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Our purpose is to promote the well-being of alpacas, address the concerns of alpaca owners, and encourage the spread of alpaca ownership and the use of their fiber.



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Calpaca membership meetings are held quarterly on the second Saturday of the month. *We invite you to join us!*

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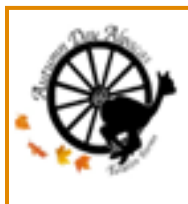
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January 2023 is the beginning of Calpaca's fiscal and membership year. Your Board of Directors (BOD) is focusing on the goals for the upcoming year. Our goal is to continue to provide opportunities for you to enjoy and benefit from your alpaca experience. We will be introducing new ways to provide member education, inclusion, and participation. We encourage you to renew your membership and be part of the changes coming your way.

As we enter 2023, our wish for you is the accomplishment of whatever is at the top of your list for your alpaca experiences this year. Whether it is developing a herd of high-quality fiber alpacas for your fiber-focused business/hobby, show winning top of the line seed/breeding stock, reaching a goal that has been your focus for years, sharing your alpacas and livestock through agritourism, growing your business through a farm store or vendor opportunities, or simply sharing the joy of these amazing animals with friends, families, or experiencing the joy that comes from just hanging with the herd. Whether you are building up or simplifying, Calpaca is here to provide the resources and opportunities for you to enjoy your experiences.

We are looking forward to serving you,
Your 2023 Calpaca Board of Directors

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Postpartum Disorders

by Lisa K. Pearson, Jacobo S. Rodriguez and Ahmed Tibary

After giving birth, the female alpaca or llama is subject to a wide range of complications that are not unlike those seen in other large domestic species. Often, postpartum problems are evident at or immediately following parturition or may take hours to manifest. In the immediate postpartum period, the female should be monitored for normal maternal behavior toward the cria. Postpartum disorders may impede the female's ability to develop the necessary dam-cria bond and also may prevent her from standing, which would impede the cria's ability to nurse. Other postpartum disorders may go completely unnoticed and may compromise the fertility of the female.

Continue reading at [VeterianKey.com/postpartum-disorders/](https://www.veteriankey.com/postpartum-disorders/)

Agritourism and What It Can Mean for You

by Kathy Stanko, RMLA Journal Editor

Previously published in *The Journal of RMLA*, Winter 2022

My explorations into agritourism on the Web led me in many interesting directions. This industry is growing.

From the Merriam-Webster Dictionary:

Agritourism : Any activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, to view or enjoy rural activities, including farming, ranching, historic, cultural, harvest-your-own activities, or natural activities and attractions.

I expect that many of us are engaged in agritourism, but we have not labeled it as such. For example, at our ranch, friends come out with trailers or trash bags to collect llama beans for their gardens. They always ask what we charge and we always say “whatever you want to pay” so it is more like a donation. While they are here they always ask questions about llamas and we educate.

We could also charge for the several ranch visits we have each year from people who want to see the llamas. We usually spend several hours with each group. Among RMLA members, I do know of several who charge for farm visits or ranch tours. And perhaps you lease your packers to people for their trips. All of these examples are Agritourism. It is the new name for what many of us have been doing for years. Perhaps by relabelling what we are already doing, we can expand our market and the camelid industry as a whole.

Click [here](#) to read an article from the U.S. Department of Agriculture about the growth and importance of Agritourism. Additionally, the links below will connect you to other agritourism resources.



Introducing an exchange student from Japan to the world of camelids.

- The California Agritourism USDA News e-newsletter, produced by the UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (UC SAREP) Agritourism Program: <https://sarep.ucdavis.edu/sustainable-ag/agritourism>
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- [Harvest Hosts](#) can help you bring travelers to your ranch or farm.
- This [link](#) connects you to a database for a state-by-state look at the rules and regulations regarding this industry.

