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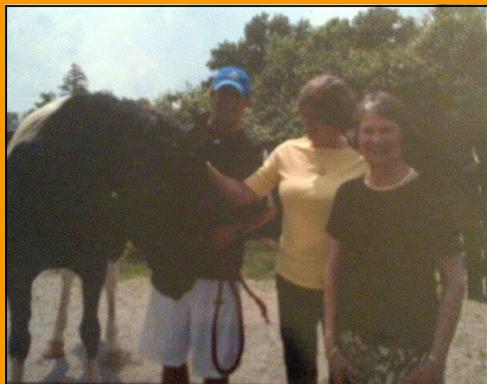
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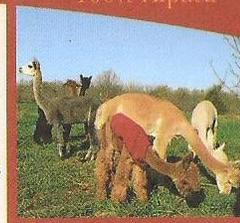
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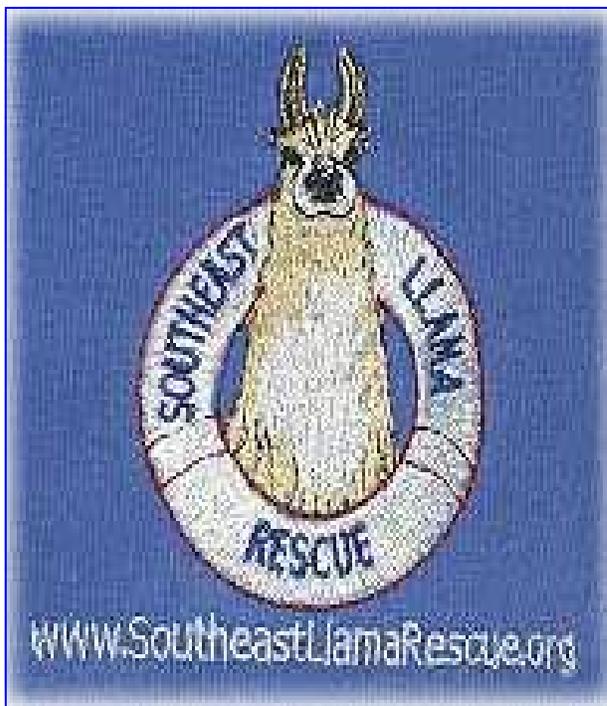
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The Missouri State Fair
Llama Show
August 19th.
Sedalia Missouri

The Llama show at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia Missouri is scheduled for 3 p.m. in the Donnelly Arena. This year we will begin with sub-junior obstacle, that will be followed by novice obstacle then open obstacle class. The costume class will follow with the halter class after that.

This year the show will be sanctioned by ILR. The judge will be Nick Hauptly from Iowa. The last two years the weather was not too hot and quite pleasant, hopefully this year will be the same.

Check-in time will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday the 18th., and ends at 10 a.m. on Weds., the day of the show.

There will be a meeting of the Missouri Llama Association members at the fair, the time and place will be announced in the next newsletter, also an e-mail will be sent to all members for a reminder. This will be a great way to enjoy the fair, see the Llama show and attend a meeting of our members. Please plan to attend.

Note from the Editor



Wowí í í í í ..Itø been long , long winter some of us have taken time to put a halter on a Llama and take it for a walk or a hike, some have hitched up their Llama (s) to a cart with sleigh runners and enjoyed a little winter fun that way. Others of us have chosen to wait the winter out for the spring summer, and fall Llama activities. There are plenty of opportunities to take our Llamas out to local events

and õshow offö our Llamas. Just because itø not a Llama event doesnø mean that you canø take your Llama (unless it happens to be an indoor activity). If people can take their dogs then you should be able to take your well behaved Llama, you will be the main attraction there without a doubt. You never know, you may get some other õfolksö interested in Llamas.

There are plenty of parades and home town events that would probably love to have you and your Llama attend if you just ask. If youøve never taken your Llama to an event like that be ready to answer a lot of questions and have your picture taken many, many times. Be prepared to have people afraid that they will be spit on. It is your job as a Llama owner to educate these people on the behavior of Llamas especially on the spitting part. By the way if you do have a Llama that you think may spit they do make spit masks for Llamas. Most people know this but some do not. I always tell people when they ask me if õtheyö spit that they wonø spit on you if you donø spit on them first.

