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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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President's Message

Dear Calpaca Members,

We are off to a great 2017 start. Your board of directors met in January for our 2017 strategic planning meeting and set some great goals! We were very sad to see the 2017 Camelid Symposium cancelled for reasons beyond the committee's control. The Symposium committee is at work trying to put a plan together for 2018. Please contact Dale Davis or Bonnie Potter for more information on that. However, we have a lot of wonderful opportunities for education this year!

The AOA National Fleece Conference will be held for the first time in California. Calpaca has decided to sponsor the "meet and greet" night and we are very excited for this opportunity so close to home. Check out the conference website at <http://www.alpacainfo.com/fleece-conference>, for more details. We will also keep the members posted with volunteer opportunities and hotel information and schedule as the date gets closer. This is going to be a great opportunity for Calpaca. I hope ALL members will consider attending this event in some capacity, after all...Fleece...it's what it's all about!

Other items discussed at our meeting included an ACOA fleece collection site for California. Stay tuned for more details on that.

Both of our Calpaca sponsored shows are underway and we are ahead of schedule for a change. The classic is in its final stages of planning and looks to be a super event! Due to popular demand, The Gold Country Gathering WILL remain at the Nevada County Fairgrounds and will be held the weekend of October 14th & 15th. We are thrilled to announce that Jude Anderson will be our halter judge.

Our Quarterly membership meetings are scheduled with excellent speakers and presentations. Our meetings are fun, informative, networking opportunities; I hope to see you there!

The beginning of a new year is always a good time to revisit your goals and plan accordingly. Here is hoping for the best 2017 for Calpaca and all of its members!

Karen Ball, 2017 Calpaca President

Become a Calpaca member by **February 15, 2017** and your information will be included in the 2017 Membership and Herdsire Directory. This is a printed publication that will be mailed to all Calpaca members.

Don't Miss This Opportunity

Advertise in the directory and for just pennies a day your ranch and/or herdsire information will be in the hands of Calpaca members and future members joining in 2017.

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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

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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

2017

February 11 - Membership meeting — Arapaho Rose Alpacas, Redding, CA

March 25 & 26—California Classic Alpaca Show, Fairgrounds, Dixon, CA

May 13 - Membership meeting — Structured Chaos Ranch,

August 12—Alpacas of Marin , Nicasio, CA

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

November 11— Membership meeting—TBA

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

DON'T MISS CALPACAS QUARTERLY MEETING!!!
FEBRUARY 11 at 10:00 AM
HOSTED BY KAREN KELLY — ARAPAHO ROSE ALPACAS
10702 Arapaho Drive, Redding, CA 96003

SCHEDULE:

9:30 AM — Pre-meeting refreshments and fellowship

10:00 AM - General Membership Meeting

12:00 PM - Lunch

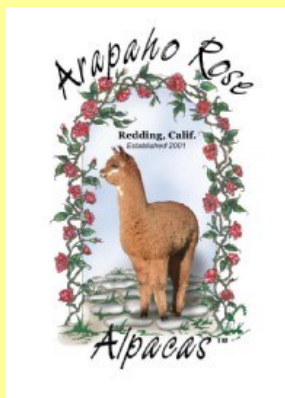
Karen will provide a potato bar with all the fixings. You can bring dessert or more fixings to share.

1:00 PM - Educational Session

The program is going to be all about fleece! With discussion and demonstration on how to prepare your fleeces for a variety of uses, be it for a fleece show, spin off, or submission to the ACOA collection! Come learn what you can do with all that wonderful fiber after you shear!

Shearing season is right around the corner.
You don't want to miss this timely topic!!

PLEASE RSVP TO KAREN BY FEB 4
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Chairs will be provided



Are You Looking For More Ways To Market Your Alpacas?

This was written by Julie Roy (Alpacas of Anza Valley) to encourage participation in the 2017 California Classic Spin-Off.

How a 2.5 oz bag of Spin-Off fiber recently made me \$3,500 twice!! Read On!

Why not take advantage of the opportunity to enter the California Classic Spin-Off ...this year. It is so easy and the results are priceless! If you are not entering Spin-Offs you are missing a huge marketing opportunity! Let me share with you how 2 entries of just 2.5 oz of fiber recently made me \$3,500 twice! And I sell breedings to certain studs because the buyer can see & feel the results of the offsprings' fiber, even if the alpaca has been sold.

