

Calpaca Connection

Winter 2024/2025



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“IT’S A WRAP” CALPACA 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Calpaca Members,

At the beginning of the year, the Board agreed that communication with its members was key in keeping all members informed and involved. This in turn would stimulate both participation and enthusiasm within the organization. This was accomplished by a few methods including some of the following: Letters to Members from the President via USPS, personal phone calls, direct emails, use of Eblasts for most correspondences. We also brought back in person general membership meetings which were in Southern, Central and Northern Ca. locations. These meetings were recorded and or zoomed. This did become a challenge because of some locations and technical difficulty. Feedback on communication from members was positive. The website is now current and up to date and plans are being proposed to improve the website experience for members and the public.

Membership was also a priority and thus necessitated a Membership Committee. The Committee worked extremely hard and increased our membership from the previous year’s end of the year by approximately 20%. Both the chairperson and I are also working with AOA and other affiliates on increasing membership. We accomplished this by personal phone calls and emails to past members, potential new members in California were solicited such as those in AOA but not in Calpaca. Other methods used were getting members to sponsor new members at a 50% discount for the first year. Including membership in the show registration also earned us new members.

When speaking with many Calpaca members over the course of several years, I have heard many questioning what they were really getting for their Membership. The real question comes down to, what do members deserve? Calpaca members should expect a professional Board that works hard putting members above self. Provide up to date education through literature and training. Involve the organization on political issues that affect Calpaca Members. Provide shows for members to participate and promote their animals and farms and accomplish all the above while keeping Calpaca financially sound. Lastly, keep Calpaca members informed.

The Board, in response, formed additional committees with written and signed Resolutions by the Board. Those resolutions were written to show the board’s commitment and function as a guide for the committees. An Educational Committee and Show Committee were organized. The educational committee provided webinars (Wade Geese) that were linked to YouTube for later viewing. The webinar was paid for through a registration fee. The committee also provided in-person educational presentation by Dr. Madigan on “The Squeeze” and worked with AOA in providing a link to all their educational videos’ which was provided to members.

Year in Review con'td

The Show Committee was tasked with reviewing shows and determining their viability and fiscal impact on the budget. Three shows were provided in 2024, the Calpaca Fleece Extravaganza, Gold Country Gathering and California Classic. All three shows were a success and had little negative impact on the overall budget. The IFA show was cancelled by the board due to its potential to have a negative fiscal effect. The decision was also influenced by the fact that PNAA's IFA show was available around the same dates. To mitigate for those who wanted to participate in the IFA show, fleeces were transported to PNAA at no cost to members. All effort will be made to enact a Calpaca IFA show of its own in the future.

Thank you, Russ Mello, for your tireless efforts in putting on a successful show.

The Board also endorsed, via a letter of support, Senate Bill 1479 California Agritourism Promotion Act and Assembly Bill 2635 on behalf of Calpaca. These bills were to reduce if not eliminate the need for liability insurance for farms. An Eblast went out to members also promoting the bill and its benefits.

Other Committees formed were the Bylaws Committee, Youth Committee, Fiber Committee and Fundraising Committee. The Bylaws Committee worked throughout the year on Bylaw revisions for the Membership approval. This endeavor will go well into 2025. The Board is also working on a Procedures and Guideline manual which will be approved by the Board and be an adjunct to the bylaw.

The fundraising committee worked on a couple of projects. The fundraising for the Calpaca trailer, in need of new decals. This project will be carried over into 2025. Each member is asked to contribute \$75, to have their ranch name on the trailer. The committee will also be conducting a Raffle by ticket sales and are acquiring donated items now. The committee was also instrumental in providing and organizing the Gold Country silent auction which brought in a couple thousand dollars.

The youth Committee, who had been tasked with increasing youth participation in Calpaca Activities were faced with several challenges. The 4H youth has taken a considerable decline this past year. Plus, the Calpaca shows had no one to supervise them in their potential activities. Youth did participate with Calpaca and the Llama Assoc. of North America who collaborated some youth activities. Also, this year an educational display was arranged at the California State Fair focusing on youth education.

The Fleece Committee worked towards providing anything fleece related to compiling a list for members of Alpaca fiber mills, their processing turnaround time, and fiber education. The fiber mill list should be completed around the first month in Jan. 2025.

Many of the committees worked together because of overlapping duties or activities. All committees made up of volunteering members and Board members attended many individual committee meetings.