The first weekend of May is the Ozark Llama Classic (OLC), it is one of the best Llama auctions and shows of the year. It is at the Missouri State Fair grounds in Sedalia Missouri.

August 13th., is the parade the first day of the Missouri State Fair.

August 19th., is the Llama show at the Missouri State Fair.

If you do not wish to participate in either of the above shows please come out and enjoy the show (s). We of course, would rather you bring a Llama or two or three and participate.

Regardless of how you enjoy Llamas this year please do just thatí í í í ..*Enjoy them.*

Also, if you would like to have some kind of a Llama event in your area please let other members of the Missouri Llama Association know and we will do what we can do to help with your event. It makes no sense to have a Llama Association if we donø make use of it.



Fiber Article

*By Zelma Clevealand
Missouri Llama Association*

Fiber Wanderingsí í .

Welcome Spring! Take a good look at your fluffy friends out in the pasture. Isn't it time you took advantage of all that gorgeous, fiber? It's spring and with spring comes shearing and an accumulation of more fiber! You can't claim you are trying to insulate your barn forever! Now is the time to take stock of this valuable commodity and start using it to pay some of your expenses. Did I mention you will probably enjoy working with this fiber, too!

Fiber opportunities increase every year right in our own back yard. You need to step away from the television and start reading, networking, taking classes, etc to learn everything you can about your llama fiber. To begin with, check out the website : icinfo.org and click on fiber! A few years ago the Camelid Community spent considerable effort to produce materials to get you started on this journey.

The annual Fiber Retreat in Jefferson City just ended and I sent your editor pictures of some of the classes and the vendors. Over 150 people attend this event annually. There are speakers, vendors, classes, and a gallery to suit all levels of interest in fiber. If you go online, I'll bet you can find some more pictures. This isn't all ladies, either. Lots of the fellows have discovered the fiber and love all the equipment involved! www.Mofiberretreat.com

The next event will be April 25 in Chillicothe, MO: [The All Missouri Spin In 2015](http://TheAllMissouriSpinIn2015.com) (Have Wheel: Will Travel). This is a traveling event that we are proud to host this year. A whole day of spinning, classes, vendors, a fashion show, a private treaty sale and plenty of networking. There will be a lot of fiber equipment ó new and used ó for sale. Check out the website: Missourispin2015.com or ask questions on the [facebook group : All Missouri Spin In 2015](https://www.facebook.com/groups/allmissourispin2015). This is a public group and you will see classes being offered, vendors, and some of the other things we are doing. Event at the Livingston County Fairgrounds on Route 190 northwest of town.

Later, you still have a chance to sign up for classes at [Fiber U \(July 18-19\)](http://FiberU.com) which is held in Lebanon, MO. Class sign up has begun and some classes are already filled! This gathering is sponsored by MOPACA. Lots more classes, marketing ideas and even classes to learn to tie fishing flies with your fiber! Information is on the website www.mopaca.org or you can call 417-533-5280 to register.

If you are already a spinner or use the fiber in knitted, felted, crocheted items, you may want to check out the [Missouri State Fair competitions](#) through the Home Economics Department. There are some nice premiums you could take home for your efforts. The llama association sponsors a llama yarn class and other fiber enthusiasts also sponsor classes in natural fibers. For more information on these competitions, contact me at zkllamas@aol.com Generally, you can start your items as soon as you know the class criteria. You enter through the fair in July and then send items to be judged and on display in early August. This can get your farm name out there as well as your fiber.

Suddenly it is fall, and the festivals continue: September 18-19 [Fiber Daze in Southwest Missouri](#). This event is in Mt. Vernon. ó classes, fiber, vendors. Info at www.fiberfolksofswmo.com

[Lake Fiber Arts Festival](#) ó 10th Anniversary in Camdenton, MO. www.lakefiberarts.com. Displays, demonstrations, vendors, fiber art displays.

Love to travel? Consider a jaunt to the north to Canada. [Fibre Week](#) is June 19-26 and it is a week full of fun and classes on the beautiful Olds College Campus just north of Calgary. I am headed that way to finish Level 6 of the Master Spinners Program. What a fun, challenging way to learn more about spinning that I even had imagined! Check out their information at www.oldscollege.ca/fibreweek. They have many levels of other interesting classes and some of the friendliest people you will ever meet.

