



# 'Paca Parade

## January 2010

### Alpaca Breeders of the Rockies

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President's Message

Kim Sawyer

Tapstry Farm Alpacas

Hello ABR!

Wow...where has the year gone? It's been a year since I assumed the role as the President for ABR and I'm pleased to be able to say that we've accomplished some things – increased communication to the members with Hello ABR, the ABR Strategy and restructure of the BOD and new evolving agendas for the quarterly member meetings. We have dealt with the challenge of the economy and the budget, an item that we will continue to monitor closely through the coming year. The work we've accomplished in 2009 are the building blocks for our endeavors in 2010. Endeavors that I hope more ABR members will be interested in supporting with their time and knowledge.

ABR is also celebrating its second year at National Western Stock Show exhibiting a new livestock model. Being part of the livestock industry means opening new doors that involve many topics: End Product Development, EPDs, understanding the role AI or ET could play in our development of higher quality fiber across our national herd and much more. ABR will be supporting our members in our role as livestock breeders by making inroads with FFA (started

in 2009 at the FFA Colorado Convention) and other livestock organizations starting this year.

In addition to all this will be new education programs and mediums, Youth programs, new marketing approaches and support, and increased focus on fiber.

I'm very excited as we enter into the New Year and what we can all accomplish together. I hope you're as excited as me to get involved!

Till next time... Kim



Kim Sawyer President of Alpaca Breeders of the Rockies

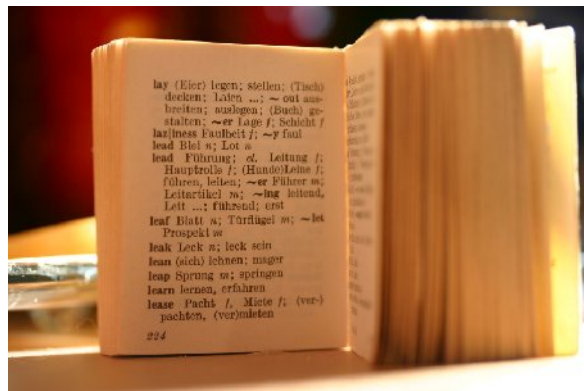
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## National Western Stock Show



The second annual Alpacas at the National Western Stock Show was held January 9 and 10, 2010! We sold the 127 stalls that were given to us by NW and had 144 huacayas and 25 suris to sign up for the Halter Show and 114 in the Performance Classes. Sharon Loner, Mile High Alpacas, and Sara Jane MacLennan, Dundee Farm Alpacas, were our judges and did a great job! We had a great time and spoke with lots of people. Thanks to our sponsors, Ron and Beth Blonder, Red Creek Ranch Alpacas; Francis and Vicki Horn, North Platte Alpacas, and Leanne and Richard NaKashima, Eldora Suri Alpacas. Also, thanks to all of

the ABR members who supported the Alpacas at the Stock Show for 2010. If you would like to help plan this show for 2011, please contact Becky Zierer, [lzbalpacas@aol.com](mailto:lzbalpacas@aol.com).



## Education

The survey sent out to ABR members received 45 responses with the greatest interest in attending a nutrition seminar and fiber grading and sorting clinics. Patty Jensen will be contacting Dr. Robert Van Saun to invite him to come to Denver this coming fall. We had interest from several ABR members in joining the committee and are looking forward to getting the new group up to speed on the goals and strategy for 2010 and beyond. We are asking local veterinarians to contribute articles on current health issues and common questions for each edition of the Paca Parade. If your veterinarian would like to submit an article, please contact the education committee. ABR will host another Parasitology Clinic at CSU on Saturday, July 10th. The 2009 clinic was well attended and a wealth of information! There was little interest in neonatal clinics for 2010 so we will be postponing the clinic we have offered each spring. Stay tuned for the complete 2010 Education Schedule coming soon and be ready to sign up for fiber grading and sorting clinics!



## Great Western Alpaca Show 2010

The Great Western Alpaca Show 2010 on-line registration for early bird prices on the stalls will go live on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 6 PM MST! 2009 was another great year for GWAS and we hope to equal that this year. The dates will be April 30, May 1 and 2, 2010. Information is being added to the website daily so please check back frequently.