Year in Review con'td

Your Board of Directors also resurrected the "Connection" with a couple of virtual additions and soon to be hard copy directory addition. Thank you, Dale Davis, for your commitment and volunteering.

Also updated was the Calpaca website, where the board has listed all their Board meeting minutes as well as up to date Membership meetings. The board also took the time to attempt to locate past year's Board and Membership minutes, to add if missing. The board has reviewed and will be updating all paid positions in Calpaca such as Show Manager, Barn Manager, etc. Thank you, Scott Finlay, for volunteering to keep the Website updated.

It would not be realistic to tout all that was accomplished over the year, without mentioning some of the downfalls. The number one downfall was failure to provide a Budget within the time designated in the bylaws. This occurred because of unexpected distractions within the first month of the new year. The unfortunate distractions started in Dec. 2023 at the new Boards planning meeting and continued into Jan. and Feb.

Elections were also a challenge. The Election committee worked diligently to solicit four Candidates to run for the Board's two open positions. This caused the bypassing of the timeline as outlined in the Bylaws. As it turned out a fourth candidate was not located, and the Board made the decision to move forward with only three candidates not adhering to the Bylaw's requirement of four. Thank you to the Election Committee, Chair Sandy Wallace, Tracy Dipippo and Stacy Payne and Inspector of Election Lin Murray.

Lastly, a lack of Volunteers for shows and Committees has always been a challenge. If you were one who volunteered your time to show, committees, or other, thank you. To those who did not, please consider volunteering next year. By all of us pitching in through volunteering and financial support, we answer the question of "what do I get with my membership."

To end with a high note, all committees are being carried over to the new year and are currently working on innovative ways and ideas to bring you a more productive Calpaca. Stay tuned. Thank you to all the volunteers. A special thank you to Board members Sara Mattia and Sabina Karr who served out their terms. To current Board Members Cyndi Howard, Pam Ogden, and newly elected Board members Michelle Ing, Tommie Smith. Let us have another great year.

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Member: Steve Friend

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May 2025 Calpaca Meeting—2nd Sat in May
Hosted by Alpacas of El Dorado - Scott and Laurie Findlay
RSVP 530-642-8082 or alpacasofeldorado@gmail.com



Hosting a quarterly Calpaca Membership Meeting is a fun way to interact with your alpaca community, promote your farm and alpacas, and a great opportunity to contribute to Calpaca. Learn more about hosting a meeting, think of what topics you would like to explore, and then submit the Host a Calpaca Meeting Form found on the Calpaca Website.

You can find "Hosting a Calpaca Meeting Guidelines" on the Calpaca Website. Great information to consider when you are planning a meeting or just needing information on hosting.

We need hosts for the 2025 February and August Meetings. Want to wait, sign up for November Meeting.

Calpaca Statement of Purpose

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In California's tradition as a pioneer of progress, Calpaca was the first, and the oldest, regional alpaca association in the Northern Hemisphere. Past and current members of Calpaca 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. We host meetings, speakers and shows for the benefit of members and the public.

Join Calpaca!!

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:

