



Florida Alpaca & Llama Association Inc.

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May 2012 Newsletter

From FALA's President

Hello Everyone,

Well another month has come and gone and in most parts of Florida it has already felt like Summer. We hope to see a lot of members at the May Meeting. There will be some good information and as always good company.

Llama and Alpaca activities are kind of winding down with the heat so this is one way to keep in touch and informed.

As always Enjoy – Mary Rose Collins



Next FALA Meeting

Sunday May 20, 2012

1:00-4:00pm

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Casadellama

4211 S. Old Floral City Rd

Inverness, FL 34450

352-726-1104

Demonstrations by Charles Poillion and Claudia Hammack

How the digital microscope works and updated parasite information from the SSLA Conference.

Snacks provided, bring a chair and come out enjoy!!

Directions to:

Casadellama

From 75 North

Take Exit 314, RT48 Brookville

Left at end of the Exit towards Floral City

Go 12 miles turn right onto RT41/ S Florida Ave

Go 3.5 miles take right onto Fort Cooper Rd

Turn left on S. Old Floral City Rd

Second driveway on the right

From 75 South

Take exit 329 RT44 Inverness/Wildwood

Go 15 miles

Turn left onto RT41 / S Florida Ave

Go 2.7 miles turn left onto Fort Cooper Rd

Turn left onto S. Old Floral City Rd

Second driveway on the right



From Brookville / Hudson area

Take 41 North, look for Fort Cooper Rd 2.7 miles after going through the center of Floral City. Take right onto Fort Cooper Rd, then left onto s Old Floral City Rd.

Second driveway on right

FALA officers are:

President

Mary Rose Collins

Vice President

Claire-Marie Warner

Secretary

Mary Poillion

Treasurer

Kathi Volling

Board Members

Claudia Hammack, Charlene Braun, and Dan Moreland

Our April Meeting at the Poillion's Llama Love Ranch, sheering demonstration by Tom Rothering and Charles Poillion



Alpaca/Llama Upcoming Events

May

May 20 - FALA meeting Casadellama

June

ALSA Beginning, Advanced Halter Judges and Breeders Clinic, Fiber Clinic

June 15 – 18 Hosted by Pearson Pond Ranch

FALA Fiber clinic – date to be announced

July

alpacas/llamas 101 meeting

August

Annual Membership meeting

September

Fair semiar with youth

October

Meeting at Peaceful Acres

November

Rye Park elections

December

parades and craft shows



Congratulations to Mary Poillion.
She was elected to the SSLA Board!



Congrats to
Charles & Mary Poillion
BEST IN SHOW
PLL Smokey

Here is a lovely newsletter I received from Mill Creek Farm - a lovely place that rescues horses. This might be of some interest in a FALA newsletter as we are all of one heart in the welfare of our fellow creatures. Sydney Dunham

www.millcreekfarm.org

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Horses at Mill Creek Farm

Retirement Home for Horses, Inc. PO Box 2100, Alachua FL 32616
Established 1984

A nonprofit organization dedicated to providing lifetime care for old, abused and abandoned horses.

Recent Arrivals



GREGORY (left), a 27-year-old Morgan, **HERMAN** (center), a 20-year-old Standardbred, and **PIP** (right), a 24-year-old Standardbred, arrived from the First Company Governor's Horse Guard in Connecticut where they served a combined 48 years. Apart from ceremonial events, they were called on to control riots and other disorders as well as traffic and crowd control. Now they are enjoying a well-earned retirement.



REBECCA (right), a 20-year-old Arab Mix, was found abandoned in Citrus County. It appeared she was used for breeding and was extremely emaciated. Now she is learning to live like a horse.

ELI & CINDERELLA were the two oldest of eleven severely malnourished horses found starving in a Southwest Miami-Dade field. Rescuers also found skeletons of more than six horses that apparently died of thirst. The horses were fearful because they had seen dead horses and dogs eating dead horses. They were hundreds of pounds underweight when they arrived at Mill Creek Farm, but now are making a good recovery.