Last year I sent 7 entries (5 for my alpacas and 2 for clients) and one of my entries received the Judge's Choice for the highest points out of all the 46 entries total. Below is my background and other ways I use the Spin-Off results.

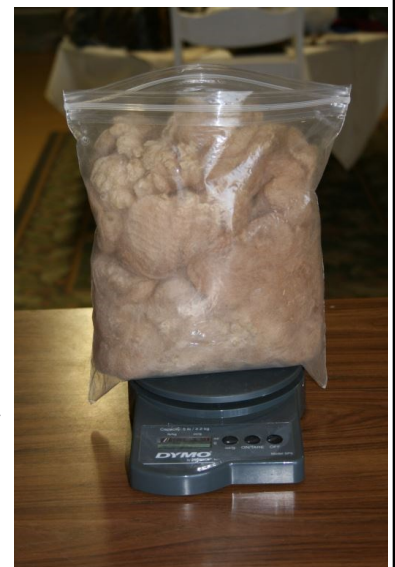
I have been entering Spin-Offs across the country since 2008. I have a wall of ribbons that impresses anyone who comes to my alpaca boutique. However, that's not why I do it. I enter Spin-Offs because of the small skein of fiber that the judge spins and the written results from the judges that I receive. To a discerning buyer, that skein gives objective proof of the alpacas worth. With the tangible results in hand, potential buyers can touch, feel and read about the fiber produced from that alpaca. And that may tip the buying decision.

Since July 15, 2016 my husband and I have been downsizing our herd in preparation for retirement. Two of the recent purchases of \$3,500 each for maiden alpacas were made because of the fiber samples I had from Spin-Offs. The buyers could see exactly what they were getting from these females and felt more assured that along with the histograms, they were making an informed decision.

I usually gather several samples from the same alpaca and submit them to different shows. I like to get a variety of viewpoints. The photos attached show an entry preparation on the scale and several scoring results. I invite potential buyers to ask for these results and then use them as a learning tool if they are new to alpaca ownership.



I highly encourage you to take the few minutes as you skirt your fleeces to gather a uniform 2.5 oz portion of the blanket and then submit it to the show. And whatever results you receive, you will be more informed about your alpaca and ... you will have added another tool to your marketing tool belt to justify selling your alpaca at a higher price.



Scorecards From Spin-off Competition

There is so much to be learned from the information on the scorecards. Take a look at the criteria, possible points, points given and the comments.

AAV Crown's Jazz DOB 6/25/08

HANDCRAFTERS' SPIN-OFF JUDGE'S SCORECARD - HUACAYA ©AOBA 2007

TO BE COMPLETED IN INK

SHOW: STAR 1st Annual Spin-off Competition CLASS NO.: H-FAWN-B ENTRY NO: 95 PLACEMENT: 2 OF 9

Criteria	Points possible	Points given	Comments
First Impression	10	8	soft, fairly clean
Staple Length - min. 3"	5	5	4 3/4-5 inches
Cleanliness	10	9	quite clean, very little VM
Lack of Second Cuts	5	5	1 tiny 2nd cut
Lack of guard hair	5	3	almost no guard hair
Crimp	5	3	weak, but organized
Staple (Architecture)	5	3	moderate structure
Uniformity	10	9	mostly uniform
Fineness	10	9	very fine
Hand	5	4	nice, but tips detract
Ease of Preparation for Spinning	10	8	fairly easy, had to open tips
Ease of Spinning	10	9	some sticky spots due to tips
Hand Feel, Softness of Yarn & Loft	5	4	nice softness, medium loft
Brightness	5	3	medium brightness
Weight - deduction *see rule book		0	
Total points	100	82	soft attractive yarn