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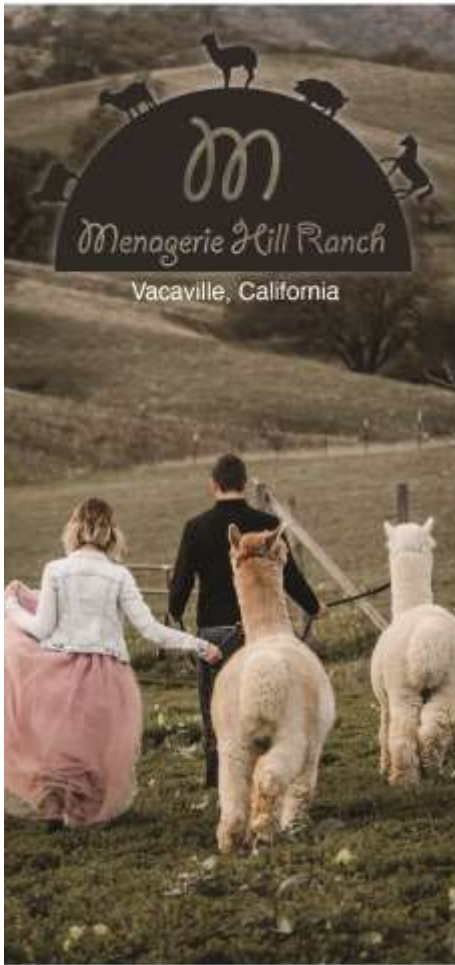
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 2023: 21.5 AFD, 4.4 SD, 20.4 CV, 3.0 %30, 49.2 MC, 20.8 SF
 2022: 18.8 AFD, 3.7 SD, 19.8 CV, 0.6 %30, 51.5 MC, 16.1 SF
 2021: 18.2 AFD, 3.4 SD, 18.9 CV, 0.5 %30, 48.1 MC, 17.4 SF
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MC	3.295	0.523	4,379 of 30,965	14.13%
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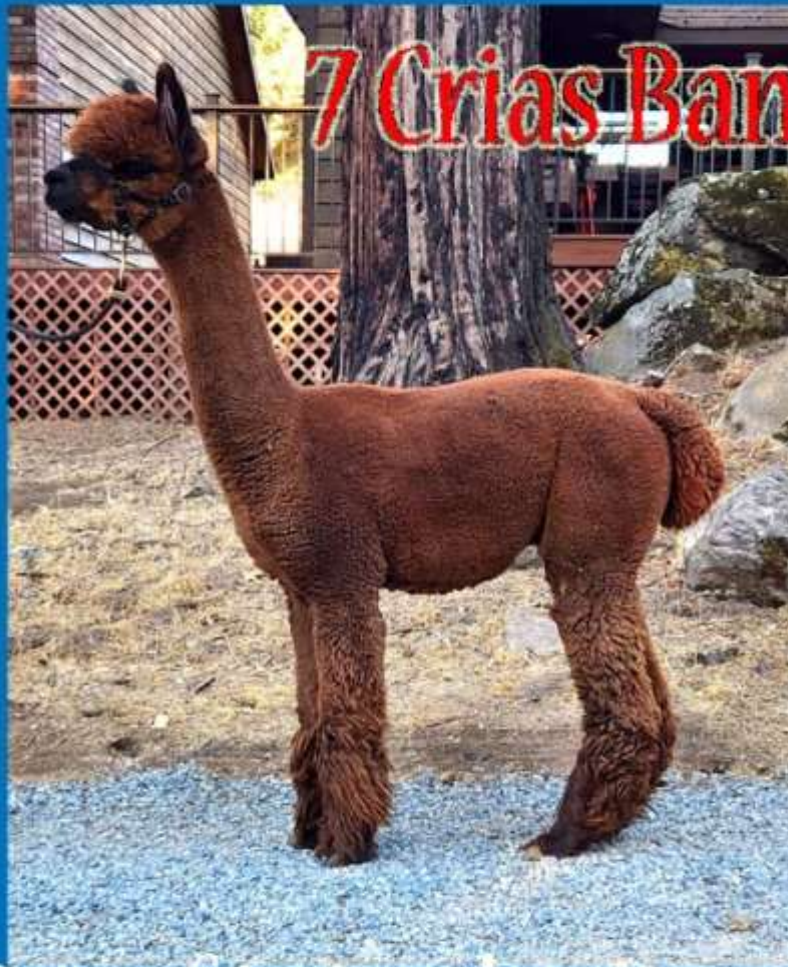
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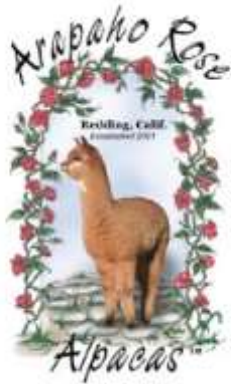
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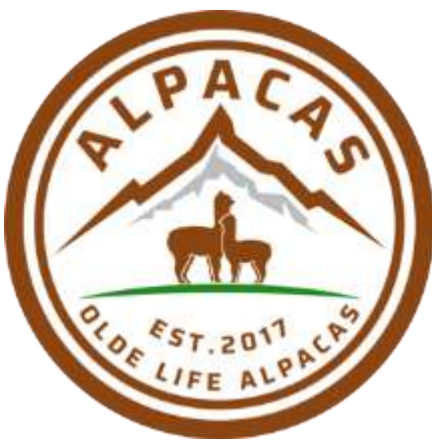