Striped Alpacas? *Oh, my!*

by Kim Gleason, PhD | Dancing Horse Farm | Pemberton, NJ

Twelve years ago, I saw a striped alpaca for sale on AlpacaNation.com... *Ripple*. I was completely intrigued by the unusual pattern, but we were young breeders and focused on growing our small herd with Accoyos. There was a lot of drama in the industry back then as well, and I honestly didn't even believe the stripes were real. I was certain the animal had been painted to make a sale, so I moved on. Over the years, every so often I would think about Ripple because I had not seen another like her. Was that really real??? How could that have been real???

As I matured as a breeder, many of you know I became very involved in camelid research and set up a research lab on our farm. Five or six years ago, I began to dabble in color genetics; and the more I learned about dominant and recessive color genes, dilutions and color spots from breeding my own herd, the more I began to think about Ripple and believe that those stripes on Ripple were REAL. Thus, I started a two-year-long quest to track her down. Through several owners and a lot of detective work, I found her! It took a miracle and a lot of persuasion, but finally Ripple came "home" to our farm. And so ignited a long love of one of the most unusual patterning of alpacas there is—striping.

I can say now that Ripple is real. I have done quite a bit of color genetic research on her since her arrival three years ago. I can say she is not a mosaic as confirmed by bloodwork, and I can say that she *does* reproduce those beautiful stripes! As soon as Ripple came to us, I began to assemble a small but elite group of patterned alpacas to

figure out how to turn on that striping pattern. Do those genes function more like "pinto" patterning, or is it more like appaloosa spotting? Or something totally different?? I'll leave the answer in my will; but I am here to say that over several years, I have been selecting and breeding to find the answer. This year, through breeding pressure and rare acquisitions, my special little group of striped alpacas have been and *are* producing striped and brindle cria that will be for sale! Whew!! Stay tuned for updates as our birthing season starts in May!

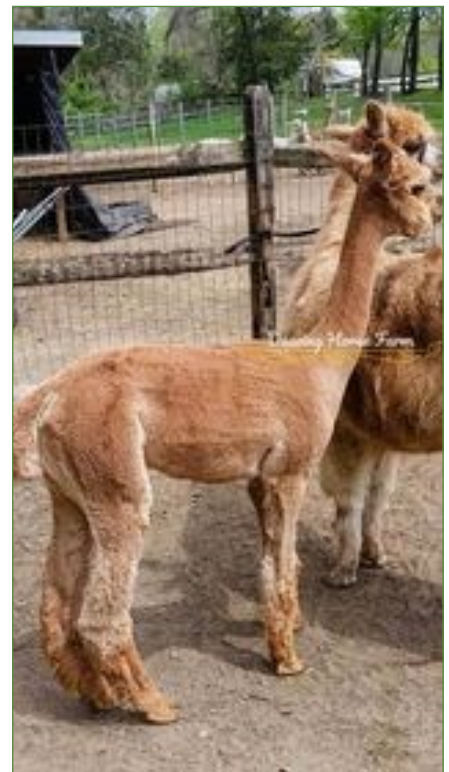
Even if you are an elite seedstock breeder of solid-colored alpacas (or lack of color, lol), I think you can appreciate the beauty of genetic mutations that produce something so incredible, it is hard to believe it's real. Nature is amazing and awe-inspiring!



This is Ripple at home with us and pregnant with what would be her first striped cria, Ripley.



Wings of Fire is a striped Diamante son we purchased last year. He has several long stripes and multiple short stripes on both sides. Wings will be working on our farm this spring.



Ripley is a fertile male with dozens of stripes that become more distinct as he matures.



This beautifully fleeced brindle female cria is retained and is a breeding female in our group.



This breeding female has a slightly different striping expression. She is white with fawn and brown stripes, and *does* produce striped/brindle cria.

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Ask the Vet—Choke in Llamas & Alpacas

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- * **Why do llamas and alpacas cough or choke?**
- * **What is the difference between the two?**
- * **How can I prevent or treat this issue?**
- * **What are the long-term consequences associated with coughing and/or choking?**

Choke is a common emergency in llamas and alpacas, so it is important to recognize the clinical signs. Choke is the common name for a complete or partial obstruction of the esophagus. Sometimes it is possible to feel an obstruction in the esophagus by running your hand down the animal's neck and feeling for a bulge, but other times the obstruction is so far down the esophagus that one cannot feel it with external palpation.