In between all the festivals and classes, our Fiber Gals are still meeting every month to learn more fiber skills and share with each other. Isn't it time you explored the fiber side of your llamas?



Above: Ice Dyeing class at Fiber Retreat 2015.



Middle: Bruce DeMurio uses Llama rovings to make felted rugs.



Right: Vendor Mall at Fiber Retreat 2015.

Friends on Face Book 1

Missouri Llama Association Members, please remember, we have our own Facebook page, please feel free to post anything Llama or fiber related.



Top Left: Two Great Pyrenees Abby & Badger of Twin Lakes Llamas in Monroe Michigan have an audience while playing.

Above Right: Judy Soule of Oshkosh Nebraska and Chato Man out for a drive.



ōCountö is outside and waiting to direct you to our Farm!



Above Left: Daz and ribbon boy Reid at JNK Llama Farm in Bellingham Washington.

Above Right: öCountö tied to the mailbox outside Long Island Livestock Company.

Midwest Camelid Community Jamboree Set for September

Though Camelid Community's "Fiber as Business" conference last August was a huge success (and we will be repeating it elsewhere), all the fiber conferences and festivals in the world won't solve the major problem in the camelid industry today—the fact that we just aren't growing our industry and getting enough new people into llamas and alpacas to insure that our industry's future is strong and vibrant. The Camelid Community Jamboree September 19-20 at the Pierce County Fairgrounds is designed to attract and educate potential and new owners while helping to energize those of us already committed to the industry. Following is an outline of the basic content and intent of the Camelid Community Jamboree format:

What will be happening: We want to cover the wide spectrum of camelid uses as well as everything new and potential owners need to know or think about in buying and caring for llamas and alpacas. Short, 45-minute free classes will be repeated throughout the weekend—training and handling, feeding and nutrition, shelter and fencing, generating income with the fiber, uses such as therapy, packing, guardians, etc. Demonstrations, too, will run on a continuous basis (some of them interactive), including all types and levels of fiber demos as well as hands on animal demos for shearing, nail trimming, body scoring, etc. An obstacle course for the public will be staffed by 4-Hers and their leaders throughout the weekend, and we will have participants from the Running of the Llamas with their racing llamas and alpacas. We want to show people what they can do with both llamas and alpacas besides use them for fiber, and we also want to stress they can use their animals—fiber no matter what else they do with them. The emphasis is on family friendly camelids as versatile and fun fiber producers.

We are also planning several advanced fiber classes—with fees and pre-registration—to attract those already into fiber and who may or may not have animals. It's also a great opportunity for them to buy camelid fiber in all forms.

Vendors will offer a wide range of fiber and fiber products for sale as well as other camelid related items and services. Besides being a good marketing opportunity for vendors and mills, it also demonstrates to potential new camelid owners what they can do to generate an income flow from their animals. In addition, exhibitors may have animals on display or for sale, and organizations may have booths and displays to educate both current and future camelid owners as well as the general public. (We will have activities and advertising to encourage the general public to come and learn about camelids while having fun with the animals themselves and with their fiber.)

Who will be helping: With a strong emphasis on youth at the Jamboree, we want to involve 4-Hers as active participants in every area and at every level possible—obstacle course, demonstrations, classes, etc. They should also feel free to attend any of the classes and training sessions they feel would benefit them. We will need to depend on volunteers to help with the bulk of the Jamboree—individual llama and alpaca owners, members of regional alpaca and llama organizations, area fiber guild members, llama and alpaca groupies (and we have many in the Mpls./St. Paul metro area). We already have national and regional support for this first Jamboree from several organizations, and others have indicated interest in getting on board as well. Some individuals from these organizations have committed to attending the Jamboree—on their own dime—to teach classes and training sessions as well as help wherever needed. We are hoping to have as much help as possible from Midwest Llama Association members, too, since this first Jamboree is right in our own backyard.

