

Florida Alpaca & Llama Association Inc.

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Letter from the President

Hello FALA members,

We started off the year with our second annual Florida Winter Classic Alpaca / Llama Fun Show on January 28th in Brooksville, FL. Over 30 animals and handlers braved the cooler weather to put on a great show! Spectators enjoyed our vendors, food trucks, and fun competition. It really was a wonderful day. Our FALA board members, participants, and volunteers did a great job. Many thanks to our sponsors as well. We look forward to next year's show, which will be on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Florida Classic Park again, so mark your calendars.

In February, we witnessed more great competition at the FL State Fair in the Youth & Open Llama Shows. FALA once again was a proud sponsor of the Florida State Fair Youth Champion of Champion Program. It was great to see the youth group continuing to grow in their experience and knowledge. Thanks to everyone who volunteered not only during the shows, but also with the preparation, knowledge sharing, and coaching.

Your FALA Board is finalizing our next big event, which is our free Educational Seminar on Sunday, July 22nd. It will once again be held at Citrus County Board of Realtors building at 714 S Scarboro Ave., Lecanto, FL. We will once again have a veterinarian from the University of Florida speaking about herd health, a fiber project, a shearing, teeth, and nails demonstration, roundtable conversations and more. As in the past, this seminar allows for a lot of sharing of information from farms totally well over 100 years of experience. If you are a new alpaca and/or llama farm, I highly recommend joining us!

Reminder if you haven't paid your yearly \$25 FALA dues, please do so! If you know of other farms that are currently not FALA members, please share our information with them. They can go to www.falainc.com to sign up.

With the hot summer months right around the corner, keep your alpacas and llamas cool!
Shear, shade, water, and fans!

Keep safe,

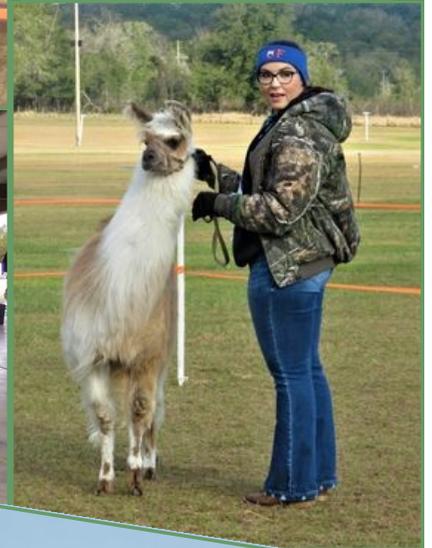
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FALA President

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2023 FLORIDA WINTER CLASSIC





Miscellaneous Information

Some of you might be interested in this virtual day of camelid seminars being offered by OSU:

https://web.cvent.com/event/8f0e5212-4ea1-43b7-b295-a2a69bbf8b30/summary?utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=vme_vets-event_fy23_camelid-Vets&sfmc_id=59502715&sfmc_key=00812659&fbclid=IwAR03qRirnLA7qls0MprKRBiDVDhTartU_8Z3QP9kGLiQ81E_7mDtECd0VU0

Cool research being done with the use of alpaca and llama antibodies

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/plant-animal-pikobodies-crops-disease>

TIP: Use cornstarch to get burrs out of llama or alpaca wool without cutting. Just put a good amount of cornstarch on and above the burrs and comb out. For a large area cutting may still be necessary, though. Works on dogs, too.

KSU Camelid Stress Diet

Per Dr. David Anderson

4th Annual Conference for the Care of Llamas and Alpacas 2010
Manhattan, KS

Mix by weight:

50% Beet Pulp Shreds

provides energy

25% Alfalfa Pellets

provides protein and roughage

15% Crimped Oats

provides energy and protein

10% Cracked Corn

provides energy and protein

Alternatives to beet pulp shreds are: citrus pulp, soybean meal and cottonseed meal

Instructions:

1. Determine the weight of the animal or the weight that you would like the animal to be.
2. Feed the stress diet at 50% of the daily intake.
3. Feed hay as 25% of the daily intake.
4. Feed regular pellets or camelid diet as 25% of the daily intake.

Example:

For a 100# alpaca:

- Daily intake is 2% of body weight: 2% of 100 pounds = 2 pounds of food needed per day.
- 50% of 2 pounds = 1 pound of stress diet fed per day.
- 25% of 2 pounds = 0.5 pounds of hay fed per day.
- 25% of 2 pounds = 0.5 pounds of regular pellet/camelid diet fed per day

FLORIDA STATE FAIR 2023

Champion Awards



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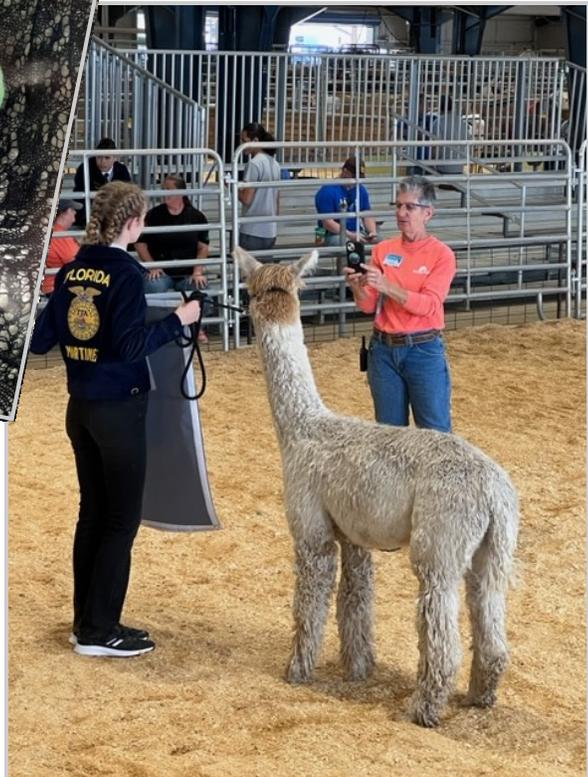
Performance Youth Grand and Reserve



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Cria Cuteness at Sunshine State Llama Farm





2023 Calendar of Events

May 21—FALA Meeting
Vollama Acres, Micanopy, FL

July 22—FALA Educational Seminar, 8:30am—4pm
Citrus County Board of Realtors, 714 S Scarboro Ave., Lecanto, FL



- ★ Need to re-home a llama or alpaca? Contact Claudia Hammack, llamachick@yahoo.com
- ★ Youth interested in showing a llama or alpaca for FFA, 4-H, or for fun? Contact Tracy Weaver, lotsallamas@earthlink.net