

# CONNECTION

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Connecting members to Calpaca, the industry and each other

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In California's tradition as a pioneer of progress, Calpaca was the first—and is the oldest—regional alpaca association in the Northern Hemisphere. Calpaca and past and current members have been leaders in the American alpaca industry since 1989.

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!

Calpaca Membership Meetings are held quarterly on the second Saturday of the second month of each quarter.

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### **Advertise in the Connection**

#### ***Calpaca Members:***

Business Card: Free

¼ page \$15

½ page \$30

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## President's Message

Greeting Calpaca Members,

WOW this year is going by fast! I hope everyone is ready for summer and have either shorn or have your shearing date scheduled. Shearing is my next favorite season next to birthing. It is a great time to look at your harvest and efforts in your breeding program and evaluate how you are doing. Sending your fiber in for a histogram is a great tool for making breeding choices. I also like to get my hands on as much fiber as I can outside of my own animals.

Some of the things I ask myself in evaluating my fleeces are: what are my goals for my fiber? How can we do things better next year to meet those goals? Do I need to change the time I shear for cleaner fleeces or later for longer fleeces? It is also a good time to evaluate the health of your herd as you get a very clear picture of what your alpaca really looks like. I like to compare my alpacas weights to the prior years shearing at this time to evaluate if I need to make any dietary changes?

The California Classic was a very successful show despite more of our "not so sunny California" weather challenges. Our show once again remained in the black so a big shout out to Charlene Schmid and her team of volunteers who helped make this happen!!

The Board of Directors is already gearing up for our 2017 election. We have our election committee in place and would like to thank them in advance, Bruce Nelson, Laurie Findlay and Dale Davis. Being on the board has been a wonderful experience for me. I have gotten to work with genuine alpaca breeders who truly care about the industry. I have also learned a lot! If being on the board is something you are interested in I encourage you to reach out to the committee and let them know. This is my last year on the board and Charlene is running for re-election so there are 2 seats open.

Our next Calpaca membership meeting is May 20th at Integrity Alpacas. Visit the website for details. I encourage all Calpaca members, owners and breeders, to try and attend as many Calpaca events as you can. Whether you have fiber animals, a breeding program or just pets, Calpaca is here to help with education, networking and marketing as well as providing a wealth of resources.

See you at the next event,

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 MEMBERS**

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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**
- Receive lists of potential buyers
- Attend all Calpaca meetings and events



### **Calpaca Associate Membership-\$30/yr**

Benefits:

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

### **Staying Connected**

#### **Calpaca Website**

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

#### **Group Emails**

[calpaca1@googlegroups.com](mailto:calpaca1@googlegroups.com)

#### **Calpaca Facebook**

Calpaca— California Alpaca Association

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

### **Upcoming Calpaca Events**

#### **2017**

**May 20 (NOTE CHANGE IN DATE) - Membership meeting — Integrity Alpacas & Fiber, Vacaville, CA**

**August 12—Membership meeting—Alpacas of Marin, Nicasio, CA**

**October 14-15—Gold Country Gathering Alpaca Show, Grass Valley, CA**

**November 11— Membership meeting—TBA**

#### **2018**

**April 7 & 8 —CA Classic, Dixon, CA**

For more member events check: <http://www.calpaca.org/events/>

**DON'T MISS CALPACAS QUARTERLY MEETING!!!**  
**MAY 20 at 10:00 AM**  
**HOSTED BY CHARLENE SCHMID — INTEGRITY ALPACAS & FIBER**  
**7490 N. Meridian Rd, Vacaville, CA 95688**

**SCHEDULE:**

**9:30 AM** — Pre-meeting refreshments and fellowship

**10:00 AM** - General Membership Meeting

**12:00 PM** - Lunch— Plan to bring a chair and a dish to share as pot luck. Charlene will provide utensils, plates and drinks!