Major expenses: We want to make the Jamboree as self funding as possible but are not treating it as a money-making event. Camelid Community is now registered as a 501(c)3 with the IRS and as such must account for all income and outgo. Camelid Community's intent is to put incoming monies back into the industry through educational events and activities, trying to keep each activity as self funding as possible. Camelid Community has no paid staff and is made up totally of volunteers. Following are the major expense areas for September's Jamboree:

#Fairground rental, additional costs for electricity, garbage disposal, cleanup, etc.

#Insurance

#Panel rental

#Partial compensation for two expert, big-name speakers/trainers

#Publicity will involve a major effort with news releases, stories and ads to attract our primary audience as well as secondary audiences within a designated radius of the event.

#Printing will include map, program and schedule for everyone entering the fairgrounds, as well as fact sheets, simple brochures and other handouts for classes and demos. People should leave with all the info in hand that they need to start their camelid adventures. Also for badges/name tags for staff and workers.

#Supplies for classes, demos, obstacle course, etc.

#Signage on the grounds as well as in the area.

#Donations to 4-H groups who help with the event.

#Prizes for drawings a major one for each day and several smaller ones.

#Additional areas and items as needed.

More specific details for vendors and exhibitors, along with registration and lodging information, will be provided at a later time, and all MWLA members will automatically receive the information. If you are interested in helping with the Jamboree, or if you know of others who might be interested, please contact either one of us. In addition, please feel free to contact either of us with any questions you may have as well as ideas and suggestions. Our Jamboree committee is organizing subgroups within the overall framework of the event with the intention of creating a workable template for future Jamborees.

We've been talking for a number of years about holding a series of camelid jamboree type events in various regions of the country, and many alpaca and llama owners are enthused that such an event is now coming to fruition. The time is right to create energy and excitement around our camelids and all they can offer to so many.

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Rambo Rides Again

Southeast Llama Rescue - Missouri



Rambo (Left) is an intact male that has gone on four Llama rescue missions now. He has a 75% success rate. His first attempt to rescue two female Llamas was ruined by the elder of the two females that would not let her cria follow Rambo into a barn. The momma Llama literally pushed her cria away each time.

Last week we received two calls from residents in the Ava Missouri area that a Llama was running wild. The Llamas owners house burned down so they decided to just move, they forgot to take their Llama with them. It was reported that he was just roaming around. We called the Douglas County Sheriffs Office to



them at first. It took a few minutes but he just walked into the trailer. As a precaution I used the corral panels to separate them for the trip home.

Confirm this and unfortunately it was all true. They were getting ten calls a day on the poor guy. When we got to the location we found him LOCKED in a pasture with a padlock. We found another way in, I called the sheriffs office to make sure it was ok to take the Llama and they told me to take him. Debra walked Rambo down a dirt road along the outer fence and the Llama walked along side and sometimes ahead of him. By the time they got to where I had the trailer positioned I was ready for them. I had four corral panels to use as a pen but decided not to use



He had a halter on for a long time, it left the usual permanent mark on his nose but it wasn't blistered, his jaws are also rubbed raw as well as the back of his head has a deep indentation. There are no open wounds from the halter. His nails were not overly long so someone had either trimmed them in the recent past or he has kept them worn down.



Left: "Wild Llama" locked in a farmer's field all by himself. Several residents brought him hay but otherwise he was on his own with no shelter. He is very healthy and very alert. He had obviously been without Llama companionship for awhile because he never hesitated following Rambo to the trailer.

Our trip home was about 75 miles, we stopped twice to make sure our two passengers were doing ok. They both laid down when the trailer was moving but as soon as it stopped they were up and looking out to see where we were. When we arrived home we put a lead rope on him, he resisted a little but we were of course strangers to him so we expected him to be afraid of us. He walked off of the trailer and followed wherever we wanted him to go. He leads very well. We left him in the catch pen for the night, that way he was surrounded by Llamas but separated at the same time. The next morning since he was a gelding I let him in with the other Llamas, one female, two intact males, and five geldings. I expected some fighting to get to know each other but I had a big surprise, Ferdinand who was once upon a time a rescue Llama himself and now is a very good carting Llama and who is the most gentle Llama I have ever seen did not like this little guy at all. Ferdinand would not leave him alone, he acted as if he fought violently with this new comer. He did not fight back but he did a minimum to protect himself.



