

Winter 2012

Connection



From our President....

Welcome 2012!

*“opportunities
for everyone”*

There are opportunities for everyone in the CALPACA membership in the year ahead. During the next 12 months we will have one symposium, 4 general membership meetings, 3 alpaca shows, one herdsire showcase, and two marketing events. This doesn't even take into consideration the individual ranch showcases/seminars that will take place during the year. All of these events are great opportunities to meet with your fellow breeders, so you can get to know what is happening in our industry. These insights will help you to be successful in 2012. The key to taking advantage of the opportunities supported by CALPACA is to be a part of them. Contact me and I will help you find a way to be involved that is best suited to your needs and abilities.

Thank you for being a member of, and supporting CALPACA

Dennis Rabe

CALPACA President 2011-2012

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unique articles, 1 page

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FROM THE 2011 MIDWEST FLOODS TO THE JOPLIN TORNADO...

THE IMPORTANCE OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR PETS

By Naomi Flam



As the plane made its descent to land in Joplin, MO, I could see six-mile swath of destruction that the eighth deadliest tornado in the history of the US unleashed on this small city of approximately 50,000 residents. Homes, schools, and businesses were destroyed. St. John's Regional Medical Center was rendered inoperable and at the last count, 160 people had died.

It was June 13th and I was flying there on volunteer deployment with the Humane Society of the US (HSUS) to help at an emergency animal shelter that housed over 1,000 displaced animals - primarily dogs and cats. Over 60 animal rescue organizations from across the country had responded to help since the EF4 tornado struck on May 22nd. Many people came by the shelter in hopes to find their lost pets and several hundred were reunited. However, there were more people who came in tears looking for their lost pet or were devastated at having lost their home and now had no means to take care of their pets. The only option

for them was to surrender their pets to the shelter in hopes that it would get adopted by a new family.

I was assigned to work in the "surrendered" puppy area and then I was transferred into the puppy quarantine area and was made the Team Leader. The puppies primarily had kennel cough or other illnesses. Many had not been vaccinated by their owners. Fortunately, with a strict protocol of medical and loving care, they were able to pull through, get well and be adopted out.



Joplin, MO was only my second "natural disaster" deployment. Before, I had primarily been involved with animal hoarding cases. In May, I was deployed to Kennett, MO and Natchez, MS to assist at the emergency animal shelters due to the mid-west floods. In Kennett, there were 700 animals that needed help, but fortunately in Natchez, there were only around 100. Every morning and evening, we fed the animals, cleaned cages, made daily notations on the

charts, exercised the dogs, and assisted the veterinarians when needed for medical care. My job was to take care of the puppies that had contracted parvo. This meant I was quarantined with the puppies and could only leave the area to take a break. The experience working with these sick puppies was hugely valuable and I'm now able to apply this knowledge in teaching future classes on emergency animal sheltering. My HSUS nickname that has carried over to this day is "Parvo Mom" and/or "Puppy Mom". Now on a regular basis, I get assigned to work with puppies - which I love. In Kennett, there were some horses; however, I've yet to see any alpacas being sheltered.



Since many of us have other animals besides alpacas, it is important to be prepared:

1) Include your animals into your emergency evacuation plans. Practice your plan - don't wait until you really have to evacuate and find out that who and what you are evacuating with doesn't fit into your car.



2) Prepare emergency kits for your pets.

3) Develop a buddy system to have someone evacuate your pet if you are not home.

4) If you need to shelter-in-place, make sure you have enough food and water for your pets that will last 5-7 days.

5) Have a crate or cage for EACH of your pets.

6) Make sure your pet has updated identification - I recommend micro-chipping your pet!!

7) Make sure your pet's vaccinations are up-to-date

8) Spay or neuter your pet if you don't plan on breeding

9) Have photos of you and your pets TOGETHER

10) Understand your rights under the PETS ACT of 2006

REMEMBER, SAVING THE "WHOLE" FAMILY STARTS WITH YOU!

For more information, go to www.ready.gov.

