a mini by making a donation toward a rescue and when there are enough donations the Foundation will find them a home! You can also make donations towards halters and supplies, medications, or funding a grant for medical attention etc.

We would like to say a special Thank You to Pat Kemberling for her donation of a great used horse trailer that she no longer needs. This is such a generous, much needed and very much appreciated addition at the Foundation.

Thank you Lisa Bacciarini for welcoming Kat and Mouse; Peggy Ogden for adopting Mini Cooper, Mini Pearl, Studly and Skinny-Mini; Kyle and Eric for giving 4 minis a home; Kathy Blanca for giving Riley a second chance at happiness and Jamie for adding Cookie to her family. Sugar and Spice have been adopted by Maureen, Barb loves Barney and Clyde, and Shimmer, Radar, Oreo and Baby Mama have been adopted by Amy, Jana, Rhonette and Candy. Last, but not least, Ivanka, Melania, Pixie and Mini-Man are coming to live at Bear River Ranch!

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Sire: MFI BROCK, 812737,WH, Dam: PERUVIAN DULCE, 1424102, WH.

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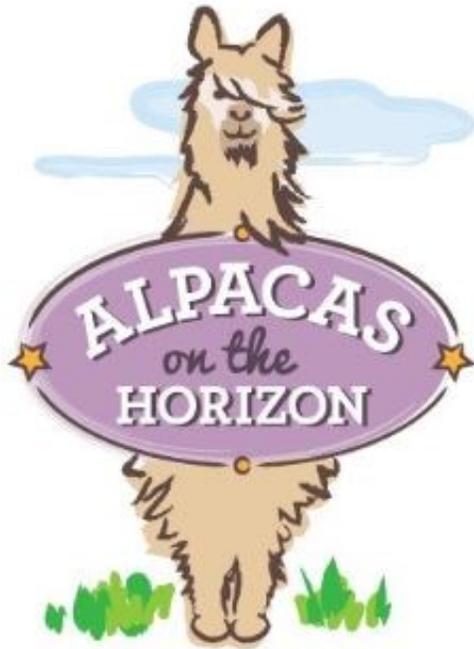
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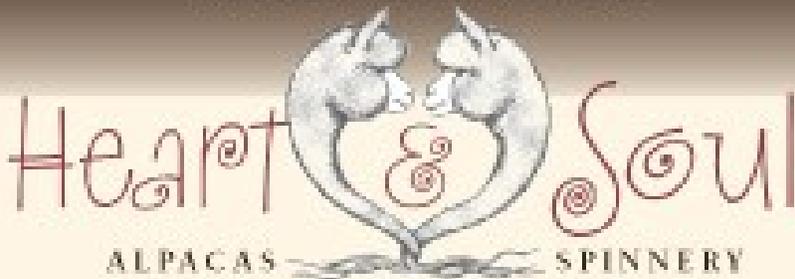
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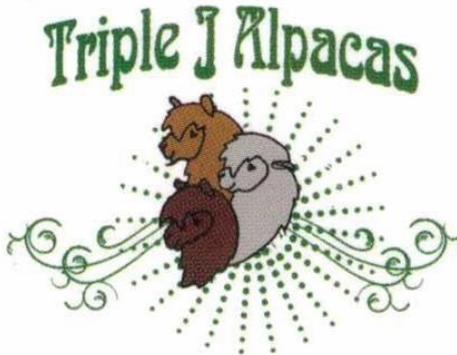
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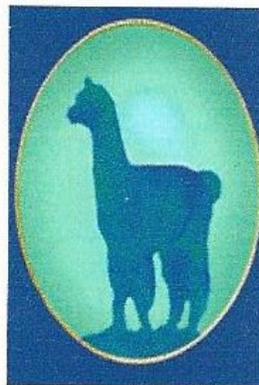
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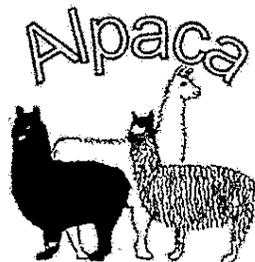
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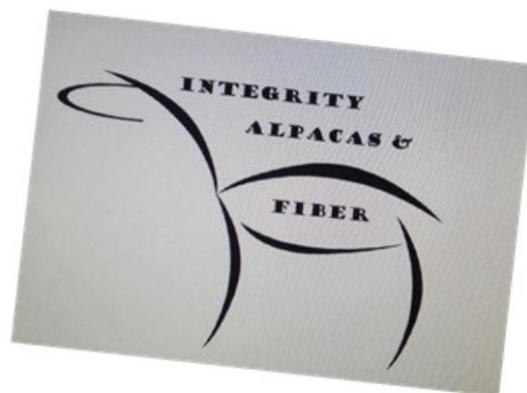
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