So Ferdinand got to go to live with the two intact males for at least now. The new Llama needed a name so we finally came up with Douglas, he came from Douglas County Missouri so we named him Douglas. Douglas probably isn't the best name in the world but he will eventually go to a "forever home" and will probably be given a better name. He is available to go to a new home. He is a little small but in good health. He is a classic Llama. He walks on a lead rope really well but will NOT make a guard Llama, when we brought him home my dogs came over to sniff him and he never paid them any attention. He should have either gone after them at least gone on alert.

The Working Llama

Kendall & Mambo

By Kendall Lanham



Above: Kendall & Mambo won 7th place out of 37 people.

Hello, my name is Kendall Lanham, I am 16 years old and have been working with my Llama Mambo, for 6 years.

When I was born they noticed a few blisters on my hand and thought that I had just been sucking on it, but when they went to suction out my moth they took all of the skin out of my mouth. They knew something was wrong then so they went to put a hospital band on my ankle and when I kicked, all of the skin came off of my feet. The nurse that had helped deliver me had heard of this thing called Epidermolysis Bullosa so they rushed me to the local childrens hospital. They took a biopsy to confirm the diagnosis. The doctors said that I would never walk or have a normal life and they didnt know if I was going to make it through the night. Sixteen years later here I am having a pretty normal life. I still do dressing changes every other day which take about 5 hours (my legs and arms are covered in bandages to protect the constant wounds).

Like I said before, I have been working with Llamas for 6 years. I have shown Mambo in our local shows and NAILE which takes place in Louisville, Ky., about 15 minutes from where I live.

Working with these animals has helped me mentally and physically. I got Mambo when he was just under a year old, so training him has been difficult because I basically started from the beginning. I have had to help from my parents and other adults to get him to do stuff he didnt want to do because of his size. It has not been easy working with him, he is quite stubborn and knows he is bigger than me, but I feel like we make a good pair.



Above: the first time Kendall worked with Mambo.

Two years I fell and sprained my ankle and my hand hit an obstacle and it ripped all of the skin off. It happened two weeks before our 4H fair so I was worried I wasnt going to be able to show. At the ER the doctor told me that as long as I was up to it and not in too much pain , I could show.

Right: Backing in Showmanship at Naile.

Sadly, the following week I came down with double pneumonia (pneumonia in both lungs). My parents didn't want me to show but I was determined to get through that week because it is what I had trained for all summer. I showed in the 5 shows that we have and made it through all of them and getting reserve champion in one of them.



Working with these animals has helped me to overcome so many things. The first time I ever showed I had no idea what I was doing, I didn't place in anything (but I had fun which was the most important thing). But this past year I placed in 4 out of 5 shows. I have gained strength and confidence by showing Llamas and I believe that anyone with a disability can gain some sort of strength, whatever that may be, when just being around these animals.



Top Left: 2014 4H Showmanship, placed third.

Top Right? Kendall & Mambo won Reserve Champion in Costume.

I would love to thank Abby Ramsey for helping me with him. I got Mambo from her and she has helped me with whatever I needed and answered my questions when it comes to Llamas. I would not be where I am today without her help. She is an amazing person and I feel blessed to know her.

Llamas And Pet Partners

Published by the International Llama Registry

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Llamas can make fabulous therapy animals if selected properly. Pet Partners <http://petpartners.org/> is a national animal therapy organization that evaluates and registers therapy animals. Dogs and cats are the most commonly registered therapy animal, but rabbits, rats, horses, goats, alpacas and llamas can be registered too! In 2009, Nicki Kuklenski re-wrote the evaluation guidelines for Pet Partners to make them more applicable to llamas/alpacas instead of dogs! She has not only been through the evaluator training, but has had registered therapy llamas since 2006. Currently, she has five registered for therapy work.

Some of the changes included: Having to back because of the small quarters and inability for most llamas to turn around in rooms; Accepting petting all over the body, upper legs and near the tail area; Having the ability to safely visit clients is imperative. One wrong move from a llama could seriously hurt someone you are intending to provide therapy to.