Judge's Signature: Kate Menzies

Date: 11-3-10

HANDCRAFTERS' SPIN-OFF JUDGE'S SCORECARD - HUACAYA ©AOBA 2007

TO BE COMPLETED IN INK

SHOW: 2010 ABR Fall Festival Spin-Off

CLASS NO. 112

ENTRY NO. 108

PLACEMENT

3rd DOB 1st 3 6/25/08

Criteria	Points possible	Points given	Comments
First impression	10	10	Gorgeous! Great presentation
Staple length - min. 3 inches	5	5	Good length
Cleanliness	10	10	Very Clean!
Lack of second cuts	5	5	
Lack of guard hair	5	5	
Crimp	5	5	
Staple (Architecture)	5	5	
Uniformity	10	10	
Fineness	10	10	
Hand	5	5	
Ease of preparation for spinning	10	10	Easy
Ease of spinning	10	10	Easy!
Hand feel, softness of yarn & loft	5	5	A lovely soft yarn suitable for baby wear & next to skin
Brightness	5	5	
Weight - deduction if less than 2 oz.			I would process into fingering or sport weight.
TOTAL points	100	100	

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE Bonnie Edouette

DATE Oct 15, 2010

NEW for 2017: An AOA Accredited Handcrafter's Spin-Off Judge is recommended for 2017 and will be required in 2018 and beyond.

Tips For Maximizing Your Alpaca Fiber Harvest

By Dianna Jordan, Alpacas of Somerset Farm

For some alpaca ranchers, fiber is the primary product. For others, breeding and selling alpacas is the primary product and fiber is secondary. Either way, all alpaca ranchers will reap a harvest of raw alpaca fiber every year. That raw fiber has the potential to add to the bottom-line of your alpaca business operation. This article discusses ways you can maximize the potential income from your fiber harvest...from breeding decisions to preparing for processing.

WHAT ARE YOUR FIBER PRODUCTION GOALS?

The first step in maximizing your alpaca fiber harvest is to know what outcomes you want. The quality of the fiber your alpacas produce is the direct result of your buying and/or breeding decisions. Do you have specific goals for your fiber production? Are you breeding for fineness, density, staple length, uniformity, consistency in color, etc? Do you know and understand the value gained from some of the tools available to you as a fiber producer? Do you understand how to use the information in a histogram to make breeding decisions that will improve the quality of the fiber individual alpacas produce? Are you utilizing EPD results? Do you research the progeny of the herdsires you select to see how their "stats" hold-up over time? Do you do the same for your production dams? Do you look to these "stats" or show results, or both, to determine your breeding decisions?

WHAT ARE YOUR PRE-SHEARING PRACTICES?

Do you keep your pastures clean and free of debris and stickers year round? Do you use feeders that minimize the amount of loose hay that creates the "birds nest" affect at the crook of the neck area? Do you provide good nutrition leading to healthy fiber? Do you strive to keep the stress levels to a minimum so you don't experience "tender" fleece? Do you do all you can to ensure your alpacas are sheared when their fleece is dry? If you answered yes to these questions, you have created a good pre-shearing environment for maximum results.

WHO DOES YOUR SHEARING?

Another critical step in successfully shearing for maximum value, is selecting a knowledgeable and efficient shearer. You want to make sure your shearer understands fiber characteristics well enough to know when the traditional "blanket" area can be expanded, or needs to be reduced, based on the quality of the fiber. Shearers can also identify the fiber for purposes of separation and bagging as it comes off the alpaca. The shearer should strive to keep second cuts (short pieces of fleece caused by going over the same spot twice with the second cut being shorter) to a minimum. These second cuts (nubs) can be seen on the cut side of the fleece and need to be removed before processing.

HOW DO YOU PREPARE FOR SHEARING DAY?

Effectively preparing (organizing) for shearing day cannot be over-stated nor over-rated. The larger your herd, the more critical the preparation. If you have ever experienced a disorganized shearing, you know the importance of pre-planning. Fortunately, preparing for shearing day can be done months or days before the event. Following are some things to think about in preparation for shearing day. It is not all-inclusive and can be modified to meet your individual needs.

Schedule your shearing date well in advance. Exceptional shearers are booked months in advance. In fact, in some cases, the shearers write their own schedules and let their regular customers know when they will be available.

Arrange for help on shearing days. Many ranches work together and exchange "labor" by assisting each other on shearing days. The number of helpers you need depends on how large your herd is, how many days you will be shearing, and if you plan on doing regular herd maintenance (vaccines, toe nails, tooth trimming, etc) at the same time.