**1:00 PM** - Educational Session

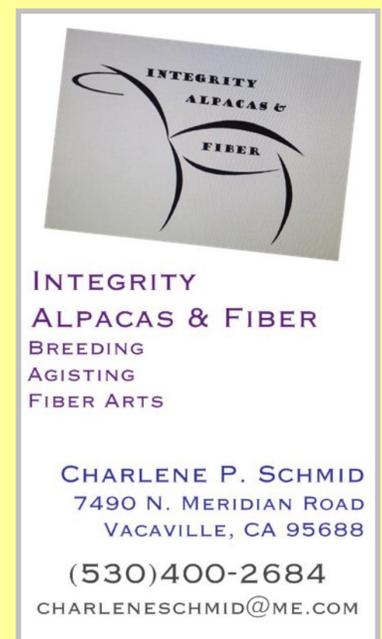
Our last Calpaca meeting offered speakers for a variety of fleece preparations purposes. You have heard how it is done, but this meeting, you will do it. It's time to put this learning into practice. This meeting is a hands-on fleece preparation for submission to the AOA National Fleece show.

At this meeting, we will have several guides that will be your buddy as you prepare up to 3 fleeces for show entry. The purpose of this hands-on opportunity is to leave you prepared to enter fleece into shows—like the National Fleece Show and our own Gold Country Gathering!

When you RSVP please indicate the number of show fleece entries you will bring.

PLEASE RSVP TO CHARLENE BY MAY 13  
530-400-2684 CHARLENESCHMID@ME.COM

The registration deadline for the fleece competitions  
is June 8<sup>th</sup>





Many alpaca breeders use livestock guardian dogs to help protect their herds from predators (or to convince the predators to go elsewhere for dinner!) The typical LGD breeds were developed over centuries on the vast plains of Turkey and Eastern Europe, and the mountainous regions of Western Europe. These are large-breed or giant-breed dogs, with varying coat lengths, and confident, independent personalities. Another commonality in these dogs: in the words of Bruce Springsteen these dogs were, **‘Born to RUN!’**

We got our first Anatolian Shepherd puppy last summer, when she was not quite 4 months old. She is wonderful with people and dogs, and the alpacas continue to be amused by her. Thus far she lacks the dog aggression, which is commonly seen in LGDs, but she barks at coyotes and the neighbor’s long horned cattle. We think her presence is an effective deterrent to predators, and that’s all we wanted from her!

Through trial and error we have learned than no physical barrier alone will contain Karakus (Kara-KOOSH—it means “blackbird” in Turkish). Also, the “invisible fence” electric shock perimeter for which she wears a shock collar that is triggered when she crosses the “Invisible barrier”, does little to contain her. Her momentum carries her through the shock area before she can react and turn back. However, the combination of our 5 foot no-climb fencing with a Fi-Shock “hot wire” suspended 6 inches above the fence, seems to do the trick, barring human error.



A week and a half ago, I made such an error, and Karakus got loose on a rainy night. Since she had frequently roamed loose before we got the “hot wire” system going, I was not too concerned until around 10 pm when she still didn’t come for dinner. What follows is my experience with the wonders of Social Media and the internet, to expand your net of “search and rescue” far further than you can imagine!

Of course, first I walked around my property and that of my neighbor, where she loves to bark at their cows. We know that she can break into their vacation home, using their un-locked lever-handled doors, so I checked each door to be certain they were closed, and peered through the windows to be sure there was no sign of a dog.

Next, I put a “Lost and Found” ad on **Craigslist**. This was great because several people emailed back with helpful suggestions, and I also met a man who lost his Anatolian Shepherd a few days after mine. I also put a notice on our community web site service, **Next Door West Marin**. I am certain other communities must have similar sites. From here I got leads to other social media sites. One site, [www.petharbor.com](http://www.petharbor.com) allowed me to register my lost dog with nearly every animal control agency from Santa Clara to Mendocino, and out to Sacramento city and county. This was empowering! I also got a lead to **Josie’s Lost Dog Alert of Sonoma County**, a Facebook-based network of wonderful concerned volunteers—they were answering me on-line before I had

even completed my application! Both sites offered great advice on making and placing posters and flyers, and they send alerts to area animal shelters and veterinarians. Later, when I contacted the Petaluma Animal Shelter, the gal stated that she had seen my posting on **Josie's Lost Dog Alert!** I suspect that other communities have similar support sites on Facebook or the internet, and I highly recommend them. All of these sites and contacts were free, although I learned that there are numerous internet sites that specialize in finding lost pets for a service fee—they contact an extended area of neighbors by telephone or email, and send out flyers by surface mail; and they contact area animal control agencies and veterinarians for you.