Animals that become choked are often in distress and the condition can become life-threatening if it persists. Choked animals may show clinical signs that include drooling, coughing, gagging, raising and lowering the head or extending the neck, open mouth breathing, bloat, or partially chewed feed coming out the nose or mouth. A camelid showing any combination of these signs without resolution within a few minutes should be evaluated for possible esophageal obstruction or choke.

Sometimes camelids will cough or gag while eating without being choked. In these cases, the animal will not be overly distressed and will continue eating and drinking normally after the bout of coughing is over. Simple cases like this may be caused by irritation from dust or a transient

esophageal obstruction

that the animal was able to relieve without any human intervention.

Complete, persistent obstruction of the esophagus is an emergency. A severe choke makes it impossible for feed or saliva to pass down into the stomach (or first compartment in camelids) and prevents the animal from eructating gas or bringing up a cud. As a result, saliva or feed can collect in the esophagus and the animal may become bloated with gas that is trapped below the obstruction. The choked animal may inadvertently inhale some of the saliva/feed mixture and cause an infection in the lungs called aspiration pneumonia.

An unrelieved choke can also cause damage to the lining of the esophagus where it sits tightly against the esophageal wall. In some cases, the damaged and weakened esophagus can rupture and in other cases a scar can form resulting in a narrowing of the esophagus. This narrowing restricts feed passage and may cause repeated episodes of choke and may eventually lead to a condition called megaesophagus. Animals with megaesophagus have a dilated or expanded esophagus that lacks the tone to help push feed down when they swallow. Affected animals slowly starve because they cannot effectively eat and there is no good treatment for megaesophagus.

Risk factors of developing choke in camelids include eating pelleted feed, eating feed rapidly, and having poor dentition that makes it difficult

for them to fully chew their feed before swallowing. Animals that have been choked before may have one or more risk factor and be at risk for developing an esophageal scar with narrowing that makes them more likely to choke again. It is important to have your camelid's teeth checked regularly by your veterinarian during annual examinations, but you should always be vigilant for signs of teeth trouble. These signs can include abnormal chewing pattern, finding partially chewed balls of cud near the feeder, swelling on or around the jaw, weight loss, and poor appetite. Animals that eat pelleted feed and/or are prone to bolting their feed should be given pelleted feed just small handfuls at a time. You can get creative with ways to slow their consumption of the pel-

lets with tricks like placing some rocks in the feeder or putting the pellets on top of hay rather than simply placing them in a dish for easy consumption.

It is important for camelid owners to recognize the signs of choke and be on the lookout during and shortly after feeding. Understand that llamas and alpacas that eat pelleted feed are prone to eating rapidly and those that have bad teeth are at higher risk of choke. Finally, remember that choke is a true medical emergency. If you think your camelid may be choked, contact your veterinarian right away so they can evaluate the situation and safely relieve the esophageal obstruction before it becomes life-threatening.

Found on the Web... Excerpts Worth Checking Out!

The Wartime Spies Who Used Knitting as an Espionage Tool

Grandma was just making a sweater. Or was she?

DURING WORLD WAR I, a grandmother in Belgium knitted at her window, watching the passing trains. As one train chugged by, she made a bumpy stitch in the fabric with her two needles. Another passed, and she dropped a stitch from the fabric, making an intentional hole. Later, she would risk her life by handing the fabric to a soldier—a fellow spy in the Belgian resistance, working to defeat the occupying German force.

Whether women knitted codes into fabric or used stereotypes of knitting women as a cover, there's a history between knitting and espionage. "Spies have been known to work code messages into knitting, embroidery, hooked rugs, etc." according to the 1942 book *A Guide to Codes and Signals*. During wartime, where there were knitters, there were often spies; a pair of eyes, watching between the click of two needles.