Prepare your fiber collection bags before shearing day. Purchase clear plastic trash/garbage bags, create labels for the bags to record alpaca's name and date of shear, and attach the labels to the bags. You will need a minimum of two bags for each alpaca. One for the blanket and one for the neck and britch area.

Schedule a time to prepare your fleece for processing. Experience has shown if you don't schedule it, preparing your fleece for processing will be put off or it will not be done at all. If you can get enough help, you can actually arrange for the fiber to go directly from the alpaca to the skirting table. This gets it all done at one time and you don't have to think about it anymore until next year.

PREPARING YOUR FLEECE FOR PROCESSING

Whether you are preparing your fiber to send to a mini-mill or one of the fiber cooperatives or pools, there are certain steps you can take to help ensure you receive maximum return on your raw fiber. Whether you do it yourself, or expect the processor to do it for you (which will add to the expense of processing), your fiber needs to be skirted, cleaned, sorted, and graded.

Skirting is the process of removing undesirable fiber from the edges of the blanket. Generally, this fiber is easy to spot when the blanket is placed cut side down and spread flat on the skirting table. It is noticeably different in quality and characteristics from the blanket. This fiber is usually described as being too hairy and is thicker, straighter, and coarser than the other fiber. To remove the fiber, grasp the fiber you wish to remove between your thumb and index finger and pull. You will need to apply pressure with your other hand against the blanket to keep from pulling the usable fiber from the blanket.

It is during the skirting process that any "second cuts" are removed. The second cuts are easily seen when the blanket is flipped and the cut side is exposed. Looking across the blanket, the second cuts will look like little nubs of fiber. **Hint:** to ensure removal of all of the second cuts, take an index card or other stiff piece of paper and run it across the cut side of the blanket. The second cuts will come to the surface and stick to the paper.

Beware of the "Terrible Toos" identified by former AFCNA Board Member Starr Cash who has graciously given her permission for this collection to be used by anyone promoting effective fiber preparation. The "Terrible Toos" are the most common reasons certain fiber is labeled as having no commercial value (NCV). NCV fiber is just what it says, of no value to the processor meaning no value to you as the producer. Most of the "Terrible Toos" can be eliminated during the skirting process.

The "Terrible Toos" include fiber that is:

- too short—less than 1.5"
- too long—more than 7.5"
- too tender—take a few strands and holding on to the ends, quickly try to pull it apart by snapping (if the fiber breaks, it is too tender)
- too stained—mostly a problem with whites
- too full of vegetable matter (VM) or other contamination (feels "crunchy" when you grab a handful of fiber and squeeze)
- too matted

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- too molded—usually happens when fleece is wet or damp when bagged
- too buggy—infested with moths or other insects
- too hairy—topknots, tails, and lower leg hair, excess guard hair

Why is it so important to take care of the “Terrible Toos” before sending your fiber for processing? Well if you don’t, the processor will have to because any of those things included in the list can play havoc with the processing equipment. There are a few other things to consider too. Generally, freight charges are determined by weight and there is no sense paying for something that is going to be discarded. Depending on the processor, you may be charged by incoming weight instead of outgoing so again, why pay for something that will be discarded. Another important consideration for the future is that in handling and examining the fiber as it comes off your alpacas you will gain a greater understanding of the actual quality of the fiber being produced by your individual alpacas and your herd as a whole.

The alpaca industry is beginning to experience a shift in focus from strictly breeding and selling to explore new ways, and expand existing ways, to grow the fiber industry. Current economic conditions have shown to be an incentive for many breeders to take a closer look at the fiber end of the business.

Our alpacas will continue producing an annual harvest of incomparable fiber. It is up to each of us to promote "the fiber of the Gods" by getting it into the hands of the consumer. That is the only way we can build the future fiber industry.

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 2012: 21.74/ 4.03/ CF 97.18 / 100mm
 2013: 23.02/ 4.07/ 17.66/ CF 95.66 / 100mm
 2014: 21.34 / 3.79 / 17.77/ CF 98.07/ 90mm
 2015: 22.5 / 3.96 / 17.6/ CF 96.1/ 90mm



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The education topic at the November Calpaca focused on “Exit Plans” for leaving your alpaca business. The discussion was led by Dale Davis and the following information was compiled from the notes taken during the discussion.

EXIT PLANS for LEAVING Your Alpaca Business

Why are we having this discussion?