ABR is blessed with wonderful

volunteers who are the reasons why GWAS is the best show! If you are interested in being a part of that team for 2010, please contact Becky Zierer, [lzbalpacas@aol.com](mailto:lzbalpacas@aol.com). We know we will need a Hospitality Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator and Photography/Art Show Superintendent!! Please contact me if you are interested in any of those positions and I will send you the position descriptions! Join the GWAS 2010 Team!!

## ABR Membership Drive Don't Miss Out!

The 2010 Membership drive is still underway . It's a great value with NO increase in dues again this year.

Membership Deadline to have your farm featured in the 2010 Farm Guide is January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 . Don't delay any longer .

Membership packets were sent out (via USPS) to the entire membership in November. An additional 100 packets were sent out to previous members and contacts.

If you DID NOT get your packet simply go to the ABR website and download the form at: <http://alpacabreeders.org/docs/ABR-membership-2010.pdf> Fill it out and mail it in with your check.

### OR

To Join Online: go to <http://alpacabreeders.org/joinabr.html> and pay with your Credit Card. Read the page and click on "Online Application" under "Join/Renew Now!"

Do you need a membership list e-mailed to you? Have a questions on joining ABR in 2010? Contact Ron Hinds and he will be glad to help you out

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### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

#### Farm Members

- Eligible to vote with one vote per Farm
- May attend all meetings and functions of ABR
- Receive all correspondence and ABR newsletters by e-mail
- May advertise alpacas, services and products for sale in ABR newsletter
- Listed in ABR Membership Directory.\*
- Will be listed on ABR Web Site
- May display fliers, sales sheets, business cards, etc. at membership meetings
- Eligible for discounts at selected ABR sponsored events.
- Eligible to be listed in the Annual Fiber Resource Directory.\*
- Farm Events listed on ABR Web Site's Calendar of Events
- Eligible to chair an ABR Committee
- Eligible to be a candidate for the ABR Board of Directors
- Receive Membership Directory.
- Access to current Membership listing.

## Put Your Farm on the Map !



#### Business Members

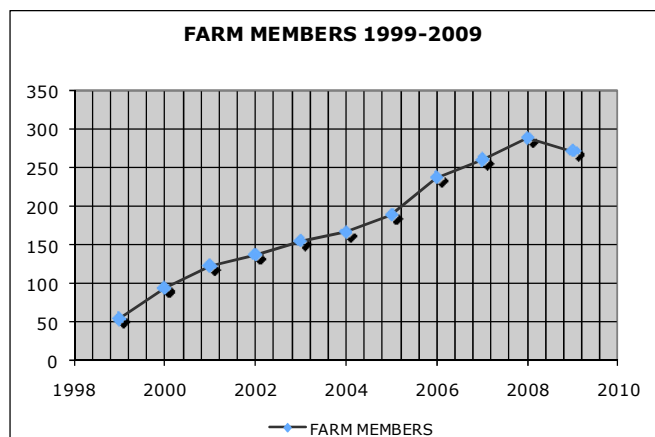
- May attend all meetings and functions of ABR
- Receive all correspondence and ABR newsletters by e-mail
- May advertise Business services only in ABR newsletter – but not selling alpacas
- Listed in ABR Membership Directory
- Eligible for vendor space discounts at selected ABR events
- Receive Membership Directory

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\* Requires membership by Jan. 15th of each year

#### Associate Members

- May attend all meetings and functions of ABR



## **Alpaca Breeders of the Rockies**

### **Quarterly Membership Meeting**

**February 7, 2010**

**Embassy Suites**

**9:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

### **General Meeting – 9:30am Start**

Welcome Kim Sawyer

Introduction of new Members/Guests Julie Averch

Morning Topic – AOBA Youth Association (AYA) and ABR Youth Program.  
Member forum for bulletins

Events not sales – please submit your events to Kim Sawyer before the meeting

### **NAIS Update – 10:00am**

Update on Premises ID and Animal ID from Gwen Bosley – Animal ID Coordinator, Division of Animal Industry, Colorado Department of Agriculture. There should be new information from Secretary Vilsack's recent listening sessions and from the ID INFO EXPO in Kansas City in late August that will provide a forum for new information.