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PRESENTS:

“BIRTHING & CARE OF THE NEONATAL ALPACA” SEMINAR



March 17-18, 2012
Location: KT-Lee Ranch
35625 Rd 274 -- North Fork, CA

INSTRUCTOR: PATRICK LONG, DVM
“2008 Small Ruminant Practitioner of the Year”
Co-Authored book - “Llama & Alpaca Neonatal Care”

Since 2005, this two-day course has helped alpaca breeders determine what role YOU play in the birthing and cria care process. The course includes a lab that allows you ample time to have hands-on delivery practice using real crias. Topics include, but are not limited to the following:

- * Learn reproductive physiology
- * Pregnancy diagnosis
- * What is normal birthing?
- * Dystocias & corrective techniques.
- * Nutritional needs for the dam and cria
- * Postpartum care of the dam & cria
- * When to help the dam in the birthing process
- * Birth defects in alpacas
- * Uterine torsion detection
- * How to “tube” a cria

Cost: \$150 per person for one day; \$250 for two people from same farm/ranch. Fee includes all supplies, lunch, and handouts.

Deadline to register and receive payment – March 1, 2012. Visa & Mastercard accepted.



Biography: Patrick Long, DVM resides in Corvallis, OR. Llamas and alpacas have comprised more than half of his vet practice. In 2008, he was honored with the “Dr. Donald E. Bailey Small Ruminant Practitioner of the Year” award presented annually by the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners. The award recognizes a member that has set a high standard as a small ruminant practitioner and demonstrated exemplary service in organized veterinary medicine, particularly small ruminant medicine. Currently he serves on the Board of Directors of the Alpaca Research Foundation.

For registration form, please log on to www.astralightalpacas.com

For directions and lodging information, log on to www.ktleeranchalpacas.com

For questions, contact Naomi E. Flam - 559-269-7685; naomiflam@gmail.com

California Classic and New AOBA Show Rules

by Joyce Judy, Director, Calpaca

At the 2012 California Classic this year (April 21-22, 2012), we're going to change things up a bit.

First, we're going to start the show with the Optional Classes. This will mean that if you wish to enter an Optional Class you won't be able to make a last minute decision to do so. However, we're going to help you out. If the Show Superintendent sees that there are a number of entries of offspring of a particular male, she will email the owner of the male and ask if they wish to enter Get of Sire for that male and let them know which progeny are entered.

Second, per 2012 AOBA Show Rules, we will be starting the Halter Show with GREYS, then Blacks, Browns, Fawns, Lights, Whites, Indefinites and Multis. We will be alternating Huacayas and Suris, males and females as shown below. If we can get through Fawn on Saturday, then we'll start with Lights on Sunday. The judging order is below:

RING ONE (Jill MacLeod)
SATURDAY
Huacaya and Suri Optional Classes
Huacaya Male Grey followed by Suri Male Grey
Huacaya Female Grey followed by Suri Female Grey
Huacaya Male Black followed by Suri Male Black
Huacaya Female Black followed by Suri Female Black
Huacaya Male Brown followed by Suri Male Brown
Huacaya Female Brown followed by Suri Female Brown
SUNDAY
Huacaya Male Fawn (or Light) through Multi followed by Suri Male Fawn (or Light)
Huacaya Female Fawn (or Light) through Multi followed by Suri Female Fawn (or Light)

Another new AOBA Show offering is The Cottage Fleece Competition, which is an opportunity for the exhibitor to enter fleeces that are evaluated on criteria that are relevant to the cottage/craft market. Fleeces in this competition are judged on characteristics that are valued by hand spinners, hand processors and small scale mill operators.

Emphasis is placed on fine fleeces with excellent handle, absence of guard hair, and uniformity of micron, length and style. The Cottage Fleece Competition may be offered at any AOBA Certified Show that also holds the Handcrafter's Spin-Off competition. It may be offered as a stand-alone Cottage Fleece Competition or in addition to a Fleece Show. A fleece is scored using a combination of its result from the Spin-Off competition and the result of being judged individually against the AOBA Suri or Huacaya Cottage Fleece Scorecard.