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Our “Officially Amazing” Mama Mananita

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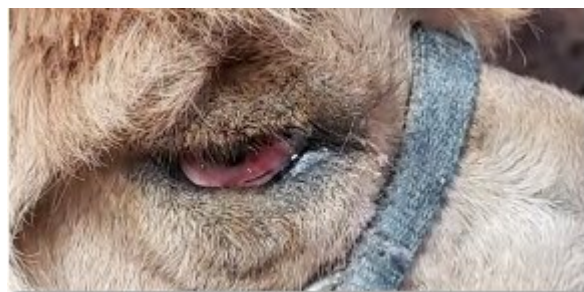
I’m pretty sure they laughed all the way to the bank when we bought her back in 2005. She was just eight years old, part of our starter herd, and boy, was she a handful. One of the local vets even categorized her as a wicked wa-hee-nee. It took at least two people to wrestle a halter on to her and when she kicked, she really packed a wallop. I used to say that she was the Karate Kid’s mama. She’d always try to knock your head off your block and THEN ask questions. But what did we know? My husband and I were newbies and just getting started as alpaca breeders. We had made a pact. When we bought our starter herd of four alpacas, we agreed that they would never be sold. They would live out the rest of their lives with us.



Mananita came to us with her six-month-old baby boy by her side and a free breeding. That breeding gave us the first cria born on our ranch in 2006, a beautiful baby girl. That’s when we started calling her Mama. Her next two crias were also baby girls. Ironically, they were both actually born on the Labor Day holidays in 2008 and 2009.

What are the odds of that? Everyone was always hopeful to get a female cria and we got three in a row. She was an excellent protective mother and took very good care of all of her babies.

Over time with some training, patience, and understanding, Mama learned to trust me. I was eventually able to get a halter on her without anyone’s help and was always respectful of her back kick. I even taught her some key words like stand, touch, get dressed, coat, and walk.



Those words would prove to be most helpful in the years to come. She lost the vision in her left eye first and a couple of years later she lost the vision in her right eye. I found out when one morning she was bumping into the others and they were all spitting at her. We set up her own stall next to the others right away. She learned that her hay was always here and her water was always there. We also set up her own pen within a pen outside so she could get some fresh air and sunshine and still be with the others too. I would tell her to stand and get dressed, put a halter on her, then take her on a guided walk around the property to exercise her legs. With my elbow resting on her neck as we walked, I would tell her that I would help to be her eyes and would always take good care of her. After her right eyeball

Our “Officially Amazing” Mama Mananita, *cont.*

disintegrated and she was left with an empty eye socket, I would flush it out with warm water and put a dab of lubricating ointment in it on a regular basis. Mama learned a new key word, medicine. The vet told us that alpacas will often just quit eating and die after they lose their eyesight. Not Mama. Our special needs routine continued for another three years.

They say the lifespan of an alpaca is 15-20 years. As Mama was approaching her 24th birthday, I checked the Guinness World Records for the oldest living alpaca. I found a record for the oldest living Llama but nothing for the oldest living alpaca. So, I paid the fee and applied to have a new category approved for the “Oldest living alpaca in captivity.” Three months later the new category was established. After carefully reading through the guidelines for collecting and submitting the evidence needed to become a Guinness World Records title holder, we established the date for conducting our formal record attempt and invited our vet and two independent witnesses to participate. The entire process was captured in photographs and video. The vet performed an examination that was observed and documented by our two witnesses. Her physical health was evaluated, her microchip number was validated, and a blood sample was drawn from her neck for DNA analysis by the lab. Her certificate of registration was documented evidence of her July 29, 1997 birth date, the microchip numbers were matched, and the blood DNA results positively confirmed her identity. It took three days shy of one full year to accomplish getting Mananita the Guinness World Record title for the “Oldest living alpaca in captivity”. I could have paid a hefty fee to expedite the process but opted not to. We were so proud that our Mama was now and forever in the record

books and declared “Officially Amazing.”

