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Levy County Fair Llama and Alpaca Show



Great Idea for Hot Weather

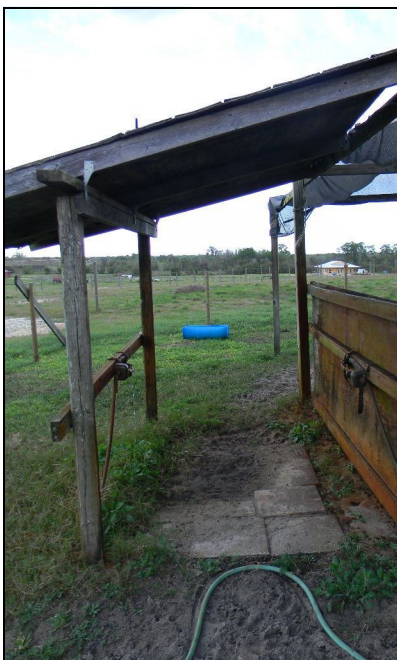
Llama Wash

As each of us know, in the hot months llamas and alpacas for the most part loved to be cooled off by water hitting their belly and legs. Well, after a few years of doing this daily, but never feeling like I was accomplishing much of anything else and going through the gambit of trying soaker hoses, hose stands, and most everything else under the blazing sun, I got to thinking, and the llama wash was born of necessity. I called it the llama wash as we had only llamas as that time. The concept is simple to create and our first one was merely attached to the fence. Now we actually have covered stations with concrete pavers as flooring so we do not erode the soil, pretty "cool".

The items you will need are

- 2 oscillating sprinklers
- 2 short hoses (about 15')
- 1 Y hose diverter connector
- 1 multi-programmable water timer
- 1 "U" shaped wooden frame sunk upside-down across from other sprinkler

The idea was to put an oscillating sprinkler on a fence line about mid-thigh on me, top of the leg for most of the llamas' heights. Just opposite this create a U shaped wooden frame that you will sink into the ground upside-down. This will hold another oscillating sprinkler. Set the sprinklers to only rotate from the ground to the center



line (which will be shooting straight across to the other sprinkler). So, in actuality, one will oscillate from left to center and the other will oscillate from right to center. I use alligator clips and straps to hold the sprinklers in place on each end of the sprinkler as we do have some leaning leaners. From one sprinkler a short hose is run under the ground in the direction of the other sprinkler and meets up with the other short hose at a Y hose diverter connector that remains in the both on position, another single length of hose is then attached to the Y connector as the lead water line and goes to a multi-programmable water timer then connects to the facet.

We program the timer to turn on 4 times a day and run for anywhere from 15 minutes to 45 minutes depending on time of day (late morning vs. afternoon) and whether or not it is spring, summer, or the long humid days of late summer when the critters have been dealing with the humidity for such a prolonged time. We also provide wading pools and misters for those who prefer them. But the llama wash has by far made an impact in the running of this operation. The llamas and alpacas line up for the llama wash when it activates. Some of them even dance in the moving, driving water. Due to the close proximity of the sprinkler heads about 8' feet apart, the water really is pressurized and does penetrate to the skin instead of just wetting the top layer. They love it!

~Doug Warner



RESCUE RUMINATIONS



Southeast Llama Rescue is having fifteen llamas surrendered in Stuart, FL. The owner is ill and unable to care for the animals any longer. You have heard me reference this situation before, but it is a definite now. Thank you to Eydie Robshaw for cataloguing the llamas and volunteering to worm and give them their CDT vaccine. Doug and Claire-Marie Warner have generously volunteered to drive their large trailer to assist with picking up the animals. Mary Rose Collins and I will be there to wrangle llamas who have been roaming on 30 acres and, while cared for, have not been handled. Once the animals are in our possession I will be able to assess and start looking for homes. There are 3 intact males and 3 geldings. One female cria and one male cria, approximately 5 months old. There are 7 females. I'm assuming all are pregnant. If you are able to provide a foster home for four of the females, all or some, that would be a huge help. SELR helps with any medical costs, mileage in case of transport and feed costs depending on the number of animals you are fostering. I will send out in e-mail pictures and descriptions at a later date. Note: I have a foster home for the two Moms and the babies.

Claudia Hammack
Florida Adoption Coordinator

HUGS FOR A MEMBER

We would like to offer our sympathy to member Jean Riley of Alpaca Magic USA who suffered a terrible dog attack at her farm. She lost 8 alpacas and there were many who were injured. They are recovering nicely, but it has been a long road. We are so sorry you and your animals went through such a horrible event.



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Big E Centennial Hat Decorating Contest Saturday, Sept. 17

Decorate a hat highlighting our Centennial

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Aug. 1: entry form due date -\$5 entry per item

Aug.2-15: Late fee-\$10 per item

Sept. 1: Entry Receiving, 1pm to 6pm

Sept. 2: Entry Receiving, 10am to 6pm

Oct. 3: Release Day

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**Camelid
fiber arts
opportunity**



2016 Calendar of Events

May 15— FALA Meeting 1pm at Peaceful Acres in Dunnellon

June 11 — FALA Fiber Fun Day - Cagan's Crossing Community Library
in Clermont on South U.S Highway 27

FALA MEETING

Date: Sunday, May 15

Time: 1:00

Location: Peaceful Acres Llama Farm
(Claudia's House)
9520 N. Holyoak Terrace
Dunnellon, FL 34433
352-563-5259

We will have our normal meeting and then Tracy Weaver, fiber judge, will have a presentation on How To Skirt and Prepare Your Fiber. Don't let that luscious fiber sit in bags in your barn. Do something with it! We will have plenty of llama and alpaca fiber to practice with.