Any entry entered in a Handcrafter's Spin-Off competition is eligible for entry in the Cottage Fleece Competition, providing that these competitions are held at the same show. After entering the two ounce sample of fleece in the Spin-Off competition, the remainder of that fleece can be entered in the Cottage Fleece Competition at the same show. Judging and placement of any entry in the Spin-Off is independent of the entry in the Cottage Fleece Competition.

While this won't be offered at the 2012 Classic, stay tuned for a Cottage Fleece Competition in the near future.



ANNOUNCING

The California Classic

April 21-22, 2012

Judge: Jill MacLeod

Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA

Full Fleece Halter and People's Choice Fiber Arts

DON'T MISS:

- People's Choice Fiber Arts
- Friday night "Open Barn Night"
- Saturday night Wine Tasting
- AOBA Certified Halter Show

NEW RULES

- Optional Classes will be FIRST, followed by the GREY Classes
- A copy or photocopy of the **original** ARI Registration Certificate **with the holographic symbol** must be sent with the entry to the show.



Calpaca Membership Meeting

February 11, 2012

Menagerie Hill Ranch

4071 Norman Ct.

English Hills, Vacaville, CA 95688

Venue

We will be meeting in our "Shop", near the house, at the top of the hill and will have propane heaters running. But it may get drafty if the weather is bad, so bring something warm to put on "just in case". Parking will be on the street and around the barn by the street (not to be confused with the shop at the top of the hill). A shuttle will take you up and down the hill if desired. Please follow the signs and respect our neighbor's access.

Calpaca Continental Breakfast Coffee, Tea, Juice Fresh Fruit Muffins	Host Lunch Red Chili White Chili Corn Bread Water and Soda	Please Bring Salad, side dish or desert to share. Chair for your use. Sweater or Jacket.
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Agenda

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Business Meeting

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM - Lunch

1:30 PM to 3:30 PM Speaker: Gabrielle Menn

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM - Social Hour w/ adult beverages

Program

Building Customer Bases for your Fleece

Presented by Gabrielle Menn, Owner FiberWise Mill

Would you like to sell-out of your annual clip at \$4 to \$6 per raw ounce and take orders for next year's clip? Let's talk "value" - market value, perceived value, unique value and valuing your fiber! I'll share my secrets of who buys fleece at these prices, how to find them and how you can help them to find you. Learn how to make sample cards and "bio pages" that attract customers and get ideas for other fun things that will keep your customers coming back for more.

Since 1997, Gabrielle has been raising sheep and alpacas with her mother, Cheryl Woods of Fanfare Farms. Raising the animals along with her knowledge and experience in spinning a variety of fibers has given Gabrielle a unique perspective on what is desirable in a yarn and which yarns are best suited for specific purposes. She is never short on ideas when it comes to alpaca fiber projects; has earned top awards at fiber arts competitions and is a sought after speaker and instructor. She has completed a camelid shearing course taught by a Master Shearer; is a Certified Camelid Fiber Sorter/Grader through Olds College; and is currently working on her Certified Camelid Classer apprenticeship.

Please RSVP

(so we have enough food & drink)

707.455.8211 or grndndctr@solanowireless.com

Directions on Calpaca website

MINUTES FOR November CALPACA MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am. All Board members present except for Laurie, who is on cria watch. Dennis thanked Lisa and Kenny for having us at the KT-Lee Ranch. We had about 40 members present for this meeting. Many first time attendees came from the Tehachapi area.

Secretary's report – Minutes were approved and posted on the web site. There has been no new correspondence in the past months.

Treasurer's report – Jack advised Calpaca is still strong. We will be doing an audit in December to make ready for the changing of the check book in 2012. Jack's term is over at the end of the year and Dave will be taking over as treasurer. We made a \$500 donation to the student design competition.

Membership report - We had 5 new members since the August meeting. That brings the number of members to 171 – 135 farm members and 36 associate members.

Marketing update – Dave is looking for member to help sell the last of the Winagator tickets. Anyone who can take tickets and sell them before the end of the year would be greatly appreciated. We would like to hold the drawing at the Symposium since the proceeds will be going to the endowment and scholarship funds.