Mama turned 25 in July of 2022. One morning in September, she was found lying down in her stall and she wouldn’t get up. She didn’t appear to be in any pain at all, her breathing was normal, and she seemed to be resting peacefully. Her ears twitched when we talked to her, and we were confident that she knew when we were there. It really didn’t make any sense to load her into a trailer and drive a few hours to get her to the CSU emergency room. She didn’t need to be put through any unnecessary stress or procedural trauma. If she was going to leave us, it seemed to be by her own choice. I didn’t want her to be alone so I spent 15-1/2 hours in the barn with her that day. We made her a soft bed of hay and cov-



Our “Officially Amazing” Mama Mananita, *cont.*

ered it with an old bath towel for her to lay on. She was kept comfortably warm and I used a syringe to get a little water into her mouth. Our vet advised us that it could take 7 to 10 days and then paid us a somewhat strange compliment. She said that we were now paying the price for taking such good care of our animals. We had no idea that it would take so long.

Although in nearly 20 years our herd had grown to 21 alpacas and 3 llamas, we had never gone through losing an alpaca naturally like this before. We cleaned her up, changed her bedding, and frequently checked on her every day for the next

nine days until she finally passed. She was privately cremated and is now back home with us where she has always belonged. Over the years we learned a lot from each other and it's comforting to know that she lived a very long and happy life with us. Our pact remains unbroken with Mama and now includes all the others too.



Found on the Web... Excerpts Worth Checking Out!

Llama Trauma—a Post by Luke (12.04.2016)

Note: Lots going on in this article: animal death, animal miscarriage, graphic depictions

Llamas are hard to read. They've got a very different physical vocabulary. Other animals are more obvious. Chickens are cautious but trusting, high-strung but curious. And they move in a way that presents all that. Pigs are just tubby human dogs. They have no agenda, no poker face. They feel and they want and they express and that's about it.

But llamas, I don't know. It's confusing. They've got their own cues, all of which are alien. Ears back and a stare down means, "Get out of my space." A neck arch and three sharp clicks means, "Stay right there. I'm going to f*** you up."

Those are the only two phrases I've learned.

There's more going on than that.

Long Way Homestead is a family-owned and operated fiber farm and wool mill in Eastern Manitoba, Treaty One Territory, Canada. They focus on regenerative holistic management practices, support the fiber economy in their fibershed, produce breed-specific yarns, and engage in other education and advocacy that highlights the realities and challenges of the small-scale fiber industry in Canada.



Visit [Long Way Homestead](#) online to read Luke's entire post.



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Alpaca Education At Your Fingertips

Do you know the AOA website contains a section called the Alpaca Academy? The Alpaca Academy provides education and information for the entire alpaca community. Topics range from the most common questions about alpacas and the industry to in-depth articles on alpaca EPDs, genetics, and breeding. Alpaca Academy also provides information on the latest alpacas research and links to additional resources.

The following pages contain examples of the various topics available for those wanting to know more about alpacas and the industry.

One of the common themes I have found in reading about what alpaca owners breeders would like is the desire for more education. Perhaps many don't know that many of their questions have already been addressed in the Alpaca Academy. Take a few minutes to review the topics on the right. If you would like to learn more about the Alpaca Academy just follow [this link](#), and click on the topic.

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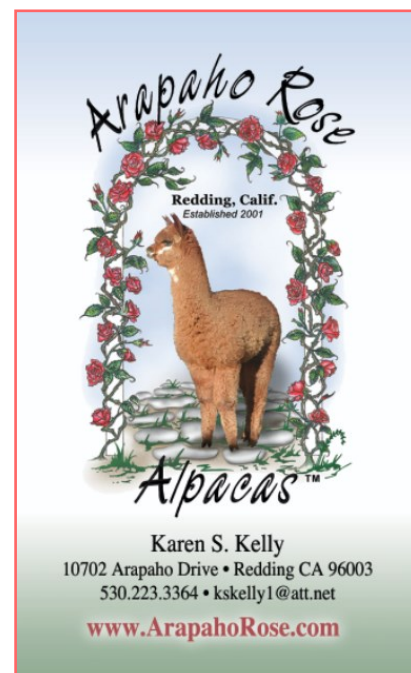
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California Agritourism News

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The **California Agritourism News e-newsletter** is written by the statewide agritourism coordinator for the UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (UC SAREP). This e-mail newsletter is a chance for growers, agritourism operators, county staff, tourism professionals and everyone else involved in California agritourism to keep up with the latest information. Input and suggestions from readers are always welcome!