- ◆ Farm Store – by appointment
- ◆ Alpaca Sales – Suri & Huacaya
- ◆ Breedings to outstanding males Suri & Huacaya
- ◆ By Appointment: Photo Ops; Farm Visits
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www.misfitranchloomis.com Loomis, CA
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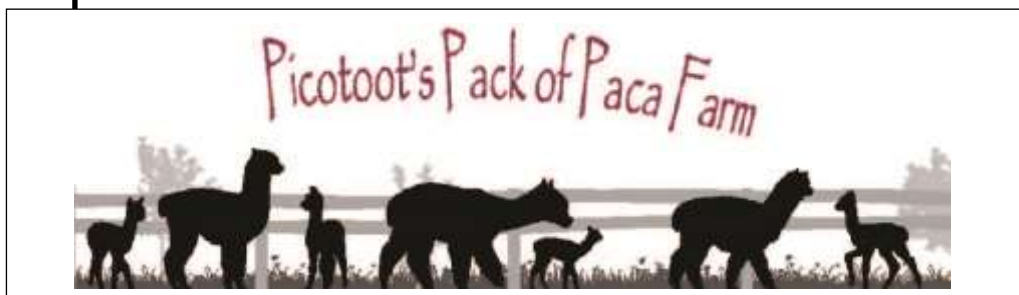


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- ◆ Camping at the Ranch, RV & Tent
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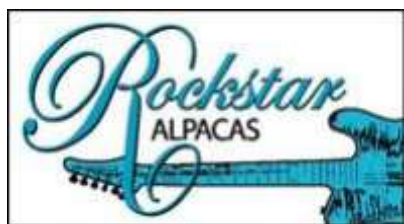
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- √ Award Winning Progeny
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www.sawdustalpacas.com Fallon, NV

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- ◆ Breedings to outstanding males - Huacaya
- ◆ Alpaca Tours
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www.sierrarosealpacas.com Grass Valley, CA

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Zahler Farm

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Alpaca Farm

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- ◆ Farm visits by appointment
- ◆ Alpaca products
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Eureka, CA

How To Pick A New Shearer

By: Steve Murray, Shearing Services LLC (retired)

The time to start the process of selecting a shearer for your alpacas is not two weeks before you want them shorn. In fact, most probably any shearers still available at that short notice are not the ones that would be your first choice. The time to start the process is January 1st. Do not procrastinate, for capable shearers book quickly and early.

If you are a new alpaca owner the place to start is to talk with other alpaca owners in your area. They will have a good idea who is working in your area and what time of the season to be prepared. Next, call each shearer and ask if they might have room in their schedule for your herd. If they do, ask a few questions....

Does he come with or without help? Some shearers work alone and expect the owner to provide help. Others come with help for which you will pay extra. Find out so you can plan.

Ask how long it takes to shear a single alpaca. Any longer than 12 minutes or so and you should move this person down your list of candidates. Shearing is stressful for the animal and a skilled shearer will never take more than 15 minutes per animal. Seven to nine minutes is the sweet spot.

If show fleeces are important to you ask if he can shear a fleece in one piece.

For suri owners, ask if he is comfortable shearing suri fleece.

Ask for several references. Then call these people and ask...

- Is he on time and professional in appearance and action?
- Does he do a good job shearing? That is, when he's done does the animal look good and is the fleece in excellent condition with very few second cuts? This is really important!
- Does he have bad habits? Ex. Smoking, spitting, cursing, animal abuse etc.
- Does he cut the animals with the shears? No cuts are the rule but accidents do happen and a minor nick or two during the day is within normal parameters. If you get reports of large, long, deep cuts move this shearer well down your list.

Finally, if this is a shearer with whom no one is familiar, ask him if he sharpens his own combs and cutters. A good competent shearer is not likely to send combs and cutters out to be sharpened, and will have spent the time and money to learn how to properly sharpen his equipment. This is not a hard and fast rule, but may give you an idea of how committed this shearer is to do good work at a reasonable price.

Perspectives on prepping for shearing day.....

From a Shearer By: Steve Murray, Shearing Services LLC (retired)

PREPARING FOR SHEARING DAY

This is an aid to you, the alpaca owner, on what to expect and have on hand when I come shear your animals. Shearing day is THE big day of the year for alpaca people, for it is the day you harvest what your alpacas have given to you. With some preparation it will go smoothly and efficiently; and not be too stressful for the alpacas (or the people).

