

## **CONSIDERATIONS TO MINIMIZE SHOW SICKNESS**

### **BEFORE THE SHOW:**

- All alpacas intended for transport and show should be negative to two parasite exams 14 days apart and the last exam not more than 7 days prior to transport.
- Alpacas should be current on at least 2 CD&T vaccinations 3 to 6 weeks apart with the last not less than 3 weeks prior to transport.
- Owners or transporters with alpacas exhibiting respiratory signs or diarrhea should be respectful of other breeders and not commingle these animals with healthy alpacas.

### **DURING THE SHOW:**

- Consider taking one day of water supply to shows or flush the water system at the show facility thoroughly before using for alpaca consumption.
- Prevent nose to nose contact at shows when possible.
- Do not schedule 3 or 4 shows or transports on back to back weekends.
- Cover fresh lush grass in pens at shows if your alpacas are not acclimated to green grass prior to shows.
- Do not track from transport trailer to trailer or pen to pen without footbaths. Walkout mats and hand sanitizer can limit the spread of disease.
- Be aware that fans can transmit airborne pathogens long distances.

### **AFTER THE SHOW:**

- Practice quarantine after shows for your alpacas. Service quarantined alpacas last. Utilize different boots, clothes, and equipment for quarantine. Conduct a diagnostic individual fecal exam on each quarantined alpaca at 7 days, 19 to 21 days and at 42 days after the stress of transport.
- Exercising other “common sense” health practices and being respectful of the health of other breeders’ alpacas makes our industry more successful.