### **Networking Brunch – 10:30am to 11:30am**

If you were sorry to miss the Mimosas at the November meeting – don't miss this one!

### **Alpaca and Nutrition**

With Nancy A Irlbeck, PHD - 11:30am until ?

Dr. Irlbeck is the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, College of Agricultural Sciences, Colorado State University Fort Collins

Dr. Irlbeck grew up in Iowa on the family's livestock and grain farm. She was oldest of eight children and took an active role in the livestock care and management until she entered Iowa State University in 1973. After 2 years she left college and, in addition to several other positions, worked for the Soil Conservation Service for four years as a state and federal technician. She returned to Iowa State University in 1981 and received her B.S. in Animal Sciences in 1983.

After receiving her B.S., Dr. Irlbeck accepted a position as an Adjunct Faculty member of Farm Operations in the College of Agriculture at Iowa State University. She served as an academic advisor and instructor from

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1983-1986, while pursuing her M.S. in Ruminant Nutrition under the guidance of Dr. James Russell. During that time she was awarded the University's Student Alumni Association Outstanding Academic Advisor Award and given honorary status in the Farm Operation Club. In 1986, she graduated from Iowa State University with a M.S. in animal nutrition with a thesis title of "Genetic, agronomic and ensiling effects on forage quality of corn whole plant and stover".

In 1986, Dr. Irlbeck began her Ph.D. program in Ruminant Nutrition at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln under the guidance of Dr. Terry Klopfenstein. She served as a research associate and also as a teaching assistant under Dr. Dennis Brink. In September of 1988 she was awarded the Milton E. Mohr Teaching Fellowship and in May 1989, the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award for the College of Agriculture. She graduated with her Ph.D. in 1990 having a dissertation title of "Utilization of corn and sorghum crop residues for growing cattle."

Dr. Irlbeck came to Colorado State University in January 1990 in a temporary teaching position at the Department of Animal Sciences prior to finishing her dissertation. After completing her Ph.D. the summer of 1990, she returned to Colorado State University as an assistant professor. At Colorado State University, she is responsible for teaching AN320 (Animal Nutrition); AN322 (Pet Nutrition); AN300I (Zoo Nutrition); and VM624 (Veterinary Feeds and Feeding). She also teaches components in VM623 (Veterinary Nutrition and Metabolism), as well as guest lectures in others. Dr. Irlbeck serves as an undergraduate and graduate advisor, and is responsible for the College of Agriculture students during PREVIEW, the University's freshman orientation. She has been recognized at the College, University and National levels for her teaching and advising.

Dr. Irlbeck has an active research program emphasizing captive wild animal nutrition and has served as the consulting nutritionist at the Denver Zoo since January 1992. She and her graduate students are developing a zoological browse database that has already received national and international attention.

Dr. Irlbeck is also the owner and inspiration of Aniroonz - "a specialist sheep farm dedicated to the passionate pursuit of beautiful wool and happy sheep! Using the best nutrition and genetics possible, our goals are beautiful sheep and beautiful wool." Excerpt taken from Aniroonz website – [www.aniroonz.com](http://www.aniroonz.com)



Nancy A. Irlbeck

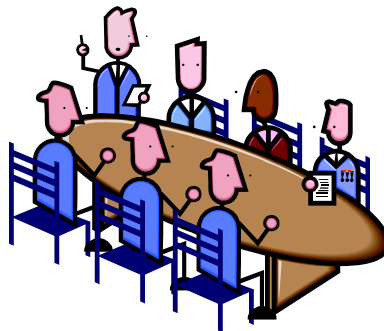
## Marketing

As your new Marketing board member I would like to thank you all for the vote of confidence and thank Tom Costner for all his work and support these last two years. The marketing committee is an active group that is usually 3-6 months ahead of any of the ABR events, so we have been working on the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) and Great Western Alpacas Show (GWAS) for several months now. The NWSS show involves three components, all of which need ABR membership support. The alpaca show on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> will display the banner advertising the 2010 GWAS show. The marketing booth and product booths will need lots of ABR members signing up to staff the booth, as these areas are open the entire show, so please sign up for open slots if you have not already done so. The signup sheet is online this year using Google shared documents. You can go to this link and fill in any slot that is not already taken. [2010 NWSS Signup Sheet](#) In the marketing booth you will be able to hand out your farm brochures and business cards to lots of potential clients, many who are already in the livestock business. You will also be handing out postcards for the 2010 GWAS show. Part of our pitch to the public is that GWAS was the largest alpaca show in the country in 2009, and we intend to repeat this feat in 2010.