Of course, I also contacted my county Humane Society, and went in for a visit. These days the photos of “found” dogs and cats are posted on their websites promptly, so it’s not as important that you come in personally—but they still encourage it and also gave me a few leads of local farms with reputations as animal rescue sites that might have had a dog “turned in”. I also contacted Animal Control agencies for several surrounding counties, as well as Marin and Sonoma County Sheriffs and the local fire stations.

A friend, and alpaca breeder, Nicole Kure, pitched in to make and post eye-catching posters on bright fluorescent poster board. She and I had both visited the Dollar Store to pick up posterboard and other supplies for our signs. We had been advised to make the signs very bright, with minimal words, but include the word, “REWARD”, on the signs. I also added “Spayed” on my signs, so that no one would pick her up to breed. Within 72 hours, our communities were plastered with signs!



As it turns out, Karakus was found in the neighbor’s vacation home. It was clear that she had not been there the entire time, and I suspect she had been picked up on the road by someone so impressed with her size and sweet temperament, they decided to ignore her ID tag and microchip. As I had anticipated, they would have found that these are not typical back-yard dogs, and they can be destructive if they are confined without diversions. Also, they may have hoped to breed her, but checking for information on her on-line they would have found that she was spayed. So, they probably brought her back where she had been found, and “dumped” her. She was nearest the neighbors’ house, and broke in through the unlocked door. Unfortunately, one of the bedroom door locks can lock by itself, and she found herself trapped in the house. She did the amount of damage you might expect from a 92 lb dog over probably 2 days, and she dropped 8½ lbs of weight (much of it dehydration).

So, the story ends happily! I am so impressed how the availability of social media has advanced our search for lost pets. I always considered a “lost cat” to be a “dead cat”, but now those cats have a fighting chance! It’s time-consuming, but I encourage anyone with a lost animal to contact Craig’s list and your local humane societies and Animal Shelters. Judge for yourself what sort of radius is required for your search: because Karakus is built to cover many miles each day, and because we have a lot of traffic heading from the coast east to Tracy and Sacramento, I aimed for a 100-200 mile radius to contact by email.

Later, when my dog was found, I was careful to notify the websites, drop my Craig’s list listing, and remove all those eye-catching signs—it’s always best to be considerate of your neighbors, and in some communities you can be fined for placing those signs.

Sandra Wallace

# Using the Noodling Technique for Collecting Fleece, Or Preparing a Show Blanket

Author – Julie Roy with inspiration by Coarse Broads, Inc

This method can also be used if...

- The weather is inclement on shearing day and fleece needs to dry before being skirted.
- You are preparing a show blanket and want to minimize contamination
- You use a sorter and they are behind at live shearing and need to keep fleeces organized until the sorter can catch up.

Supplies needed

1) 55 gal. clear plastic bags (U-line sells them by the box)

Cut the bottom of the bag, and then cut down one side making a large flat piece of plastic.

You can also use plastic sheeting that can be obtained at most home improvement stores. Just cut the sheeting in 6' lengths.

2) 33 gallon clear size bags

3) Small clear bags for neck fiber

4) Black marker

5) Labels with Owner ID, alpaca name & DOB, date of shearing, fiber length and color.

6) Sandwich size bag for fiber sample with ID written on it

Method for Blanket

1) Place the cut plastic 55 gal. bag under the alpaca before shearing begins. You can roll the alpaca slightly away from you and easily slip the bag under it.

2) Once the shearer has shorn both halves and the blanket is on the plastic, slide the plastic out from under the alpaca, towards you.