1) Shearing Area- We will need a dry, semi-flat, shaded area of at least 12 feet square. That being said, I have sheared animals in the hot sun, on hillsides, and in the mud, so conditions don't always have to be ideal. What's really needed is an area where the animal can be stretched out on a tarp on the ground and the shearer and helpers have room to move about. This will help insure your fiber comes off and is bagged in as good a condition as possible.

2) Animal cleanliness- Your animals should be as clean as you can make them. This will increase the value of your shorn fleece. Commonly, alpacas are cleaned by using a high-speed blower, such as a Circuiteer II. A quick 5 min. blow of each animal will do wonders for your fleece. In my opinion a vacuum does not work as well as a blower, and is much slower. Also, to rid the fleece of the dirty tips of each lock a quick comb out with a slicker brush will do the trick. Show fleeces should not be cleaned or blown in any way, other than to carefully hand pick large pieces of debris. Please tell the shearer which fleeces are for showing as they are sheared differently. 3) Sorting Animals- Sort your animals for shearing from light to dark when possible. Do not mix males and females, i.e. light to dark females then light to dark males.

3) Helpers- Helpers are always welcome and needed. A minimum number of helpers, for shearing 1-5 animals only, would be two. More animals mean more helpers needed. For 10-20 animals four to five helpers would be excellent. If you have a large herd (35+) you might consider setting up two shearing stations adjacent to each other, each station with it's own crew. The shearer can work constantly, alternating stations, so there is one animal on the ground being sheared at all times. If this is not practical, one station will suffice; it will just take a bit longer to complete the herd.

4) Things You Will Need-

a) A heavy duty tarp to lay your alpacas down. Minimum size 10x12.

b) Large plastic garbage bags to hold the shorn fleece- clear bags are best (available at Cost-co). You will need three bags for each animal. Blanket fiber in one bag, neck and upper leg in another, then a third bag for the trimmings, ends and contaminated fiber, This third bag can be used for several alpacas.

f) Broom or blower to clean tarp after each shearing.

g) Towels - for the nervous alpacas that have "accidents" during shearing...this will help keep your fleece clean.

h) Finally, a nearby electrical power source. The shears are electric and draw quite a bit of power, so try not to plug me in to a circuit with an air-conditioner, fridge other heavy electrical consumers.

If you have show fleeces to shear, have on hand the corresponding number of old sheets to carefully wrap and protect your show fleece until you can skirt it later (old sheets at Goodwill cheap).

6) Shearing is strenuous business. Please be prepared to work very hard! It helps to be in reasonable physical condition- I recommend stretching well beforehand- and have plenty of water available for everyone. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes you don't mind getting very dirty.

Each alpaca, as you know, has a different personality; and they will all approach being sheared with different attitudes. Most don't mind too much, some even seem to like it. Some definitely don't like it and will protest mightily. They will all be fine and secretly thankful at how good they feel.

A word about pregnant animals; I would not recommend shearing a female who has just become pregnant. After holding the pregnancy two months or so I feel it is relatively safe to shear them. Animals due very near the shearing date are problematic. I have shorn many alpacas on their due date with no deleterious effects. Conversely, I have heard of late term pregnancies being aborted after shearing. Heat stress is real and prolonged. Shearing them only takes 15 min. and in my opinion is far less stress than the heat. So as an owner it's your call to make. If the shearer you are using takes over 15 minutes or so to get an animal shorn think hard about letting that person shear your late term pregnant females.

If an alpaca becomes severely stressed for whatever reason get that animal off the tarp to a safe place. I'm thinking here of shearers who take 45 minutes to shear an alpaca. Alpacas have died on the tarp from stress and ill health.

Herd Health on Shearing Day, by Sandy Wallace

So, as you are preparing for your own shearing, I thought I 'd let you in on the Herd Health tasks we take care of on shearing day.