DUSTY (far right), a 27-year-old Quarter Horse mix, and **LITTLE BIT**, a 21-year-old Cracker Pony, were retired from the Freedom Ride Therapeutic Riding Center, located in Orlando, after years of service. There they brought joy to hundreds of children with disabilities – improving a rider's balance, strength and quality of life. Dusty was retired because of chronic lameness due to leg surgery and Little Bit was retired when she was diagnosed with a heart murmur.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MIJO!!

Paso Fino El Mijo de Sierra CaJe arrived in July 1999 after being rescued in South Florida. His left front leg was deformed and he has continued to live with that problem for the 12 years he has spent at Mill Creek Farm. We celebrated Mijo's 34th birthday on March 25, 2012. We love this little horse with all our hearts and hope he will spend many more years here.

Tax deductible donations to help these horses, and others, should be made payable to Retirement Home for Horses, Inc. and sent to: PO Box 2100, Alachua, FL 32616

Submitted by Claudia Hammack

This is from one of our Southeast Llama Rescue Coordinators.

I had an opportunity to speak with a research vet from Merial at an Ulcer/Gastro Gard seminar last week and learned something which may be helpful to folks who have llamas with suspected ulcers or have llamas under stress who may be prone to developing ulcers.

We learned some years ago this product was not helpful in treating or preventing ulcers in alpacas or llamas as

it is in horses but there are a few management tips which can be applied equally across the board....some of which

many of you already know and practice but one in particular which may come as a surprise to some. I'd like to share some

of these and hope you find it helpful.

Animals under stress who may be prone:

1. Periods of stall confinement for injury/illness
2. Pain or other physical discomfort
3. Separation from herd
4. Traveling to shows and events
5. Lack of adequate forage/fiber (hay or grass) with long periods in between feedings.
6. High levels of concentrated supplements
7. Use of NSAIDS or steroids

All these situations above can increase the activity of the acid pumps thereby causing damage to the sensitive linings of the compartments resulting in ulcers.

With horses, we have the ability to control these acid pumps with inhibitors such as Ulcer Gard but in the llama it fails due

to having several compartments which are not affected by acid pump inhibitors.

While many of the situations above cannot be avoided, there is one thing in particular which could help limit the risks and perhaps even

help to heal stage 1 ulcer conditions. Stage 1 ulcer conditions are those which have a small number of ulcers barely larger than

the size of a pin prick. Chances are you would not know this condition exists when in this stage but if any of the above stressors

exist it is recommended you supplement with an alfalfa grass hay mix:

The denser the hay, the better, but since llamas generally will not eat stems it is recommended a medium to premium grade be given.

This would exclude those very rich hays which are mostly leaves where the bale literally crumbles when opened. Having orchard

grass hay or something of similar texture mixed in the bale will help provide a barrier from acid being splashed onto the more

sensitive lining in the first compartment. The leaves of the hay will break down as a bicarbonate of sorts which will help minimize

the effect of the acid already being produced. Animals need this acid as part of their digestion process, but it's proven with stressors,

the pumps seem to kick in high gear.

When feeding this regime add a mineral or other supplement used to balance out the phosphorous/calcium ratio. If the alfalfa ratio

in the hay is slight (10%), then likely a supplement would not be necessary. If feeding straight alfalfa, a supplement is needed.

While most of us have been lucky not to have a llama go down with ulcers, the condition really does exist and likely to an extent which would be very surprising, if not shocking. Somehow most of these animals manage in spite of us, but having this one simple management application could make for a healthier, more comfortable animal.

Chris S

Dear Ms. Collins,

I am presently organising a Camelid Reproduction Meeting in Vancouver Canada, from 3rd - 5th August 2012 on all aspects of reproduction in camelids including embryo transfer, artificial insemination, and other assisted reproductive techniques along with rather more practical lectures on husbandry, reproductive physiology, milk and fibre given by world leaders in the field of camelid reproduction. We really want to get the details out to as many interested people as we can and would greatly appreciate it if you could forward this email to your members so that they get the opportunity to come to Vancouver and attend the meeting if they wish.