I would like to recognize and thank the current members of the marketing committee who have worked so hard the last few years. All ABR members are invited to join this terrific

group. We can always use the help. The Marketing Committee chair is Andrew MacArthur, and the remaining members are: Allison Lynch, Sally Ball, Tim Tobeck, Randy Ridlen, Mike Livingston, and Lucinda Stanley. Please thank them when you see them.

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## Vice President Information

The ABR Vice President position has three key committees under its responsibility.

**The By-laws Review Committee** is a committee that is convened each year to review the ABR By-laws to see if there are any changes that need to be made and to see if they are still viable for a growing not-for-profit organization. This committee will begin the review of the by-laws beginning February 1. If you would like to be on this committee, please e-mail Becky Zierer, [lzbal-pacas@aol.com](mailto:lzbal-pacas@aol.com), to sign up! These meetings will be via conference call. The current ABR By-laws are on ABR's website and can be reviewed by anyone at anytime. If you do have questions or suggestions for a change, please e-mail these to Becky.

### The Government Relations Committee

was created to ensure that ABR and its members are kept up-to-date on any changes that might impact alpacas made by any government (federal, state, local) agency. The current committee consists of Lynn Boak, Wyoming, chairperson; with members Verlene Lee, Denise Haines, Bob Hance, from Colorado; Jon Tecker from Nebraska and Jamie Tharp from Montana. Last year was a building year for this committee with a lot of good brainstorming as how best to serve our members. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Lynn Boak, [lboak@aol.com](mailto:lboak@aol.com), or any of the other committee members. A lot of topics are covered under Government Relations and new committee

members are always welcome!

**The Long Range Planning Committee** was very active a couple of years ago reviewing topics that came out of different surveys. A lot of those same topics were brought forward again during last year's ABR BOD Strategy. We decided that we first needed to build a strategy and then take those issues/projects from the strategy and see what needed to be done now, in the near future and in the long term future. There are a lot of topics that still need to be addressed in our still very young industry. We need a lot of helpers/volunteers to map these out. So if you are interested in having a say in the future of ABR and the alpaca industry, this committee is a place for you!! Please contact Becky Zierer, [lzbal-pacas@aol.com](mailto:lzbal-pacas@aol.com), if you would be interested in serving on this committee.

And I think we need a new name for this Committee!! So e-mail me your best moniker for the Long Range Planning Committee and I will put your name in for a drawing for a free stall at GWAS 2010. You can send in as many suggestions as you want but your name will only be entered once in the drawing. Please have these to me by February 3 and I will announce at February's ABR quarterly meeting who is the winner. A respected panel of members will choose which name best captures the intent of long range planning. Come on!! It'll be fun!!!

## Fiber News

We hope to see many of you at the National Western Stock Show in the next two weeks. We expect ABR's Product Booth to be chock full of spectacular alpaca yarns, rovings, scarves, sweaters.....

Now is the time to start thinking about getting products ready for the Product Booth at GWAS. We will use the same online signup calendar that we used for NWSS. If your products didn't sell at NWSS, don't take those tags off. We'll use the same kind of Inventory Sheet and you will use the same Inventory Numbers for your products.

If you belong to a fiber guild (spinning, knitting, weaving, etc.) or frequent a yarn shop in your area, would you be willing to distribute GWAS Fiber Fiesta flyers at a meeting or store? Do you know the best person in your guild to contact about publicizing the Fiber Fiesta? Contact Barb Ziek (719 495-6693 or [bziek@aol.com](mailto:bziek@aol.com)).

We are looking for volunteers to demonstrate fiber preparation skills (skirting, picking, carding) and fiber crafts (spinning, knitting, crocheting, weaving, needle felting, wet felting, etc.) at the GWAS Fiber Fiesta. If you are interested in doing this or know someone who is skilled in one of these areas, contact Barb Dedecker at 720 733-9294.

