



A cute little hat will help to desensitize your cria.

"BACK TO THE BASICS"

by Jennifer Franks and Meagan Cyrus

Hello everyone!

This is a great time to prepare for the upcoming summer shows. If you have decided to train a new animal for this year, any fall babies at your farm will make great choices to begin training. The first step in beginning to work with your animal is to halter train it. When you first begin to work with an untrained animal, the most important thing you should try to accomplish is trust. If your llama or alpaca does not trust you, you probably won't be able to accomplish much. Since we still have a while before the spring shows start again, the best thing you can do to 'stay in touch' with your animal is just to take frequent walks. These walks can be down the road, through the woods, or even just in the front lawn or around the barn. This helps you to further your trust with your llama or alpaca. Even though this may sound pointless, it really helps. This lets your animal know that you haven't completely forgotten about him. Also, doing things, like showing his teeth, handling his legs and feet, or putting a cute hat on him, provides a variety of simple obstacles that keep you and your llama or alpaca sharp.

If you need help learning to halter train your cria, you can

follow these hints. The first step to start halter training your baby is to halter both the mother and the new baby. The first couple of times you take him out of the pasture, you should just put the halter on the baby, not the lead rope. (Don't worry; the baby is usually too attached to mom to run away!)



Baby is more comfortable with Mom along.

Take both llamas out of their pen. You should probably have a friend help you the first few times, in case you need help. Just let the baby walk freely around you and mom and investigate his new surroundings. The cria may just stand still with his nose to the ground; he is probably hoping the halter will just fall off. If this is the case, allow him to do this for a while; eventually he will begin to walk around.

After you feel he is somewhat comfortable with the halter, put the lead rope on him and encourage the cria to take a few steps. But be sure not to drag him around the barn. Eventually he will realize that

if he steps forward in response to a gentle tug, the tugging pressure will go away. Continue this practice at least a couple times per week until he begins to feel comfortable with both the halter and lead rope. Then, begin to take both mom and baby for short walks. Practice both walking and standing. You should keep your training sessions short - a maximum of 20 minutes would be good.

After the first few walks, begin only taking out the baby to help encourage his independence. With the trust



After a short time, baby will look forward to the adventures on his walks.

you have developed with your cria, he will probably look forward to his adventurous walks with you.

We hope that these hints help you begin to build a strong relationship with your llama or alpaca.

Jen & Meg

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The Adventures of **Lucky the Llama**