3) Put a "T" for tail & an "H" for head on the ends of the plastic. **Picture #1**

4) Wrap the top and bottom edges over the fleece so it meets in the middle, making sure the plastic covers the entire fleece. **Picture #2**

5) Fold in sides of plastic and gently roll fleece into tight "burrito". The roll can be secured with scotch tape if needed to hold it's shape. **Picture #3**

6) Place the roll on the scale and record blanket weight. Place the rolled fleece in properly labeled clear 33 gallon size bag. **Picture #3A**



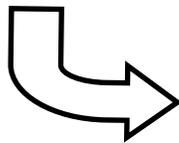
**Picture #1**



**Picture #2**

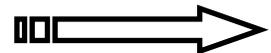


**Picture #3**



**Picture #3A**

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## Method for Other Areas of Body

- 1) Once the blanket is removed, collect the neck fiber and long haunch areas in the small clear bags making sure to push aside any short cuts from lower jaw, and any hairy areas (brisket/chest).
- 2) If you are not careful in collecting the neck fiber and inadvertently include all the garbage with it, the usable fiber will become contaminated resulting in higher loss.
- 3) Weigh the neck fiber and put the small clear bag in the 33 gallon clear size bag along with the rolled up blanket fleece.
- 4) Gather all the short cuts together and combine for several alpacas in a separate bag.

Proper shearing and fleece collection is the key to maximizing your yearly harvest.

While good shearing will not improve the fleece of your alpaca, poor shearing can ruin it! It is very important that you work with the shearer and the shearer works with you, when gathering the fleece and cleaning up the shearing area, or all your efforts will be wasted and you will be disappointed with the outcome of your harvest.

It is very important to have each person have the basic knowledge of what fiber needs to be collected verses just letting the youngest member of the farm grab your fleeces and throw them into a bag.





The 2017 AOA National Fleece Conference and annual membership meeting is coming to Sacramento this July. A big shout out to Calpaca members Steve and Casey Aitchison of Epic Alpacas who are sponsoring the event. Calpaca is sponsoring the Meet and Greet Reception on Saturday night. This is a great opportunity to meet and visit with other fiber enthusiasts attending the Fashion Show and Student Design Awards. Calpaca is also sponsoring the Alpaca Selfie Booth.

Do you want the opportunity to go behind the scenes during the fleece judging? Contact Margie Ault to find out what volunteer opportunities are available while the fleeces are being judged. Volunteers are also needed to set up and tear down the fleece show area before and after the show. You can also volunteer to check in the fleece entries and to handle the process of returning them to the exhibitors. I am sure there are many other opportunities to become involved with the many tasks needing to be done to put on a successful event. You can reach Margie at 402-437-8484.

More information about the conference can be found through this link:  
<https://www.alpacainfo.com/fleece-conference>

As this announcement is being written the finishing touches are being put on the workshops and speakers. In the past conferences these educational offerings have been outstanding with great information for participants. You can check out the schedule at  
<https://www.alpacainfo.com/nationals/fleece-schedule>

Do you have friends or clients you think would like to attend that are not AOA show division members? No worries...the AOA show membership fee has been waived. The registration fee to attend both days and all the conference has to offer is \$150.

**Don't miss the opportunity to attend this great educational event being held for the first time in Sacramento.**

## Neonatal Seminar and Wet Lab Workshop Valuable For Attendees

By Cynthia Kuhlmann

Sierra Rose Alpacas recently hosted Dr. Robin Skillman's Neonatal Seminar and Wet lab Workshop for 15 participants. They learned about the many aspects of caring for healthy alpaca's before and during pregnancy, birthing and post birthing.

They learned what a normal birth and cria look like which included when and how to give proper assistance and when to let nature take its course. They also learned what to do if no vet is available and dam is not progressing to proper conclusion. They also learned how to determine when to call the vet.

When asked what the participant liked best about the workshop, some of the responses were: " Sticking my hands in the bag" (i.e. identifying dystocia and how to help); "All questions were answered"; "Liked the hands on wet lab and the lecture before that with visual aids"; "attention holding presentation" "how to stay calm and let nature take its course", " knowing when to call the Vet", "size of the class was perfect" and some even liked Cynthia's homemade chili, salad and corn bread.