Several things should be considered: Llamas under age 2 should never be on a visit. Taking a baby on a visit is like expecting a toddler to behave. They are too unpredictable most of the time; Bottle fed llamas should not be utilized for therapy work because of their unpredictable behaviors; Llamas who cannot be trusted 100% to be predictable in their behavior shouldn't be used; Llamas who do not have control of their potty habits cannot be registered. There are no diapers approved for therapy work.

Pet Partners has recently highlighted the work of JNK Llama Farm in Bellingham, Washington and one of the youth handlers there. They have also focused on another Washington state teen team.

On October 24th Niki Kuklenski and Drew Hartley with their two Complex registered therapy llamas, NH Flight of the Eagle (aka Flight) and JNK Normandie's Gevalia (aka Gevalia) were all invited to Pet Partners' headquarters in Bellevus, Washington. The purpose of this trip was to present to the staff and board of directors about the process to train and utilize a llama for therapy work. Drew Hartley, who is a current 4-H member and ILR-SD Youth member, presented his 4-H public presentation on "Selecting, training, evaluating and registering a Therapy Llama". Niki and Drew answered many questions about llamas, therapy work with them and how to handle the public and llamas safely. Both llamas were taken up a flight of stairs to the boardroom prior to meet and greet a group of about 30 enthusiastic animal lovers. Both girls handed out kisses and stood quietly for interactions with the various attendees. Drew, who had turned 16 the day prior, was complimented by several of the members of the audience on his maturity and ability to present. The CEO of Pet Partners is using a picture of herself hugging Flight as one of her Facebook profile pictures now.

Recently, the CEO of Pet Partners released her year end summation video with her vision for 2015 for the organization. In her video she featured two pictures of Marisco (owned by JNK Llamas) who is a Complex rated therapy llama and ILR-SD/ALSA Halter Champion. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kM9Upqi66U&feature=youtube>
The most recent issue of Pet Partners' national magazine Interactions, featured a picture of JNK Cayetano (owned by JNK Llama Farm). A young classic male who is Complex rated for

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therapy work and owned by JNK Llamas. <http://petpartners.org/document.doc?id=1572>. In the Summer of 2014 Kaylee Davidson and her 4-H llama, Comet, were prominently featured on the cover of Interactions with a nice article on her team and Niki Kuklenski. <http://petpartners.org/document.doc?id=1572>. Therapy work with llamas can be very rewarding and provide a lot of comfort and positive public relations on llamas. Individuals interested in learning more about the process of being evaluated or training a llama/alpaca for therapy work may contact Niki Kuklenski (jnkllamas@nas.com) directly or Pet Partners. Drew Hartley (outofbounds77@gmail.com) is happy to answer questions that potential youth teams may have.

THE THERAPY LLAMAS



Above: Niki Kuklenski and one of her Therapy Llamas (Marisco) visit at the nursing home. Below: NH Flight of the Eagle (Flight) with her owner and with a camper at Camp Corey. Flight was the first female therapy Llama they had registered.



Biography

Niki Kuklenski and her husband Jeff are very involved with all aspects of owning llamas. She is a 4-H leader, high school substitute teacher, ILR Classic Focus Group member and VP for Llama Rescuenet. Niki and Jeff drive, show, pack and educate with their llamas. Niki's passion is llama history and memorabilia. She spends most of her free time tracking down old pictures and llama owners to help preserve our industry's history.

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<https://www.facebook.com/therapyllamas/timeline>

<http://www.jnkllamas.com/pet-partners-registered-therapy-llamas.html>

Our Friends on Facebook 2



Above Left: Chato Man owned by Judy Soule of Oshkosh Nebraska, she drives him in competitions and also of course around town.

Above Center: Wunsapana Farms - Llamas of Altamont, Ny., pride and joy Aslan (PHBOYOHBOY! X CMM Chocolate Chip Surprise). At the 2014 BIG E Llama Show he won Grand Champion Heavy Wool Male, Best in Show Male, and Best Bred and Owned!

Above Right: Moose Hill's Speckletush owned by Cathie Kindler, eight year old Kiah Weber was visiting from Alabama.

Below Right: Karen Brant of Twin Lakes of Monroe Michigan with her Llama Twin Lakes Hidden Treasure. They just came back from a brisk walk this winter (2014-2015).