We are also looking for experts to teach fiber classes at GWAS as part of the Fiber Fiesta. Barb Dedecker has already arranged for Galina Khmeleva of Skaska Designs, Donna Druchunas, Claire Walker, and Cheri Paxson to teach classes at the Fiber Fiesta. If you know of some-

one fabulous who teaches crocheting, weaving, needle felting or wet felting that you would like to see teach at the Fiber Fiesta, contact Barb Dedecker at 720 733-9294.

It's not too early to start working on your project for the Fiber Arts and Skeins Competition at the GWAS Fiber Fiesta. Fiber arts projects can be spun, knitted, crocheted, woven, wet or dry felted. Barb Dedecker has lined up Galina Khmeleva to judge this competition. Galina will need volunteers to help her as she judges. If you have never helped a judge, you should know that it is a real learning experience and well worth doing! If you'd like to help Galina, contact Barb Dedecker at 720 733-9294.

The ABR Education and Fiber committees are setting up sorting classes with local experts in the field. We hope to offer those classes before shearing season starts!

Please check the members event calendar often as new private classes for grading and sorting are being added as well.

The last **print** version of the ABR Fiber Directory will be available soon. Look for your copy at GWAS or at the Quarterly Meeting. Contact Barb Ziek if you need to have your copied mailed to you. (719 495-6693 or [bziek@aol.com](mailto:bziek@aol.com))

In the future the ABR Fiber Directory will be published online. We are looking for volunteers to work on this project. If you are interested, please contact Barb Ziek (719 495-6693 or [bziek@aol.com](mailto:bziek@aol.com)).

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## Meet CSU's Newest Clinician

Stacey Byers, DVM, MS, Dipl ACVIM

I am originally from Kansas and moved to Washington State to work for the Boeing Company (I was an engineer in my early days). That wasn't as much fun as I thought so I started exploring my options. I worked at a wildlife rehab facility in Seattle and a large animal hospital that did a lot of work with camelids and I got hooked. I went to vet school at Washington State University, did an internship in the agriculture animal section. One of my senior clinicians and several prominent alpaca breeders helped establish a residency program for me funded by several alpaca breeder organizations. The residency focused on camelid medicine and surgery; however, I worked on all livestock that came into the WVSU veterinary teaching hospital. I spent three years in the residency completing my masters and becoming board certified in large animal internal medicine. I finished in July and was lucky to be selected for a faculty position here at Colorado State University. I started at CSU at the end of September.

The position at CSU has been a perfect fit for me since I wanted to be able to work with students, the community, perform research, and especially work on the camelids (in addition to enjoying the outdoor recreational opportunities). Drs. Callan and Holt are added bonuses to the position. The collaborative aspect of working on cases brings a lot of knowledge and ideas for fixing those sick animals. I'd like to contribute to increasing the knowledge about camelid health through research and hands on work. My husband and I have really enjoyed Fort Collins so far and hope to remain here for

many years. We are looking forward to get back into the outdoor activities we enjoy (hiking, bicycling, and skiing) that ended up on hold during my residency.



## Tax Tips

There is a lot going on in Washington this fall. One thing we all should be aware of is that the Section 179 deduction is scheduled to be cut in half in 2010 and to return to its pre-2001 level at the end of 2010. It may never be reenacted at its current level of usefulness.

The tax code overhaul in 2001 resulted in the generous section 179 deduction available currently, which is \$250,000 in 2009 and can be used to offset any actively earned income, as long as you are engaged in an active trade or business. In 2010, the deduction is scheduled to be \$125,000 plus an inflation adjustment. That is, if congress, in its search for tax revenue, doesn't chop it down to pre-2001 levels. For example, in 2000 the deduction was limited to \$24,000 and in 2001 it was \$25,000 for most of the year. Under current law, the deduction is scheduled to return to \$25,000 on January 1, 2011.

If you have some potential customers who are hesitating, this information could help them come to a decision before the end of this, or maybe next, year. Remember, though, that the deduction may not be taken for an alpaca unless the animal was of breeding age at the end of the year you are taking it.