All of the participant's would recommend this class with the general consensus being "This class is a must if you breed alpacas."

All in all it was a great day. New friendships formed and old friendships deepened. Everyone left feeling more confident in their understanding of how to care for dam and cria, even when good things go bad. People felt they gained knowledge in knowing what is normal, what is not, while determining their best course of action to get a good outcome for all concerned.



## For Sale

**JIFFY FIBER TUMBLER - ELECTRIC** Hand crafted wooden frame with plastic mesh covering. 3/4" hole openings allow the majority of dirt, dust, chaff and 2nd cuts to fall out, Wooden dowels inside the drum helps separate up to 5 to 6 pounds of fleece at a time as it tumbles. Specs: Size, 32 inches wide x 34 inches high, on wheels - very easy to move around. Quiet 1/20 HP Dayton gear motor to provide slow steady tumbling action for cleaning your fleece. It is always covered when not in use. \$750.00 FOB Reno Nevada Please contact Glenn Waddell, Sawdust Alpacas (775) 830-2992.

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**ARLYN ALPACA SCALE** and three cardboard boxes of miscellaneous supplies including syringes, show and grooming supplies. \$350 for everything. Contact Rick & Pam Brady, 209-772-3906, email [brady-ova@att.net](mailto:brady-ova@att.net)

## Alpacas For Sale

**JR HERD SIRE...** U.S Steel (Small Breeder Herd Sire of the Year, Futurity winner with multiple championships) son for sale. LSG Herd sire prospect by US Steel out of LV Galena (msg) a Sentinal daughter who is holding her fineness and density and crimp. "Bear River's California Chrome" is a well put together male with good bone, perfect bite and a sweet disposition. He has very impressive fine fleece with density, luster, and crimp. He has a very clean blanket. I would be keeping this male for breeding but I have his full brother and two half brothers. Add his Impressive genetics now before his price goes up! Price reduced to approved breeder: \$2,000. See him on our website [www.bearriveralpacas.com](http://www.bearriveralpacas.com). email us at [nadinejoaquin@live.com](mailto:nadinejoaquin@live.com) or call 209 986-9892.

**3 MALE SURI ALPACAS.** We are a Huacaya farm and have 3 intact male Suri's that need to move to someone that can use and enjoy them. All are registered in our farm name and in good health. Asking \$750.00 ea or best offer. ARMANI'S TOP HAT N TAILS, ARI # 2416411, DOB May 23, 2012, Color Light Fawn, 2016 histogram results AFD: 30.4, SD: 6.1, CV 20.1, F>30m 43.4 DERWYDD-GVA SELKIRK, ARI # 35072447, DOB April 17, 2014, Color Medium Fawn, 2016 histogram results AFD: 29.3, SD 6.8, CV: 29.1 F>30m 30.8 DIEGO'S RODRIGO, ARI# 32416428, DOB May 17, 2012, Color Medium Brown, 2016 histogram results AFD: 30.7, SD: 6.2, CV: 20.3, F>30m: 47.3 Buy all 3 and FREE transport delivery up to 150 miles from Reno, NV Please contact Glenn Waddell, Sawdust Alpacas (775) 830-2992.

We have changed the focus of our breeding program and **all white, light or medium fawn non-foundation Suri or Huacaya females are being offered for 25% off the listed price.** This is a great opportunity for new breeders building their herd or existing breeders looking to add some different genetics or other attributes. Take a look. We are open to all offers. Jack and Dianna Jordan, [www.alpacasofsomersetfarm](http://www.alpacasofsomersetfarm). Give us a call at 530-620-6033 or email [DLJORDAN@live.com](mailto:DLJORDAN@live.com).