Kind Regards

Lulu Skidmore

Dear Friends and colleagues,

This is just a gentle reminder that abstracts are now due for the [ICAR Camelid Satellite Meeting in Vancouver \(3rd-5th August 2012\)](#).

We have had a good response so far but the abstract deadline has been extended to [31st March 2012](#).

All abstracts will be reviewed by the Organising Committee and authors notified of their decision by [15th April 2012](#)

You do not have to have an abstract accepted to be able to participate the meeting and we hope that many of you will be able to attend. We have an exciting and varied programme planned with many international, world renown speakers; details will be on the website www.icarcamelidsatellite.com

Registration is now open and the Committee will be pleased to issue letters of invitation to delegates to assist with visa application, once they have registered. Please send completed registration form and letter requesting an invitation to luluskidmore@yahoo.com

It is recommended that you book into the St Regis Hotel, which is opposite the British Columbia Institute of Technology (Downtown campus) where the meeting is being held and is also close to the Pacific Centre Mall, great restaurants and fine shopping! Please ring the hotel directly (tel. 1-800-770-7929) and quote Camelid Satellite Meeting by June 1st 2012 to receive the group rate. This conference rate is not available on-line.

In addition if anyone is interested in sponsoring the meeting we are offering good opportunities to advertise you breeding farm/society/vet practice and can give you plenty of publicity. Please see attached flyer for details of the different levels of sponsorship and if you have any queries please contact me on luluskidmore@yahoo.com

All further details can be obtained on our website www.icarcamelidsatellite.com

Please forward this information to anyone else who may be interested and we look forward to

welcoming you to Vancouver.

Kind Regards

Lulu Skidmore

(Chairman,

Organising Committee)

**Lisa Dreggors will be going to the conference and bringing
the FALA banner and material to hand out.**

Good morning!

We have your organization linked to our conference website and wondered if you would consider putting our conference on your calendar. The Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Conference will be held July 27 – 29, 2012 at Osceola Heritage Park in Kissimmee, Florida. The registration and information link is <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/smallfarms>

We would always also welcome a booth from your organization, sponsorship, or exhibition of alpacas and llamas! I am attaching our press information and our logo. Thank you!

Susan A. Kelly

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**Congratulations to our FALA Members who won awards in
the SSLA Sweepstakes:**

Senior Youth Performance and Showmanship:

Alex Rodman with Oak Rest's Simply Irresistible

Adult Showmanship:

Kathy Wilbanks with HF Luke

Advanced Performance:

Kathy & Karli Wilbanks with Oak Rest's Silver Shadow

Novice Performance:

Mary Rose Collins with Oak Rest's Winter Rose See More

2011 SSLA AMBASSADOR AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 2011 AMBASSADOR AWARD RECIPIENTS!! Did you think there was anyway to out do last year but “**WOW**” what a year. We had **40 Llamas** go to a record **300 Events**. That a lot of brushing, cleaning and traveling. The llamas are wonder if they can get frequent travel miles to trade in for food. This year we had **thirteen llamas** most just starting out earn their **Bronze** award then we had a record **eleven llamas** worked super hard and earn their **Silver!** They participated in at least 20 events to earn Silver Metal. The race is on to be the first to reach the next level the **Gold Award** which is 50 events or more. Great Job!!