As I mentioned, the currently generous deduction was enacted to help stimulate the economy after 9/11. The economy is in bad shape these days too, but the current administration does not seem as inclined to look at tax cuts as the Bush administration was. My crystal ball is broken

and I am not willing to predict what will happen to the tax code, but I do feel certain change is coming and I think we, as breeders, can use the uncertainty to help our businesses.

*This is not intended to be legal or tax advice to individuals. Each person should consult his or her tax advisors for specific information related to his or her own circumstances.*

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2010 ABR Secretary



## Ask the Vet

### How do I keep my alpacas as healthy as possible at shows?

As a veterinarian, my off the cuff response is "leave them at home". Since that is not a viable option, there are things you can do to mitigate your alpacas getting sick at shows; however there will always be a risk. Just look at the doctors' offices and public places this cold and flu season. Many of the precautions people are encouraged to follow apply to our animals as well. The following points will help keep your alpacas as healthy as possible while traveling and attending shows this upcoming season.

Do not take sick alpacas to shows. They can share their illness with other alpacas. Additionally the alpacas can still get sick en route or during the show. Animals that become ill during the show should be separated from the rest of the group and housed in the trailer or other isolated area.

Decrease stress. Stress comes from various sources such as transport, new surroundings, feed and water changes, and group dynamic changes. Juveniles are probably the higher risk group for stress-induced gastric ulcers and respiratory and gastrointestinal diseases. Their immune systems are not as mature so they shed more pathogens and typically experience more severe disease symptoms. Stress can be reduced by providing companions, feed and water from home, and exercise. There are various supplements and herbs that are advertised to reduce stress but these have not been critically evaluated for efficacy and safety so judicious use is warranted.

Limit contact between animals from different farms. This means no "nose to nose" contact, sniffing or sharing dung piles, sharing feed or watering equipment. Some shows offer stalls that have solid walls between pens providing optimal separation. Al-

pacas should not be allowed to "visit" with alpacas from other farms when walked down the aisle ways or waiting in line to go into the show ring.

Provide and use hand sanitizers. People can be quite the little fomites (disease carriers), just look at schools, offices, airports, etc. As visitors move around admiring (and sometimes petting) alpacas in different pens, encourage the use of waterless hand sanitizers. This is important for the health of your visitors as well, since there are diseases that can be transmitted between animals and people.

All animals going to a show should have a health certificate signed by a veterinarian and negative BVDV PCR test. Wording on health certificates varies by state, but the primary exam requirement is that the animal(s) appears free from communicable diseases at the time of the examination. A negative BVDV PCR test offers no protection against infection but indicates that the animal is not persistently infected or transiently infected at the time the blood sample was taken.

Be nice to the "check in" veterinarians. Owners should not become upset when the veterinarian refuses admittance to an animal since the veterinarian's role is to protect all the alpacas. One task of these veterinarians is to evaluate animals for communicable diseases that could be transmitted to others. The exams should be performed on all animals either in the trailer (preferable) or in a pen specifically dedicated to admittance examinations. Any animal not passing the vet check cannot enter the show. The examination pen should be disinfected between groups of animals especially if any urination, defecation, or spitting occur. Veterinarians will change gloves or use hand sanitizers between groups.

Finally when you go home, keep your show animals isolated from the resident herd for 2-4 weeks, or optimally for the duration of the show season. Despite the precautions listed above, the travelling animals will pick up bugs (respiratory, gastrointestinal, etc.) along the way. Isolation will protect your other alpacas while the show group recovers from possible infections. This is important since not all animals will show signs of disease when they have an infection but can still share it with others.

Please contact your veterinarian or CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital if you have questions on any of the information or regarding your alpacas' health during or after shows.



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## Vet's Corner

A common question that vets hear from owners this time of year is how to keep weight on an older female in cold weather. Owners should always consult with their veterinarian regarding a specific animal, but here are some general guidelines, as well as information to have on hand before calling your vet.

Remember, weight gain or loss depends on if the energy going in exceeds the energy being consumed and lost.