## Alpacas For Sale

It is with great sadness that Roger and Maxine Hoeflinger of Triple J Alpacas announce they are retiring from their alpaca business. Due to changing circumstances in our life it is necessary for us to liquidate assets in the farm as soon as possible. All animals are for sale. We have females with great bloodlines, most are proven, some are maidens. We have some great young males that would be great fiber animals and we have some herdsire quality males. We also have some older females that would be great companion animals. As soon as all the animals are sold we will sell all of our equipment including an animal scale, AVID microchip reader, automatic waterers, etc. We also have a wonderful 16' Interstate cargo trailer that has been retrofitted to haul alpacas. This is a great opportunity for someone to enhance their existing herd or for someone to start up a new business with pretty much everything you need to get started, including a great starter herd. All offers will be seriously considered. You can see our animals on our website at

[www.triplejalpacas.com](http://www.triplejalpacas.com)

Looking for great genetics and personality? Check out the alpacas at Macedo's Mini Acre. We've been in the business for about a decade, focusing on performance in ALSA (Alpaca Llama Show Association) events. We have some great dark brown (and other solid color) females ready to move at very reasonable prices. Suri and Huacaya, pricing from \$500 and up! [macedosminiacre@gmail.com](mailto:macedosminiacre@gmail.com) for more information

## Herdsires

**Suri herdsires:** JarJar and Pericles: JarJar has a great combination of Sir Baronoff and Condor lines, proven with a multi colored female on the ground. Pericles is an unproven herdsire with Greystone genetics. \$500 stud fee. Contact [macedosminiacre@gmail.com](mailto:macedosminiacre@gmail.com) for more information

Menagerie Hill Ranch introduces our newest herdsire, RR Gun's Kit Carson (KC). With 17 Championships and 21 1st Place wins, it's no wonder that more than 8 of his offspring are Color Champion winners! KC took his first championship at 8 months of age. Since then, his fleece has maintained its length, fineness and uniformity, and he remains one of the best grey males in the country.

His kids still win big in the ring...2016 Gold Country Gathering KC son 4-Sights Crawford won RCC behind RR Dizzy Gillespie in Grey Male; KC daughter 4-Sight's Centerfold won CC, grey female; AND KC son RR Lancelot won Black CC. Centerfold also took CC at the 2016 ABI and the 2017 Futurity. And at the 2017 CA Classic, Lancelot won CC in both Halter and Walking Fleece.

Check KC and his cria out at: <http://www.menageriehillranch.com/alpacas-for-sale/121347/rr-guns-kit-carson>

With gorgeous silver gray fleece, excellent conformation and a perfect bite, we believe Kit Carson can make a big impact on our breeding program and yours!

For a limited time only, in celebration of our new partnership with SkyDance Ranch Alpacas, we are offering his first 5 reserved breedings at a reduced price of \$1,500. Reserve your breedings now and take advantage of his great genetics at a great price!

Deb Galway & Kirk Howard, Owners. [www.menageriehillranch.com](http://www.menageriehillranch.com) 707.290.7915

**Cash, Navarro, Sundance, Tiberius:** Proven Huacaya herdsires with Luciano, Snowmass, Lipton and Star Trek genetics. They've shown that they pass on temperament for their cria to go the distance in Performance, conformation AND fleece. They have produced solid colors from white to black, as well as grey (and harelequin grey) and multi's. Reasonable pricing, \$500 stud fee. Contact [macedosminiacre@gmail.com](mailto:macedosminiacre@gmail.com) for more information

## Herdsires

**LV Silver Sammovar by Vantaggio** took the Reserve Color Champion in gray at the California Classic 2015 where judge Sharon Loner called him a “Fantastic Male”, finer even than the juvie in the class!

Sammo scored very high in Walking Fleece at the 2015 West Coast Alpaca Show, taking First Place. Judge Wini Lebrecque noted he was very fine, dense and uniform with the blanket extending quite far down the side and a low amount of guard hair. She was so taken with Sammo that, in the awards ceremony, she commented that she thought he might have taken the Winners Cup! This is high praise for a 2 year old gray male!!!