Everywhere we look folks are in situations they did not plan for – needing for their alpacas to go away in a very short amount of time and no plan on how to accomplish that. SO we thought this would be a great time to have a discussion about planning for an exit, even if that exit must be accomplished in a very short amount of time

An Exit Plan Is:

A plan to exit the alpaca business due to

Health

You are the main caretaker and you suffer an accident or you are simply not physically capable to care for the alpacas anymore.

Wealth

You or your partner that is financially supporting the business loses the ability to support it.

Change of lifestyle or focus

Emergency

What is an emergency?

*YOU Die!

*Financially lost the property

*Divorce or Separation

*IRS rules against you

*Disaster (Flood, Fire, Earthquake)

Exit plans should cover planned exits **and emergency exits**

Some Things To Think About

Do you need to exit the alpaca business with a certain amount of \$\$, we all WANT to exit with \$\$, but do you NEED it...

If you need \$\$ – you should build in a MUCH longer lead times to your exit in your plan and you need to consider how you will accomplish that...you doing the selling?, a broker doing the selling?, a fellow alpaca breeder doing it for some special consideration?

Will you exit by placing your alpacas in good homes?

*How much time will that require? If they are very old WILL you be able to place them? Would you consider euthanasia? How will you go about getting them new homes? Will it just be the usual cry for help from your fellow breeders, do you care WHO they will go to?

* Don't forget to include your LGDs during this process

If you become incapable of caring for the alpacas, do you have \$\$ set aside to pay for their care until you can complete your exit plan? Do you have someone that can step in and do that for you??

How do you keep your exit plan from becoming an emergency exit plan?

When you list your house for sale that sets a time limit on when the alpacas need to be gone, is there enough time to sell or rehome the alpacas?

Be realistic looking forward – will you be physically or financially capable of caring for your alpacas?

BE PREPARED

The point of putting together an exit plan for your alpaca business is to ensure a well-thought out strategy to ease the transition. There are several actions you can take to prepare in advance for your exit.

Some ideas!

*Have a herd appraisal as part of your exit plan for the person that will be in charge of your herd dispersal if they are not alpaca breeders. Also if your herd is in partnership or a trust, that will be needed to settle an estate

Who can do appraisals: Auctioneers; Licensed livestock appraisers

*Keep value in your herd by keeping it as a business

*Keep current with your alpaca community

*Consider a term life insurance policy whose proceeds are specifically directed to caring for your herd while it is dispersed'

*Make sure your AOA Certificates and all current and past contracts are in a designated place

*Maintain a list of folks (and their contact info) that might be interested in particular alpacas in your herd.

*Maintain a list of brokers or other designated individuals that can be contacted to handle sales

*Consider adding a third tier admin with AOA in case of your incapacitation or death who can manage all the AOA paperwork

DO discuss all this with potential heirs, estate executors, partners, etc....

*Review your plan annually, if you have agreements with others as part of your plan, connect and make sure that is still good for all parties. As your business changes your exit plans should change too.

Emergency Plans

What if you are the primary caretaker for your alpacas and you

- *die suddenly?

- *are hospitalized or incapacitated?

Could someone step-in and take care of the alpacas and take over your routine? Somethings to consider:

- *Do you maintain a list of the following:

 - *Name and phone numbers of large and small animal (if applicable) veterinarians

 - *Name and phone numbers of ranch helpers

 - *Name and phone number of alpaca owners and/or friends have agreed to help out in an emergency

 - *Guidelines for feeding (including special feeds), watering and cleaning

- *Is there someone who can identify your alpacas? If not are they microchipped or have some other way of identifying them?

In preparation for this discussion a representative of AOA provided us the following information on how they handle some of the situations encountered during the transition of an alpaca business.

AOA Guidelines For Handling The Paperwork

At some point in time, alpaca owners will find themselves talking about how they plan to leave the alpaca business. Whether it is through planned downsizing and herd reduction, passing the herd on to family members, or another strategy it is never too early to prepare or organize the paperwork.

How prepared are you when it comes to the paperwork required by AOA to complete the transfer of your registered alpacas? If, for whatever reason(s), you were no longer available to answer questions about the paperwork for your herd would your family, spouse, business partner know how or where to access the vital records needed to continue or close out your alpaca business? Ask yourself if anyone other than you knows where to locate the following basic records associated with your alpaca business.....the original AOA certificates·breeding records.