WHERE TO BE

- **May 2-4, 2008!! Millennium Magic is back!!**
You will find the same AWESOME llama show, Breeder's Futurity and wonderful delicious dinner - filled with door prizes!! A fun weekend for all!! Contact Tami Lash (517)467-2709, Uniqueanimal@aol.com, and stay tuned to www.LashesUniqueAnimals.com for all needed show forms!
- **May 3-4, 2008 Badgerland Sweepstakes and ALSA Show Jefferson County Fair Grounds Jefferson, Wisconsin**
Futurity, ALSA Show and Youth judging Beautiful fair grounds – Easy to get to. Contact: Barb Parsons – theparsons@prodigy.net
- **May 3 -4, 2008 Ozark Llama Classic Sale and Show, NEW LOCATION, Sedalia, MO**
Sale May 3, 2008, auctioneer, Darrell Anderson, double show May 4, 2008. Superior Farms has donated an exclusive outside breeding to Lucchero for auction at the sale. All proceeds for this breeding will be split equally between Best Male and Best Female at Sunday's show. Over \$10,000 in premiums will be offered. Come join us and we can "Show Me the Money". Contact Larry Kisner, LKLLAMAS@aol.com, Mary Beeson, beesongm@aol.com or Steve Smith, llamatail@aol.com
- **May 3rd-4th, 2008 Cascade Llama Sale Featuring a Select Alpaca Sale**
99 Quality llamas & 52 quality alpacas at auction. Please join us for the 2nd annual Cascade Llama Sale, and our first ever Select Alpaca Sale. 151 quality auction lots from all over the USA and Western Canada. Lots of FUN, networking opportunities, and seminars. Be sure to not miss this unique event!
- **May 3-4, 2008 Millennium Magic Lenawee County Fairgrounds, Adrian, MI Open Double Llama Show**
Breeder's Futurity Llama Sale of 20 llamas to be sold right before our Saturday evening fellowship dinner. Official judges: Beth Myers and Terry Duespohl The open shows and futurity will utilize the ILR Show Manager Software and all ILR points will be tracked for ILR members and ILR llamas. Show contact: Tami Lash (517)467-2709 Uniqueanimal@aol.com Show forms can be found on www.LashesUniqueAnimals.com
- **May 4, 2008 – Alpaca Heritage Budget Capers Show (AOBA Certified) in Ringoes, NJ.**
The ABC show is affordable for exhibitors, is one-day only, and caters to newer breeders who may not have shown before. We want to help you learn the ropes in a friendly, low-stress atmosphere. Don't worry if you have not shown in a halter show before -- we'll walk you through it. We only take 99 alpacas so sign up early. Last year, this show sold out before the entry deadline! For more information as well as registration forms, please go to www.AlpacaHeritage.com or call Ingrid Wood at 609-261-0696.
- **May 10-11, 2008 - Llama Magic, Lake Elmo, MN**
Held at the Washington County Fairgrounds Mother's Day weekend, Llama Magic is the oldest and largest private treaty sale of llamas and alpacas in the Midwest. Also llama show, fleece contest, free seminars and wide array of vendors. Contact Sheila Fugina at bsfugina@presenter.com or 715-246-5837, or visit www.llamamagic.com.
- **May 17 & 18, 2008 Indy Open 400 & 500 ALSA Level III Show**
Double Judged - Double Cash Premiums, Noblesville, IN www.shagbarkridge.com/indy.html
- **May 17-18, 2008. OPEN BARN at Buck Hollow Llamas, Inc. in Birdsboro, PA.**
Come see our line-up of champion studs and their offspring. Pick up a chute or panels (call in advance for availability). Come learn about llamas. Contact: carol@buckhollowllamas.com or 610 582-9051.
- **May 24, 2008 "Techniques for Dyeing Skeins and Roving"**
Presented by Vanessa Kessler Contact: Edie Benusa (608)206-0874 bbenusa@merr.com
- **May 30 - June 1, 2008 Memorial Day Weekend, White Pine, TN 5th annual Great Smoky Mountains Llama Show**
takes place at Walter State Agricultural Expo Center. This is a beautiful site in the foothills of the Smokies with a temperature-controlled arena that seats 2000 persons and large 10 x 12 stalls with sliding doors. Food and weather is outstanding! For more information, contact Helen Farley at farley42@tds.net.
- **May 30 - June 1, 2008 The Great Smoky Mountains Llama Show.**
Come join the greatest show in Tennessee. Food, fun, and friends are all here for your enjoyment. Showcase your animals in the beautiful temperature controlled arena in White Pine, TN and feast on mouth watering food all weekend long. This is a Level II ALSA show with SSLA members eligible for SSLA Sweepstakes points. Contact Helen Farley at farley42@tds.net or call 865-922-5844 for a show catalog.
- **May 31st and June 1st (not Memorial Weekend) WNY Llama & Fiber Classic at The Fairgrounds in Hamburg, NY**
For more information check out our website www.the-fairgrounds.com/wny_llama_fiber_classic.php or give us a call in the office 716-649-3900 ext. 404. Check out the ALSA sanctioned Llama Show, and watch as llamas are shown by their owners for prizes and premiums. There will also be a Fiber Festival, where you can purchase products made from the finest of natural fibers including yarn, hats, scarves and more... You will also find raw fiber for sale too; great for making your own handmade gifts!
- **June 7, 2008 "Beginning Wet Felting"**
Presented by Jarka Sobiskova contact: Edie Benusa (608)206-0874 bbenusa@merr.com
- **June 7-8, 2008 Gentle Spirit Clinic with Cathy Spalding**
Clinic location: 1470 Meadowvale Lane, Santa Ynez, CA 93460 For more information and registration please contact Kelley Lucia/Pacific Breeze Alpacas (805)717-0046
- **June 8, 2008 – Alpaca Heritage Fiber Fiesta at the Springfield Veterans Memorial Park in Springfield, NJ.**
Alpaca breeders as well as spinners, knitters, felters and other fiber artists are invited to visit and purchase locally produced alpaca fleeces and yarns. Free seminars and free admission to all visitors. The Fiber Fiesta also includes the Bare Naked Alpaca Show (shorn alpacas only, of course!) For more details, call Ingrid Wood at 609-261-0696 or visit us at www.AlpacaHeritage.com.
- **June 18- 22, 2008 Lama Association of North America Expo Churchill County Fairgrounds in Fallon, Nevada.**
PLTA Pack Trials on June 18, Educational Program on June 19 and 20, and Double ALSA Llama Show on June 21 and 22. Check the LANA website at www.llamainfo.org or call LANA office at 541-830-5262.