### Decrease

#### energy consumption:

Animals have to use energy (calories) to generate body heat and maintain body temperature. As the outside temperature drops, more energy is required to stay warm, so less energy is available for maintaining body weight (or producing milk, or fetal growth and development). The more you can do to keep the animal warm, the more energy she can use for maintenance, production, and gain. Minimal provisions would be windbreaks, a blanket, and deep bedding. In extreme cases (very cold weather, illness, or very thin old female) they may require an enclosed barn or even a heat source. If providing a direct heat source such as a heat lamp, be sure they have a large enough stall or pen to move away from it to avoid overheating.

### Increase energy intake:

Be sure the female is actually eating what you think she is. If she is in a group, other individuals may be getting more than their share, and the thin female may be getting less. You may need to actually camp out and watch the group interact for several hours after feeding to recognize that this is occurring. Also watch the thin female's eating behavior. If she is having any difficulty chewing it could be indicative of a tooth problem that should be checked by your veterinarian.

Alpacas are fairly unusual in that they will only eat up to 1.5 - 2% of their body weight in feed daily, and only that much if it is palatable. At most a 100 lb animal will eat 1.5 - 2.0 lbs of feed a day. This means that increasing how much hay you feed will often just result in more waste. Instead you must increase the calories in the same amount of feed. This is often accomplished by feeding higher quality hay (based on nutrient analysis not appearance), replacing a portion of grass hay with alfalfa, or providing a concentrate such as a grain or pellets. Always make changes gradually to decrease the risk of colic or other digestive problems.

### Decrease unnecessary energy loss/waste:

Intestinal parasitism can result in poor absorption of nutrients, and in some cases can actually result in protein



loss from the digestive tract. Other illnesses can also cause weight loss.

Make a list of exactly what you are feeding the female - type, amount (weigh it), and nutrient analysis of the hay if available, as well as any supplements, and discuss this with your veterinarian. They may also want to perform an exam, fecal, and blood work to rule out illnesses and parasites.

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## Upcoming Events

January 9 – 24, 2010	National Western Stock Show ABR Booths
January 9 – 11, 2010	Alpacas at the National Western Stock Show
January 16, 2010	*Member Event Getting Started/Tax Advantages/Investment
February 7, 2010	Winter Quarterly Membership Meeting
February 13, 2010	Early Bird Stall Registration Deadline GWAS 2010
Feb or March, 2010	ABR Shows Color Compliance Workshop
March 25, 2010	Spring 'Paca Parade Newsletter E-mailed
April 10-11 2010	*Member event at Shepherd's Mill—Sorting Class
April 24, 2010	Spring Quarterly Membership Meeting
April 30, May 1&2, 2010	Great Western Alpaca Show
May 21 – 23, 2010	AOBA National Conference
June 8 – 10, 2010	Colorado FFA Convention
June 9 – 11, 2010	Estes Park Wool Market Fleece Show
June 12 – 13, 2010	Estes Park Wool Market
July 8, 2010	Summer 'Paca Parade Newsletter E-mailed
July 10, 2010	Fecal Testing Clinic - CSU
August 8, 2010	Summer Quarterly Membership Meeting
August 19-21, 2010	Suri Network Summer Symposium
Aug. 27–Sept. 6, 2010	Colorado State Fair
September 15, 2010	Nominees and Ballot for 2011 BOD sent to Membership
September 25-26, 2010	National Alpaca Farm Days
October 1, 2010	2011 Budget e-mailed to Membership
October 1-3, 2010	*Member event at Shepherd's Mill—Sorting Class
October 14, 2010	Fall 'Paca Parade Newsletter E-mailed
October 15, 2010	Ballots returned for 2011 BOD election
October 20, 2010	October BOD Meeting
November 6 – 7, 2010	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival & Harvest
November 14, 2010	ABR Annual Membership Meeting
November 19, 2010	Membership Renewal Forms Sent to Members
January 5, 2011	Winter 'Paca Parade Newsletter E-mailed



*Do you have an event coming up. Let us know and we will post on the ABR Member Event Calendar and in the Newsletter if submitted by Newsletter deadline dates. Events must be submitted by 3/15, 6/24 and 10/1 to [jbaverch@gmail.com](mailto:jbaverch@gmail.com)*

*Dates are subject to change*

*\*Visit the ABR Member Event Calendar for more details on Member Events.*

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