Old Business:

Dixon update – Joyce advised that Lambtown wants to go to a 2 day event. The number of participants from this year was way down (but we had a great time!). So, is it worth it to the membership to continue to participate in this event? We could do a booth in the fiber area, send fleeces to the fleece show or change the format an exhibition only type thing. The Board would really like membership feedback on this. The Board has also discussed more participation at the state fair in July as a replacement for Dixon. The show would be run by the CalILA group and Calpaca would pay to have a booth there as well. The building is air conditioned and this would be a 4 day event in July. Last year an average of 1000 people walked by and talked alpacas each day. Stall fees were very inexpensive and the ribbons, beautiful. We will be discussing this more at future meetings.

Gold Country – Kay advised that the show was a big success but the numbers way down so the show will just make it bills. The auction had 1 sale. Kay would like to know what needs to be changed on the auction if we where to hold it again. Ideas where adding colored number cards so that auction alpacas could be identified in the ring and the judge could make comments on the animals, where to place a bid announced more, a click rate and tracking of who was bidding giving to each participant. Kay will have Ed work on the computer end of this. Is this something that Calpaca should continue to offer at shows? Most said yes.

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(Gold Country) Comments were made on why GCG did not have a herd sire service auction and the answer was that no one wanted to help with it. Dale advised she would find someone to do this for next year's show. A discussion on what Calpaca is responsible for in these auction was brought up. Contract for all alpacas entered in the service auction should be available prior to the auction for bidders to read. Each ranch that offers up their male may have different requirements and limitations. This should be between the donor and the bidder.

California Classic plans are underway. Show dates will be April 21-22, 2012 with our judges, Kristin Bergman and Jill McCloud, both from Canada. We will have a female ring and a male ring for this year's show and new rules for 2012 will have the class list starting with greys! Joyce will keep us posted on this year's show.

Quarterly meeting announcements – here is the lineup for 2012 and we are looking for ranches for 2013. If you are interested in hosting a meeting for 2013, please give you name to any Board member for consideration and check out the rules for hosting a Calpaca meeting in the member's only section of the web site.

February – Deb Galway – Menagerie Hill - Vacaville. Speaker will be Gabrielle Menn and she will be talking fiber.

May – Date change to May 19 – Robin and Richard Vasquez – R&R Alpacas in Gilroy

August – Laurie and Scott Findlay – Alpaca of El Dorado – Somerset

November – Karen Kelly – Arapahoe Rose in Redding

New Business:

Election results – The new Board members Joyce Judy and Kay was re-elected for another term. Kay will remain secretary and Joyce will be the new marketing and membership liaison. Dave will become treasurer in 2012. Dennis thanked Janis for running and hopes she will consider running again next year and a very big thank you to Jack Jordan who has served for 4 years.

Facebook/Open Herd – Many members have requested that Calpaca have a Facebook or Open Herd page. Karen Ball has set up a Facebook page and all members are invited to join that site. Open Herd will be up soon. Dianna Jordan may be in charge of the Open Herd page.

Your Board is planning a special meeting for 2012 with a by-laws review and other business items. This will be Board members only.

Symposium update – Dale advised that things are moving along and the registration will be open soon. Calpaca members will receive a special early bird price of \$150 if signed up before December 15. Many new topics, 3 tracks and all the things that make this the 'can't miss' learning experience. Registration forms are on the Calpaca web site.

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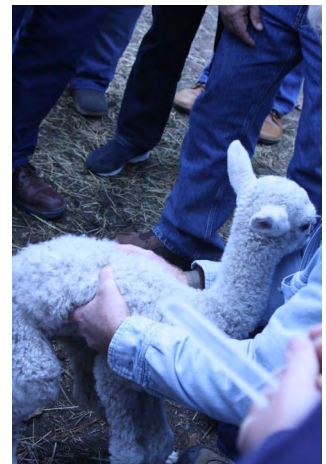
Some people are asking for more Calpaca signs. Jan and Dale originally ordered the signs and will look into making some more for purchase again. If they are made, they will be available for purchase at meetings or on the web site if we can get a credit card excepted. We will be looking into this possibility in the coming months.