His first cria are on the ground and they are gorgeous! Check him and them out at <http://www.menageriehillranch.com/alpacas-for-sale/103050/lv-silver-samovar-by-vantaggio>

His stud fee of \$750 includes 60 days agisting at Menagerie Hill Ranch in Vacaville for your girl. Get your breedings now and take advantage of his great genetics at a great price! Deb Galway & Kirk Howard, Owners. [www.menageriehillranch.com](http://www.menageriehillranch.com) 707.290.7915

**IMMANUEL CUERVO PLATEADO** ARI # 30426672 DOB: July 2 2007 Color: White

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

2016 Test Report: MFD: 22.1, SD: 4.2, CV: 19.2, F>30m: 3.0

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Sire: PATAGONIA'S LENNOX, 842940, LB, Dam: PATAGONIA'S CHIACHINA, 30327139, DF WH 2016 Test Report: MFD: 20.6, SD: 4.8, CV: 23.5, F>30m 2.9

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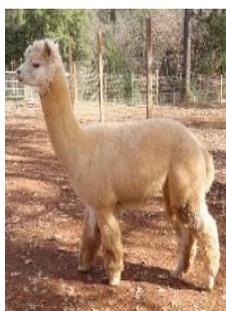
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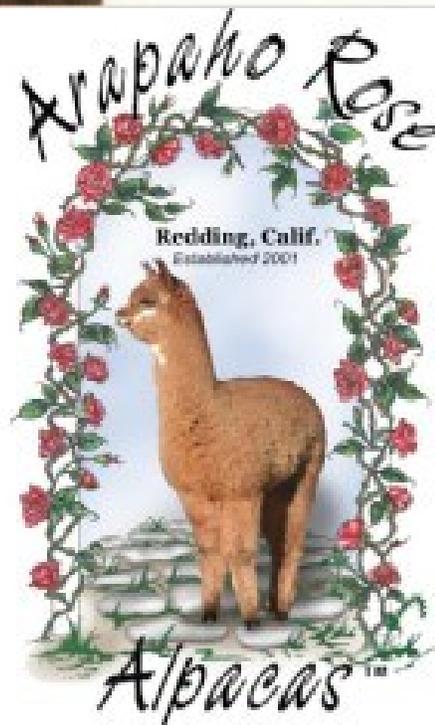


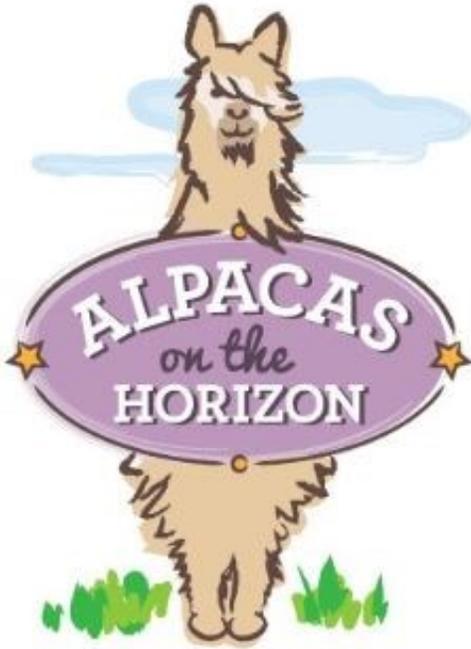
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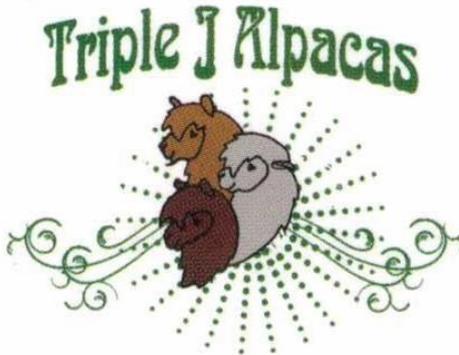
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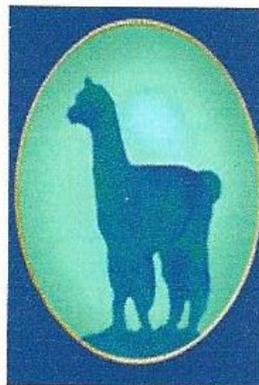
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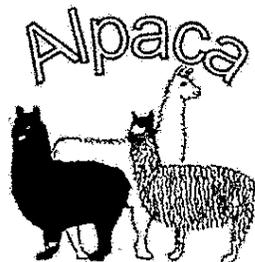
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