WHERE TO BE CONTINUED

- **June 27-29, 2008 Backcountry Llama Rendezvous and Drive-In at Emigrant Springs, OR.**
Lots of educational seminars about llamas and many fun things to do with them. New this year will be a guided pack trip into the southern Wallowas (Main Eagle) immediately following the weekend activities. By guided, I mean it will be led by packers experienced in this particular hike, but it is intended to be a BYOLL (bring your own llama) event, for experienced and equipped packers. Backpackers are also welcome -see firsthand what real llama packing is all about. See the website for more details and lots of pictures. <http://www.rattlesnakeridgeranch.com/> Click on Events.
- **June 28, 2008 WILD 'N' WOOLLY YOUTH SHOW Custer County Fairgrounds**
Junction Hwy 2 & 70 Broken Bow, NE Judges: Barbara Harris – Performance Geri Rutledge – Fleece Contact: Tami Schendt 308-872-2936 ptschendt@yahoo.com
- **June 27-29, 2008 All American Youth Jamboree & Shows Just outside Indpls., IN**
ALSA Youth Show, 4-H Show, Fiber Workshops, Llama Care, Youth Challenges, Seminars. Fun Party, Farmer Olympics, Cook Out & Campfire Ribbons, Premiums, & Awards Open to all youth - no qualifying information at www.youthjamboree.net
- **July 24-26th, 2008 “20th Celebration Ohio State Fair Llama-Alpaca-Fiber Show!”**
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- **July 25 & 26, 2008 - WALKABOUT VI – Hinterland’s 6th Tri-annual Llama Production Sale.**
A Stellar Selection of the finest show and breeding stock in North America. Preview: Friday, July 25th; Auction: Saturday, July 26th. Please contact Kay: (541) 549-1215, hinterlandllamas@peoplepc.com, or visit us at www.hinterlandllamas.com.
- **August 1-3, 2008 - Camelid Community 2008, Kansas City, MO**
Open to everyone in the llama and alpaca community, this annual gathering will discuss “the state of the union” of the camelid world. All llama and alpaca organizations are encouraged to send a representative to this open forum, and interested individuals also are welcome. For registration information or more details, contact Sheila Fugina at bsfugina@presenter.com or 715-246-5837.
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- **August 23-24, 2008 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR ALSA II LLAMA SHOW State Fair Park Lincoln, NE**
Judges: Barbara Harris – Halter Harold Herbold – Performance Contact: Eunice Cernohlavek 402-475-8636 eunice@isp.com For premium book and application forms: www.statefair.org
- **September 27-28, 2008 Millennium Magic Fall Festival Lenawee County Fairgrounds, Adrian, MI**
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- **Oct 3 - 4 Tulsa, OK Tulsa State Fair**
Entry forms on Tulsa State Fair website Superintendent - Brenda Foulks bfoulks74016@yahoo.com
- **October 4 & 5, 2008 – 8th Annual Alpaca Heritage Days.**
Looking for that special alpaca to add to your herd? How about some prime fiber and alpaca products? Mark your calendar now! The weekend offers private treaty sales, free seminars, and lots of shopping fun at Terhurne Orchards in Princeton, NJ. For more information including directions, go to www.AlpacaHeritage.com.
- **October 25, 2008, 9-3 Tucson Wool Festival:**
Sponsored by the Withers Ranch as a community outreach and educational awareness program on fiber animals and arts, various breeders and vendors from throughout the southwest will be demonstrating their wares from their fiber animals on the Withers ranch in Tucson, Arizona. Free booths are available. Seeking instructors for 1-2 hour classes. Contact: Kathy Withers (520)572-3758, jmarckathy@aol.com. Additional information is on the Wool Festival page of www.uniquedesignsbykathy.com.
- **November 8, 2008 – Alpaca Heritage Events presents Dr. LaRue Johnson’s Neonatal Clinic in Bordentown, NJ.**
This clinic includes 6 hours of lecture and 90 minutes of wet lab for each registrant. Topics include reproductive anatomy and physiology, breeding and pregnancy diagnosis options, gestational development, care of the pregnant dam, normal and abnormal creation, and care of the newborns as well as high risk crias. The wet lab will include diagnosing the contents of the uterus, delivery plans and cria deliveries. Cost is \$200 per person and includes lunch. For more information and to register, visit us at www.AlpacaHeritage.com or contact Ingrid Wood at 609-261-0696.

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