Dianna Jordan is now an AOBA Board member and working on communications with AOBA Board and its members. Also, Joyce is on the National Show Strategic Planning Committee and is asking what we think about Nationals being held in November? Much discussion on the pro and cons of this time of year. Surveys will be coming out soon so please participate.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Lisa arranged for a great pasta feast and potluck followed by lessons on drawing blood and another way to do a plasma transfer if no vet is available.

Next meeting at Deb Galway, Menagerie Hill Alpacas in Vacaville.



**Females
for Sale**

Washoe Valley Alpacas, Inc.

SNR Peruvian Serenity – ARI # 31319911

A full Peruvian white Snowmass maiden with impeccable lineage. Bred to Derwydd Bueno's Akupana. Serenity's 2011 Histogram is AFD 21.1, SD 4.7, CV 22.3 and % > 30 is just 3.6



Fawntastico,
Snowmass fineness!

Washoe Valley's Cat Ballou – ARI # 31859950

A full Peruvian light fawn maiden who's lineage includes Derwydd Bueno's Akupana, Peruvian Bueno, El R Peruvian Luciano, Derwydd Lucianos Peruvian Cungasca & 6Peruvian Accoyo The Last Don. Buy her now and pick her breeding partner. 2011 Histogram is AFD 18.8, SD 4.3, CV 23.1 and % > 30 is just 2.1



Serenity's fleece

Washoe Valley's Dream Girl – ARI # 31972826

A full Peruvian medium fawn maiden who's lineage includes all of Cat Ballou's plus 6Peruvian The Saint and 592 Peruvian Mr Bojangles. Buy her now and pick her breeding partner. 2011 Histogram is AFD 18.0, SD 4.5, CV 25.0 and % > 30 is just 1.1

Included in the sale of each of the above listed maidens is a **Blue Ribbon** winning herdsire at no charge from a list of available champions. Additionally, 3 more free breedings to any of our award winning herdsires are also included in each sale at no charge.



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Each of the above maidens are offered for sale for just **\$7,500** for six alpacas or just **\$1,250** per alpaca. Interest free financing is available to qualified buyers.

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Featured Ranch:

KT-LEE Ranch Alpacas

Lisa & Ken Theis

KT-Lee Ranch is a full service working alpaca ranch established in 1998. We offer many services including, sales, breeding, boarding, educational seminars, open ranch days & most importantly, customer support.

Located one hour North of Fresno & one half hour South of Yosemite National Park, North Fork is the geographical exact center of California. KT-Lee ranch sits on 40 acres in the Sierra Foothills at an elevation of 3,500 ft. and is bordered by National Forest to the East and West. One mile to the North is the popular vacation destination of Bass Lake.

KT-Lee ranch raises quality alpacas in a variety of colors, including full Peruvians. We also take pride in our herd of full Accoyos. We have concentrated our breeding program on some of the most desirable genetics in the country and strive to improve each generation.

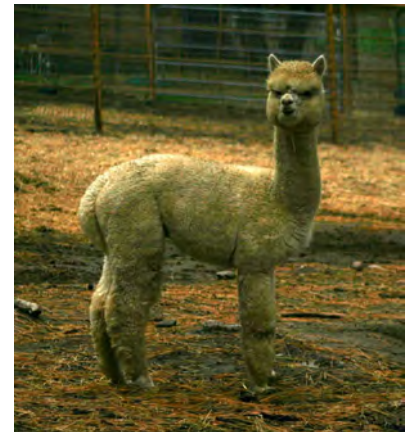
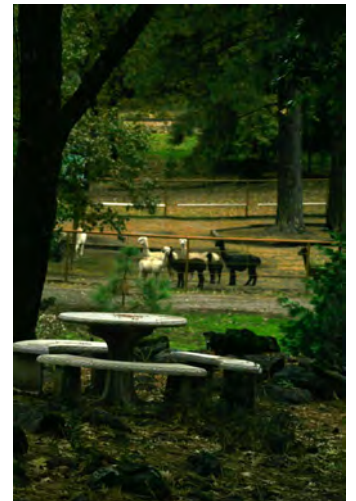
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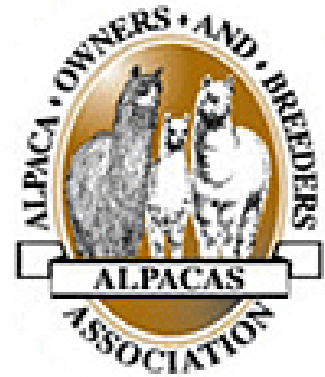