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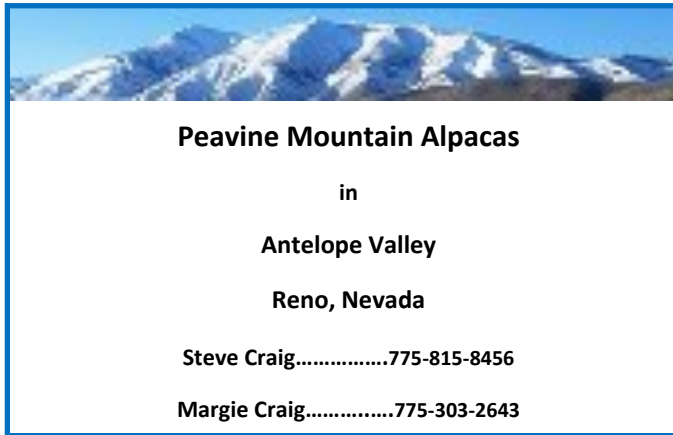
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Calpaca Classified Ads

Agisting

Menagerie Hill Ranch is a full service, family run alpaca ranch offering **agisting, consulting, sales, support and alpaca fiber products**. Our agisting service includes quality feed/water, routine husbandry, vaccinations, birthing and other care. Cria born here receive basic halter training. Owners are welcome to visit any time by appointment, and we will help you learn how to care for your alpacas. Veterinary care, breeding, show training and other services are extra. Standard rate \$3.50 per day. We are located in the English Hills area of Vacaville, close to Hwy 505.

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Herdsires

Menagerie Hill Ranch is pleased to offer the stud services of **RR Gun's Kit Carson (KC)**. With **17 Championships** and **21 1st-Place** wins, it's no wonder that more than **10 of his offspring** are **Color Champion** winners! KC took his first championship at eight 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... including: 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. Most recently, MHAR Ebonni Carson won CC in Walking Fleece (Black) at the 2019 Gold Country Gathering!

Check out KC and his cria 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!

He normally summers in Utah and will be leaving around May 1. Until then, he's available for hosted breedings at **\$3,000**, with **drive-byes at \$1500**. Reserve your breedings now and take advantage of his great genetics!

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Herdsires, *cont.*

MHAR Blizzard by Justice is a beautiful, bright-white stud, with extremely uniform, dense, crimped fleece, full-body coverage, and excellent bite/conformation. At six years of age, his fleece still has a lovely, soft, buttery feel!

At the 2014 Gold Country Gathering, judge Kathy Klay said, "He's the total package!" when awarding him First Place (no CC), noting his soft crimp style and density. Most recently, his 3rd fleece spin-off entry won Judges Choice! And his fourth fleece spin-off entry won 1st Place in the adult (D) class (of 8) at the 2017 AOA nationals, this in spite of being very dirty thanks to our very wet/muddy winter. His first cria are on the ground with more due next winter. We can't wait to see them all!

To date, we haven't used him as much as we should because we've been focusing on the SG/black colors. But he's produced several lights/fawns; and now a gorgeous brown with amazing early crimp/bundling and density, plus staple length, brightness and handle that we'll definitely be showing! So we're focusing more on using Blizzard and hope you will too!

His stud fee is \$750 for Calpaca members, including 60 days agisting at **Menagerie Hill Ranch** in Vacaville for your girl. Reserve your breedings now, and take advantage of his great genetics at this special price!

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Alpaca Products & Instruction

Put that stockpiled huacaya alpaca fiber to good use, have a finished product to sell at Farm Days, Ranch Tours, Holidays, etc. Fiber should be a minimum of two inches in length, minimal guard hair results in better quality finished products.