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If the answer is no, then that is the place to start with planning your exit strategy.

Planned Strategy:

When exiting the alpaca business whether it be planned or not there are certain things that can make the process much easier.

When retiring or down sizing provide the new owners or buyers with:

- signed certificates for all registered alpacas to be transferred
- application for registration forms with all information for alpacas that are not registered with signatures
- all breeding records for alpacas they are taking possession of in case of sire not qualifying
- your availability for questions or authorizations if needed

Unplanned:

When exiting the alpaca business is not planned provide the new owners or buyers with:

- a copy of the death certificate...this must be provided to AOA
- a copy of will or paperwork with executor of the estate information
- the executor can sign certificates once AOA has the paperwork for account
- if certificates are missing, need to fill out Verification of Lost Document form
- application for registration forms with all information for alpacas that are not registered with executor signature
- all breeding records for alpacas they are taking possession of in case of sire not qualifying

AOA understands that sometimes it may be easier to deal directly with the executor for authorizations and forms and that perhaps they may not know a lot about alpacas but will help them and explain the process to complete.

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Herdsires

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Sammo scored very high in Walking Fleece at the 2015 West Coast Alpaca Show, taking First Place. Judge Wini Lebreque 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!!!

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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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KAMIAK'S KOHANA ARI # 31691154 June 9 2009 Color: Light Brown

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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Herdsires

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Menagerie Hill Ranch introduces our newest herdsire, **RR Gun's Kit Carson (KC)**. With 11 Championships, 5 Reserve Championships and 20 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 Color Championship, grey female; AND KC son won RR Lancelot Black Color Championship. To date we've counted at least 8 of his offspring have won RC or Color Championships! Take a look at KC's Follicle Biopsy (Watt) Density: 57.9/mm², S/P Ratio 9.8:1. Ian Watt commented: "High density coupled with an excellent set of numbers for the secondary fiber population give this male potential as a significant sire in his color group. a group not known for its uniformity within each fiber population. This is a significant animal for silver grey alpacas, where the black fibers tend to be very strong in micron and vary across the staple in most alpacas of this colour". His 5th fleece histogram: 2015: 22.5 /3.96 /17.6/ CF 96.1/ 90mm. Check Kit 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 707.290.7915

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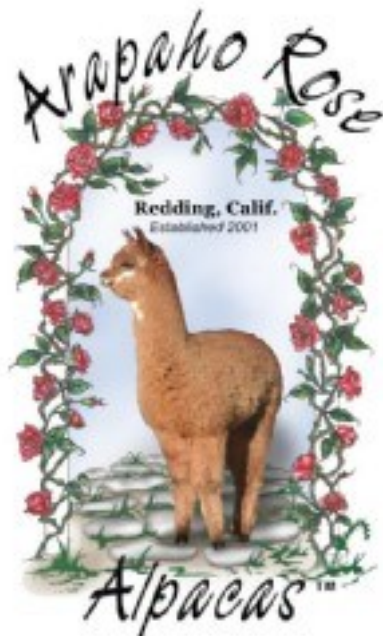
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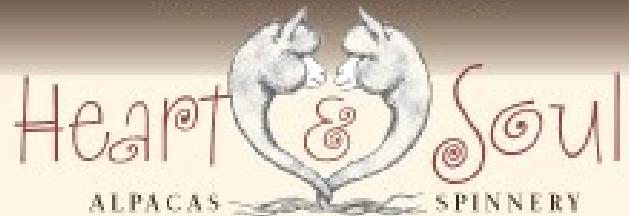
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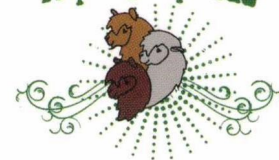
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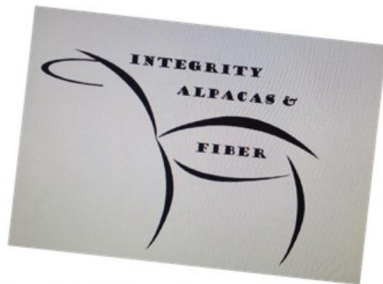
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