The AOBA/Calpaca Connection

By Dianna Jordan, AOBA Director/Secretary

AOBA History

In 1984 an import of alpacas from Chile occurred soon to be followed by others. The breeding of alpacas by private individuals was underway. During the several years following the number of breeders grew. Those original alpaca owners began to meet in 1986 and discuss an organization. In 1987 the Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (AOBA) took on a name and began to formalize development with a newsletter and a logo. On June 17, 1988, at Shanty Creek Lodge in Bellaire, Michigan, 38 people gathered in a "special meeting" to begin AOBA's official formation (including bylaws and articles of incorporation) and a slate of officers was selected. The basic bylaws were approved in October of 1988, and included the establishment of an alpaca registry. In 1988 blood typing of alpacas began and by the spring of 1989 almost all privately owned alpacas were typed. A show committee was established in 1989 to work with the American Llama Show Association (ALSA) to include alpacas in shows. The birth of the alpaca registry also began in 1989 with registry rules written and copyrighted by AOBA. The International Llama Registry (ILR) agreed to administer the alpaca registration database. In 1990 AOBA relinquished control of the registry to what is now Alpaca Registry, Inc. (ARI). In 1991 AOBA incorporated and the Internal Revenue Service, under 501(c)(5), granted the association a non-profit status.



Calpaca History

Paralleling the timeline of the development of AOBA alpaca owners were gathering in California. In 1987, former Calpaca member Ron Brennan and his wife Carol Ann hosted an informal meeting in their home. There were seven ranches represented by Vicki Arns, Wayne & Eileen Ausland, Ron & Carol Ann Brennan, Cecile Champagne, Terry & Pat Erwin, Arnie Feldsher, Eric Hoffman, and Judy & Mac Mckeon. During this meeting it was decided that regular meetings of alpaca owners should be held to discuss health, nutrition, and successes and failures so they could learn from each other. Information collected also helped researchers identify and find solutions to problems.

In 1989 the name "Calpaca" was adopted and the membership had grown to 21 ranches. Meetings were held quarterly and Calpaca became the first geographic affiliate to AOBA. Early offices were President, Secretary, and Treasurer and Marie Pritchard, while serving as president of Calpaca in 1994, wrote the first newsletter and called it the "Calpaca Connection" because it connected all the members and provided news and updates whether they could attend meetings or not. By 1997, the membership had increased to 41. NOTE: as of December 2011 Calpaca has a total of 166 member ranches.

Content credit: thank you to Calpaca member Vicki Arns for providing this historical information.

AOBA/Affiliate Communication

One of the objectives of the AOBA affiliate program is to increase communication among breeders. Did you know AOBA currently publishes an online Newsletter for members? The primary purpose of the newsletter is to provide a free, membership-driven publication containing committee activity reports, affiliate organization news and staff information. Feature articles that are herd management, medical/veterinary care or fiber-related in nature are also included. Contributions from all AOBA members and affiliates are encouraged.

AOBA Newsletter Staff

The Newsletter staff is made up of a dedicated group of volunteers associated with the AOBA Communication Committee. Prior to joining the AOBA BOD I was the chair of the Communication Committee and I currently serve as the AOBA liaison to the committee. One of the top priority assignments when the committee was created in 2010 was the development of a membership Newsletter.

I encourage you to take a look at the Newsletters. <https://www.alpacaowners.com/newsletter/index.asp> I think you will not only appreciate the quality and content but you will learn some new things too. Please consider being a contributor.

In closing, I want to encourage AOBA members to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about our organization. I may not have all the answers but I assure you I will do my best to find them for you. If you have something you would like me to pass on to the BOD you can be sure I will. I take my responsibility of representing all alpaca owners very seriously and want to make sure you know I am here to serve you and the industry.

Sincerely,

Dianna

Dianna and Jack Jordan operate Alpacas of Somerset Farm and have been members of AOBA and Calpaca since purchasing their first alpacas in 2005.