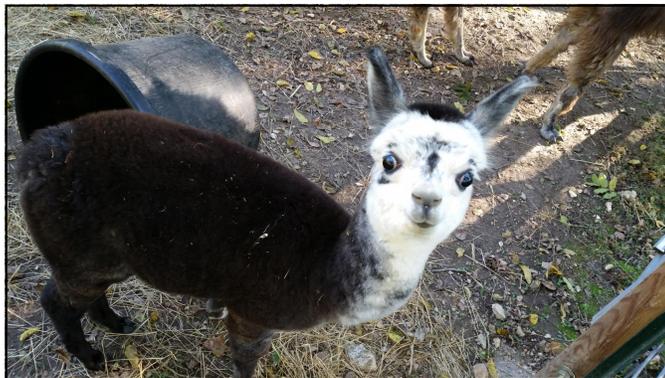
Bryson, grand son of Leslie Lane of Leslie Lane Llamas with his Llama Storme, Bryson is 3 yrs old participating in sub-junior classes at San Angelo Llama Show.



Above Left: Birthday party for Alexia Paloma of Abilene Texas, she is on the left. She raises alpacas, mini donkeys and horses. The young lady on the right is Lauren Walser, friend of Jessica Papp-Mueller (owner of Larry the Llama), she is learning to drive Llamas to assist in Llama Activities such as birthday parties. Picture taken by Jessica.

Wier World Llamas & Alpacas are Safe

Late last fall Julie Wier of World Wier Llamas & Alpacas in Wildwood Missouri was threatened by the city of Wildwood, she was told she had to get rid of her alpacas & Llamas because she had less than five acres of land. If she had horses it would be ok, but not alpacas & Llamas. Julie fought it, petitions were signed, and people called city hall, the city has made a decision. The city is putting alpacas & Llamas in the same category with equine. Many people come by on a daily to see the alpacas and Llamas. Many are comforted by just seeing them out there, some bring a carrot or two to make a friend or two while visiting.



Recipes



Left:
Watermelon
Pirate Ship.
No recipe
necessary.
Ingredients:
Watermelon
Blue berries
Cantaloupe
Carrots
Blueberry
Jello and
anything else
You want.



Natural tick deterrent for human usage - 1 part tea tree oil to 2 parts water in a spray bottle. Spray it on shoes, socks or pant cuffs. This is good to know!

Upcoming Events

- May 1st, 2nd & 3rd Ozarks Llama Classic Sale and Show at the Missouri State Fair Grounds.
- July 18-19 Fiber U at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon Missouri.
- July 19-20 Midwest Camelid Community Jamboree at the Pierce County Fair grounds. See page 14 of this newsletter.
- August 19th ILR sanctioned Llama show at the Missouri State Fare.
Show starts at 3:00pm



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We have books and VHS tapes in the library on a variety of subjects ó health, fiber, training, new owners, etc. Complete information on available materials on the Missouri Llama Association Website: www.missouriLlamaassociation.org

If you have books, tapes, CDø etc. pertaining to llamas or fiber that you are no longer using, your Missouri Llama Association library would appreciate your donation to help others learn more about llamas!

BOOKS:

Stop Spitting At Your Brother Diane White Crane
Llamas For Love And Money Rosana Hart
So You Share Your Life With A Llama (2) Susan Peterson
A Guide To Raising Llamas Gail Birutta
Living With Llamas Rosana Hart
Llamas Are The Ultimate Doyle Markham
Medicine And Surgery Of SA Camelids Murray E. Fowler DVM
Llama/A Veterinary Lama Field Manual C. Norm Evans DVM
Spinning Llama And Alpaca Chris Switzer
Caring For Llamas Clare Hoffman DVM

"Spin Off" Magazines (5)

VIDEOS (VHS):

The Mallon Method, The First 24 Hours
The Mallon Method, Halter Training Basics
Llama Reproduction Part I La Rue Johnson DVM
Llama Reproduction Part II "
Getting Started With Team Marty McGee Bennett American Royal Llama Show 1997
Llama Biosensor
Training Llamas to Drive (2) - Bobra Goldsmith
2000 MLAø Spring Seminar
Llama Biosensor (2) CDø
Alpaca Field Vet Manual C. Norm Evans DVM
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