1. You may know that alpacas get ear ticks. They don't really get ticks on their blankets, but the buggers love to hang out in their ears, and the alpacas will shake their heads or walk around with one ear down, and be uncomfortable. It can result in a facial paralysis if not treated. That's why I'm always alert and looking for alpacas that shake their heads or have an ear down. We treat it with Catron IV (a permethrin spray) or other brands of permethrin. On shearing day, EVERYONE gets their ears sprayed!! You could do it when they are stretched out on the mat, but we always do it after they are up again. Alpacas hate to have their ears handled, but I have sort of taught mine that I am rubbing and scratching their itchy ears, and they like that. So, first I gently/firmly massage the base of their ears to relax them, then I spray and work the medicine down into the ear. I actually do it twice in each ear.
2. Alpacas can get lice that are "species specific". We dust our alpacas on their top line with Sevin rose dust after they are shorn, to prevent this. We wear disposable gloves and lightly rub it around their backs.
3. Mites. Mites are the curse of alpacas—probably all alpacas have mites, but some get very allergic to mites and develop a crusting, itchy skin eruption especially around the feet, around the ears, and under the tail, but also they can develop it under their blankets. It's miserable. These mites live primarily on the feet and between the toes. Every alpaca has their feet sprayed with Fipronil Spray (that's the stuff in FrontLine that you put on your dog). We spray the feet while the alpaca is stretched on the mat before or after shearing. We also trim their toenails while they are stretched out.
4. Fighting teeth. Have your shearer check each male for fighting teeth. If they are getting long, your shearer is probably prepared to cut them back. They often use piano wire to do it.
5. Be sure to have your shearer trim and shape your alpaca's head fleece. Some shearers charge extra to do this, but it is worth it so that you don't have to chase down your alpaca and fight with them to trim their coiffure! Our shearer does it automatically. In general, adult huacayas should be trimmed so that they have a "clean" face—not the big bubble head look that we sometimes keep for the juvenile boys going to shows. So we shave back the cheeks, and trim the topknot back (but we don't cut it off!!). Just a summer trim! For suris, I like a fairly clean face and I especially want them to not have hair in their eyes!!
6. Legs: It's up to you whether you want your shearer to shave the legs all the way, or if you want the leg hair shaped into a "stovepipe" contour. Folks who live in hot summer areas (the Central Valley), or those whose alpacas live in areas full of weeds and foxtails and burrs, shave them all the way back. I prefer the stovepipe look for ours.
7. "If you're born, you're shorn". Everyone gets shorn on shearing day.

Supplies:

Fipronil Spray

Catron IV

Stiptic powder to stop bleeding (like if you cut the toenails back too far...)

Sevin Dust

Disposable gloves

Plastic trash bags for fleece—Adult huacayas often need a 33 gal bag for the blanket, and a second for the neck and leg fleece.

Labels for the fleece bags. And a magic marker.

A broom to sweep off pad in between alpacas

A strong contractor trash bag for trash.

A halter or 2 for moving alpacas around.

Happy Shearing!!

List of potential shearers as of Jan 2025

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Tommie's Corner

by Tommie Smith

■ ■ FROM MY PERSPECTIVE

I have a small ranch that doesn't have great infrastructure for farm tours and other agribusiness activities. I don't even have a farm store-yet! So when I got a call from a fellow alpaca rancher who asked if I could take over a wedding contract she was unable to fulfill due to an injury, I was skeptical but curious. I had never taken any of my alpacas to an event other than alpaca shows, so it was an interesting opportunity to see how they (and I) would do in a more public event. I chose Poppy and Autumn, two yearling females, as the "wedding guests" because of their easy-going personalities and I figured they were most likely to tolerate people touching them and posing for photos. Poppy is a suri and Autumn is a huacaya, which I thought would be a nice talking point with people who were curious about them. Then I recruited a friend to help. My policy is one handler for each alpaca.



When we got there, we were met by the event organizer who showed us a nice, shady spot under a tree – and right in the middle of all the proceedings of the day. Staff at the venue and people involved with planning the wedding started to show up and hang out with Poppy and Autumn from the minute we arrived.

A couple of them were even told by management to get back to work. The florist showed up with flower wreaths for the alpacas to wear which made them feel official.

Soon the wedding guests began arriving. Most stopped by for a while to hang out with the alpacas and take selfies. Then everyone settled into their seats for the ceremony. We were immediately adjacent to some of the seats. If you've spent much time around alpacas, you know they "talk" by humming. Well, Poppy and Autumn decided to join in the conversation and were humming along with the officiant! Most people thought it was pretty funny, though it did complicate the auditory experience for those sitting nearby. Lesson learned: Make sure the alpacas don't upstage the main event!