Payment is based upon quantity of completed dyer balls, \$2.50 per dryer ball. Contact Larry Macedo for the form to use when submitting your fiber. Larry's e-mail is macedo1ref@aol.com, phone number 209-648-2338

Alpaca batts, roving, pre-felt in natural and dyed colors. (We grow many of our own dyes.)
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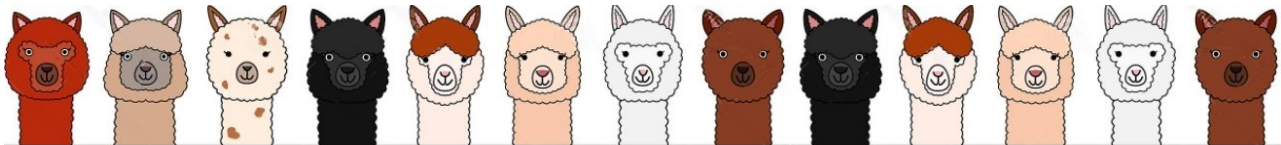
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Calpaca Connection Newsletter 2023 Deadlines

ISSUE	SUBMISSIONS DUE	PUBLICATION DATE	MEETING DATE
Winter 2023	Jan. 21, 2023	Feb. 04, 2023	Feb. 11, 2023
Spring 2023	Apr. 22, 2023	May 06, 2023	May 13, 2023
Summer 2023	July 22, 2023	Aug. 05, 2023	Aug. 12, 2023
Autumn 2023	Oct. 21, 2023	Nov. 04, 2023	Nov. 11, 2023

Non-member Ad Rates

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Keeping in Touch

Calpaca has three primary ways for members to send or receive information: by email, through the Calpaca Facebook page, and on the Calpaca website.

Email: info@CalpacaBoard.org

- **To Email Calpaca Members:** A member of the board of directors will forward your message to Calpaca members in a timely manner.
- **To Email Board Members:** Your board members encourage members to contact us with any comments, questions or concerns. We are here to serve you.

Note: This process helps prevent the scamming that occurred with the former member email distribution list.

Website: Calpaca.org

This is Calpaca's primary online presence, the "Internet face" of our organization. It's the place where existing, new, or potential alpaca owners can go to learn about Calpaca. Who we are. What we offer. How we assist new and current alpaca owners. How we support the alpaca community through education. What events we offer. What support we offer.

Facebook Page: facebook.com/groups/Calpaca

Calpaca maintains an active Facebook page, **Calpaca-California Alpaca Association**, which serves as an extension of our website. The Calpaca Facebook page exists to promote and answer questions about raising alpacas, using alpaca fiber, husbandry issues; to share interesting news and ranch events; and to promote classes having to do with those issues. We are an open group and encourage people who are interested in alpacas to join the discussions; e.g., BOD announcements, alpacas in the news, emergency information, birth announcements, new purchases/acquisitions, Calpaca events, Calpaca farm member events, industry events, etc. This is a group for learning, sharing, and being supportive.

Advertising: Only Calpaca Farm Members may advertise animals or products for sale. If the frequency of this advertising becomes excessive, the post will be removed by the moderators. The moderators will also remove any advertising posts by non-Calpaca Farm Members.



Join Calpaca Today!

The **California Alpaca Breeders Association (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.

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

Benefits:

- Free marketing on Calpaca website (animals, fiber, store, services etc.)
- Educational quarterly Calpaca membership meetings
- Free advertising opportunity in the Connection newsletter
- Ability to link your Web site to a mobile device
- Ability to link your Web site to Facebook page
- Lobbying our State Legislature through— AG Day sponsorship
- Discounts at alpaca events
- Advertising opportunity to showcase your farm to over 3000 alpaca breeders
- Opportunity to run for a seat on the Calpaca Board of Directors and have a voice in the future
- Opportunity to host a Calpaca meeting and give your ranch and alpacas more exposure
- Two votes on Calpaca issues
- Connection newsletter that provides educational articles
- Ability to send email marketing items to members offering your animals, products and services
- Complimentary listing of your Openherd website on Calpaca's website – check out <http://www.calpaca.org/alpaca-farms/>

Calpaca Associate Membership - \$30/year

Benefits:

- Attend all Calpaca meetings and events
- Quarterly Calpaca *Connection* newsletter

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