BRONZE AWARD (5 POINT OR MORE)

LLAMA NAME	FARM	OWNER/HANDLER
“IRS” CHELIAN’S SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE		HUNTER SNOW
H.F. LUKE	OAK REST FARM	KATHY & KARI WILBANKS
CAMP’S SERENDIDITY		
PAINT BALL PETE		
S.O. SPIDERMAN		
OAK REST SILVER SHADOW		
P.K.S. BOURBON STREET BLUES		
OAK REST KISS THIS		
OAK REST JOHNNY CASH		
PLL ZEUS		
PLL BELLA DONNA	PLL RANCH	CHARLES & MARY POILLION
PLL VIXEN		
SPIKE	SELR	VICKY SOUTHWICK

SILVER AWARD (20 POINT OR MORE)

LLAMA NAME	FARM	OWNER /HANDLER
PPR TATOO	ALA LLAMA FARM	NANCY MILLER-BORG
MAGGIE TIA	HILLS & HOLLOWS FARM	JANET GUERRANT TREDWAY
TUXEDO BROWN	LLAMAROJA FARM	MARIANNE & JIM MURRAY
D”ELEGANT DOMINO		
DOMINO”S FINEST JIGSAW		
H.F. LUKE	OAK REST FARM	KATHY & KARI WILBANKS
CAMP’S SERENDIDITY		
PAINT BALL PETE		
SAIBEL SUNSHINE	SUNMIST PASTURES	VICKI SUNBERG
PLL SIR FREDRICK NIETZCHE,	PLL RANCH	CHARLES & MARY POILLION
PPR SHEILA OF THE OUTBACK		

Here are some of the highlights of our FALA Members at the Florida Open Show:

Adult Showmanship

Dan Moreland with Stone Leaf Midnight Magic took 2 first places

Claudia Hammack with Pruvian OhSoCute took a 2nd and a fourth

... Jim Murray with D'Elegant Domino took a third and fourth

Dorthe Peloquin-17171 with KLR Twist took a 2nd and third

Reserve Champ Non-Breeder

Claudia Hammack with El Guapo Tuxedo by Both Judges

Champion Suri Wool F/M

Claudia Hammack with Purvian OhSoCute Took 2 champions by both judges

Adult Light Wool F/M

Mary Rose Collins with Oakrest's Winter Rose took a second and a fourth

Juvenile Light Wool Male

Claire & Doug Warner with SHLR Whistle Stop took 2 first

Champion Light Wool Male

Dan Moreland with Chocolat'Revival with Red Judge

Reserve Champ Light Wool Male

Claire & Doug Warner with SHLR Whistle with Blue Judge

Juvenile Med. Wool Male

Dan Moreland with Stone Leaf Midnight Magic took 2 first

Adult Med. Wool Male

Tom Rothering with Briarglen took 2 first place

Jim Murray with Tuxedo Brown took 2 seconds

Champion Med Wool Male

Tom Rothering with Briarglen by both judges

Reserve Champ Med Wool Male

Dan Moreland with Stone Leaf Midnight Magic by Both Judges

Novice Res. Performance Champion

Mary Rose Collins with Casadellama Charlie Red Judge

Advanced Performance Champion

Mary Rose Collins with Oakrest's Winter Rose Blue Judge

Advanced Res. Performance Champion

Jim Murray with D'Elegant Domino Red Judge

Tom Rothering with Briarglen Blue Judge



One of our members asked me to send this out. Please click on the link below to see Hunter Snow's story.

Let's Move Together to make a difference!

Please send out to all membership please,

This year I'm participating in the Arthritis Walk. It's an opportunity to have some fun and help the 50 million adults and nearly 300,000 children who live with arthritis. (Dogs and cats get arthritis too).

Our team is growing fast, and I'm recruiting you to rally with me to take a stand and make arthritis unacceptable!

If you join me at the Arthritis Walk, you'll be part of Let's Move Together, the Arthritis Walk's nationwide movement to get people active to help prevent or treat arthritis. So not only will you help stop the effects of this widespread and debilitating disease, but you'll also have access to a program that will help you get moving to change your life!

I really want you on my team so we can share this amazing experience together. It's fun and I guarantee you'll be glad you did. Click on the link below to sign up.

[Follow This Link](#) to visit my personal web page and help me in my efforts to support Arthritis Foundation, Southeast Region-Georgia



**Get out there
and enjoy
your alpacas
and llamas!**