Who knew that there are people who just love alpacas and want to include them on their special day? When I first heard of this it came as quite a surprise. But now that we've done a few, I get it! It really does add a lovely element to the day. Many of the guests have never seen a live alpaca before and are so excited to snap selfies. We provide small bags of alpaca pellets for people to feed them. It's fun to see both kids and adults thrilled to have an alpaca eating from their hands. They do tend to be a big hit.

So, what's it like from my perspective? Even though we're usually at the venue only 3-4 hours including set up and break down, it's a very full day. I start early in the morning doing my best to clean up whoever is going so they're presentable. That can take a while, depending on the time of year and the condition of our pastures at the time. Do they then stand around and stay nice and clean? No!! They roll in the dirt, get hay caught in their fleece, get little poop pellets stuck to their back legs, get spit on, and just about any other cleanliness disaster you can imagine. It definitely doesn't work to groom them the day before. Ask me how I know. I have suris and I often take a couple of youngsters, usually 8 or 9 months to a year and a half or so, who haven't been shorn yet. Their cria fleece is like Velcro, grabbing and holding any piece of trash they encounter – which is a lot! Shorn fleece is much easier to clean but most who are shorn are adult females who are usually pregnant and/or have a nursing cria. As adorable as it would be to have a cria tagging along, that's just not ok. I find it interesting how different the alpacas' personalities are. Some would absolutely hate an event like that, others don't mind and a rare few even seem to enjoy it. Apollonia was a big fan of going out to greet people, but she's now pregnant. She doesn't get to see people unless they come here, but she's still the ranch ambassador.

So I start early in the morning cleaning and prepping the alpacas, making sure the trailer is ready, loading up the panels we use for a temporary fence. I gather up a day's supply of hay, a water bucket, nice show halters and leads, the regular halters and leads we'll use for transporting in case they somehow get dragged in fresh poop, baskets full of little bags of food treats. And costumes! I have little black bow ties for them to wear if that's desired. Yeah, it's pretty cute.

I've been very fortunate to have my friend Mia, whom I hire for the day to help. She works with me most weekends so she and the alpacas know each other well. And she's younger and stronger than I am, which is very helpful!

We load up and travel to wherever the venue happens to be, arriving about an hour before we're to greet guests. Once there we check in, find where we're to be stationed and where to park. Each venue is completely different and has its own challenges. For some inexplicable reason, much of the world just isn't set up for alpacas. Then we unload and set up the pen, hay and water and bring in the alpacas. Hopefully they haven't pooped in the trailer and then sat in it. (Don't laugh. This has happened!) Then Mia and I take turns changing into our clean "event" clothes, often in the back of the trailer, and I go park the truck and trailer. Sometimes the bride and groom will come first with photographer for photos with the alpacas before guests arrive. Other times, we have to wait until after the ceremony to greet guests during the cocktail hour and, finally, get photos with the alpacas. We're kept busy answering questions about all things alpaca.



Once everyone goes off to dinner and dancing, we reverse the process – go get the truck and trailer, load the alpacas (who are usually feeling really done with the stress of meeting strange people and want to get back home to their herd), load up the panels, hay and whatever equipment we have there. Clean up any mess we've made and drive home. It's usually pretty late when we get home as most weddings are in the afternoon/evening. We unload the alpacas, unload the truck and finally get some dinner, unless we've driven pretty far and/or it's late. Then we'll grab dinner on the road or we will have brought sandwiches

I've learned a few things and continue to learn more each time. If the venue is nearby, I find that it's worth it to go check it out in advance. When I ask about the parking situation, I'm usually talking to someone who has never tried to navigate a truck and trailer in a tight spot. Their information is often missing a few key observations that can mean trouble for me if I show up unprepared. I ask for a grassy area with shade, that hasn't been treated with chemicals, to set up alpacas, and find out how close the nearest water source will be in case we need to bring our own water.

If you're considering doing this, make sure to budget and charge appropriately. Be sure to include the time and expense of travel, including your helper. Don't underestimate your own time preparing alpacas, loading equipment and supplies, then unloading once you're back home. And remember to bring business cards or flyers to hand out to guests who just might want alpacas at their special events.

It's a lot of work and a long day, but it's so fun to see the delight on people's faces. And the bride and groom are super happy to have alpacas in some of their wedding photos. The feedback we get always makes it feel worth it. I even had a recent visit from a couple whose wedding we attended last year. They had chosen to spend their first anniversary coming out to see "their" alpacas.

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