Election Results

Dear CALPACA members,

At last weekend's CALPACA meeting the results of this year's Board of Directors election were announced. A very heartfelt thank you to Rick and Pam Brady for coordinating the election process. There were two seats on the board available and the slate of candidates included Kay Rodriguez (incumbent running for a second term) of Lazy K Ranch, Joyce Judy of Alpacas del Oeste, and Janis Bass of Moonlight Alpacas. I want to take this opportunity to thank all three of the candidates for participating in this year's election. Kay Rodriguez was reelected for a second term to the board and Joyce Judy was elected to fill the open board seat. The vacancy was created as Jack Jordan completed his second two year term. Jack served as the CALPACA treasurer during his tenure and on behalf of the membership I would like to thank him for his voluntary service in one of the more time consuming positions on the board. In addition to his board responsibilities, Jack has been a fixture as ring announcer for the last few years, and I am sure we will continue to hear his voice at the shows well into the future. The Board positions for the 2012 year are:

Dennis Rabe - President, David Scroggins – Treasurer, Kay Rodriguez – Secretary

Laurie Findlay –Vice President & Marketing Liaison to the board for the Connection, and Website

Joyce Judy – Director at Large & Membership Liaison to the board for Membership and the CALPACA Ambassador Program

The board plans to have a one day strategy session in January to discuss objectives for 2012. If you have suggestions, please forward them to any of the board members for consideration.

And one last note... while we did just finish the election for the 2012 board, it won't be any time at all before we will be conducting the election for the 2013 board. In 2013 there will be 3 seats up for election, and I encourage CALPACA members interested in running for the board to contact any of the board members during the first half of 2012 to throw your hat into the ring.

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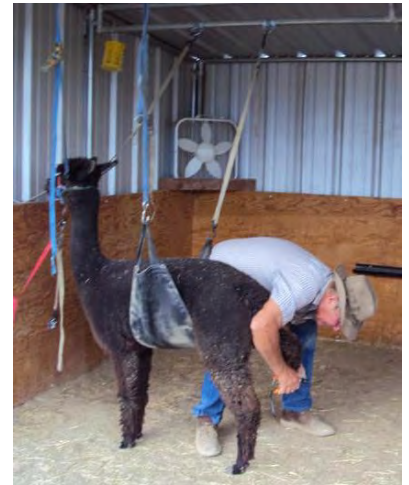
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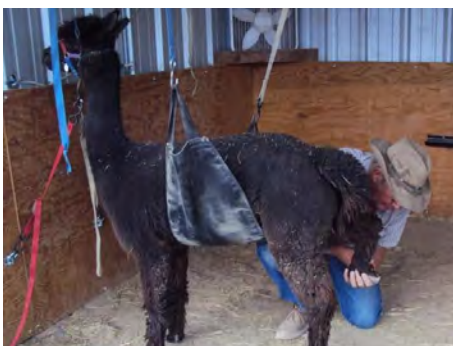
Sometimes, even with two people, when trying to trim our alpaca's toes or teeth, or give shots, we have a problem keeping the animal in place and not to cush. While looking for other items for our ranch, we saw a halter support system that should make this process easier on us and our animals. After viewing information through Light Livestock Equipment in New York on their halter system video, we have incorporated some of their ideas into something that works for us, in our limited space.

We have one stall in our shelter that is multi-purpose. So we needed to come up with a plan that would allow the stall to be used on a daily basis and create a portable halter system to be used as needed. Using the rafter and side walls of the stall, we have come up with our system.

We attached 2 D-rings to the wall, 12 inches above the ground. Next, we attached 2 D-rings to each rafter, approximately 3 feet back from the wall. These 4 D-rings will be used to stabilize the alpacas head. Next, we attached 2 more D-Rings on a 1"x2" tube steel about 5 feet from wall. This set will be used to hold the animal in a belly band. We have adjustable straps to be hooked up to each of the D-rings.



So the process now is to halter the alpaca and get it into the stall area. Using one of the straps, attach the hook to the ring on the bottom of the alpaca halter and tighten. Next, we attach the second strap to the first D-Ring on the rafter and tighten. Repeat this process with the opposite side of your alpacas head. Adjust the tension on the straps so the alpaca is not able to move his head.



So now you should have two straps attached to the halters lower D-ring, angled left and right to d-rings secured to the wall. You should also now have one strap, on each side of the halter, hooked up and back to d-ring s secured to the rafter. Now with the "Pacas" head secure and comfortable, so they can't move their head up or down, I'm ready to place the belly band.

In the rafters I have a 1"x2" steel bar bolted so it is perpendicular to the animal and in line with the belly. Using 2 adjustable straps and my "paca in place, I hook each side of the belly band so I can lift my "paca" and take weight off so the alpaca can't cush. I'm careful of the placement of the belly band so not to injure the boys' vitals but in back of the ribs. Also I want the feet touching the ground so the animal is comfortable.

I can do teeth, toes, trim around the eyes, and give shots without too much problem. Carolyn can be there to help, if needed to talk to the "paca" or help stabilize as needed. But I've also done this by myself. Some "Pacas" do better than others so have patience.

For me and You

By Dave Scroggins

I sit by the window, with coffee in hand.
Looking out across, our small acres of land.
Wondering and pondering, what life we could bring.
Not in summer or winter, but fall and spring.
A cow would be nice, but they are awfully big.
Maybe something smaller, like a fat little pig.
Goats are a possibility, which we should consider.
But I must say no, to this horny critter.
How about a sheep, they are quite nice.
With their warm wool, could bring a good price.
I must find something, with all good traits.
Wary of our fences, and easy on our gates.
And then it came to me, as I took my last sip.
How about an alpaca, they are quite hip.
With their kind disposition, and big round eyes.
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Gold Country Gathering 2011



Wow! Where has this year gone? Seems like we were just getting started on the 2011 Gold Country Gathering and now we need to look at the 2012 show!

I want to say "thank you" to all who attended, sponsored and volunteered to make this year's show such a success. We could not have done it without everyone.

Eva and I hope everyone had a great time this year. Great weather, good competition and some great food Friday and Saturday night! And the venue is so beautiful.

One alpaca sold at the auction and we will be working on getting all the "kinks" out for next year if you would like to see the auction continue. For \$50, it's a great way to advertise your alpacas and you ranch.

The costume contest was a lot of fun and the two young handlers with the dressed up alpacas were great! And who says suri's are hard to handle? Not for those two!

So, moving forward to 2012, Eva and I would really like to know what you would like to see at next year's show. Do we add performance classes? What would you like to see changed? Please contact Eva or Kay with any suggestions.

Dates for 2012 will be October 20-21 so mark your calendar now! Also, please consider helping out at this show. We will be looking for a lot of volunteers to make 2012 even better.



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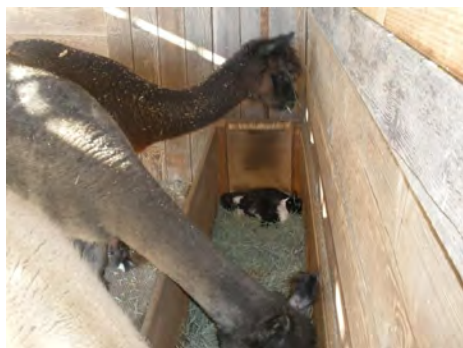


Rock Climbing practice

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Boys will be boys
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Left: What the Hay? Cat in
the manger, by Renate Gyuro

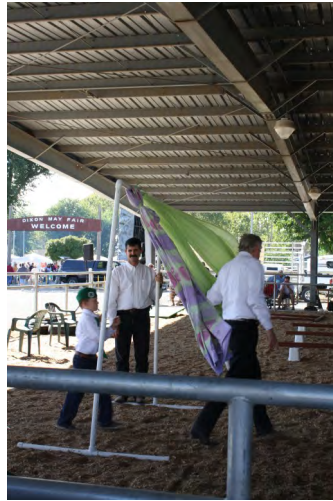
Right: Gold Country by M.
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Lambtown 2011





4-H at Lambtown



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"Aww, I am so cute"
by John Foulkes



"Yes, I look good"

picture taken at Jane Lilliard's



"I see myself!"

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