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## President's Message:

Welcome to the 2004 MaPaca Jubilee! It is our sincere pleasure to see you here and we hope you have a great time. You will be enjoying the company and camaraderie of alpaca owners and breeders from over 365 farms from around the country. You'll see over 1,400 alpacas compete in over 100 different classes! If you are participating, we will also be socializing with you at the AFCNA Monte Carlo night on Friday, and again at the Saturday night Banquet.

The "1<sup>st</sup> Annual MaPaca Auction" will give you the opportunity to enhance your herd with some of the finest alpacas in America. You'll be sorry if you forgot your checkbook! We also have some great donated items that will be auctioned off to benefit various alpaca related non-profit organiza-

tions.

We hope you approve of our new Seminar format whereby a one-time fee gives participants admission to all of the seminars throughout the Jubilee. As always, we welcome your input to help us continue to improve the Jubilee in any way possible with each new year.

Special thanks, as always, to the many volunteers who have made the Jubilee possible through the donation of their time and efforts. They work selflessly for many months, many hours each week prior to the Jubilee and then donate most of their time during the Jubilee. Please show them your heart-felt thanks whenever possible during this great event – without them there would be no Jubilee.

Enough said! On behalf of the entire Board of Directors we truly hope you have your best Jubilee ever! If there is anything we can do to assist you in any way, please let us know.

Enjoy!

Paul Connor

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## From the Desk of the Jubilee Coordinator:

Hi All,

Ok it's here finally! Hope all of you arrive safely and with some luck the weather will cooperate. Between previous newsletters and the website, everything has been said with the exception of what to expect once you arrive. I'll give you a brief description as to what should take place. As you pull into the parking lot, look for a MAPACA volunteer (wearing a red & black cap), this will be the first of many volunteers to greet you and get you lined up to unload. Once you are close enough and parked temporarily, you must bring your alpacas and traveling papers to be vet checked. If you are fortunate to have lots of help, you may also unload your show gear. Remember no blocking the entrance. Next on to color check, scheduled to take place in the show ring. Then pick up your registration packet which will have your pen assignments. Stall the alpacas and set up. Please move your rig as soon as you are unloaded. This will allow other breeders to get close to the door. Anytime you have questions, please look for a Jubilee volunteer, they will also be wearing a red vest with black trim. We are interested in making your arrival a pleasant one, so please take direction with patience. Again I would like to thank the Jubilee staff, for an outstanding job as usual! Kit Hower, Jovi Larson, Freida Goodrich, Nancy Johanson, Alan & Patti Anderson, Kim & Lou Devos, Kelly Zanella, Gwen Smith, and Dave Reder. All of whom have been dedicated to bringing you a premier event. All these volunteers have spent hundreds of hours on this event. Also many thanks to our BOD, Paul Connor, Jovi Larson, Nancy Johanson, Kim Devos, Brandon Boyd and of course, Andy Schneider, who has had an increased load due to all the registration funds. Last but not least, thanks to my wife, Cristy who has cracked the whip and reminded me of all the deadlines along the way. Good luck showing and look forward to meeting you all at the 8th Annual MAPACA Eastern Alpaca Jubilee 2004. Have fun and enjoy!

Nick Melfi  
Jubilee Event Coordinator

## MaPaca "Alpaca College" Hits the Road

"Alpaca College" is off and running with completion of the first course of Alpacas 101. The course, held March 20th in Western Maryland had attendees from No. Carolina, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, D.C., Delaware and Maryland. Topics included: business structure and tax advantages (presented by a CPA); alpaca health concerns and herd health issues (presented by a practicing Vet.); alpaca behavior, lifecycle and life-style; understanding alpaca fiber, Huacaya and Suri characteristics and fiber end uses; and hands-on sessions for fitting halters, herd health maintenance, and fiber evaluation.

Responses from all participants were very enthusiastic and you will hopefully see many of them as new faces at the Jubilee. The next three scheduled courses are set for May 1 in White Hall, MD (between Baltimore and York, PA), June 12 in Boonton, NJ (just off I-80 and I-287), and in Bethel, NY (near I-84 and Rt. 17). The course curriculum will be very similar for each with different local presenters. The course is designed to accommodate 20 to 25 participants in a hands-on interactive learning environment. Chris and Jess Armstrong are hosting the May 1 presentation at Calico Moon Alpacas and Nancy Johanson at Brookhollow Farm and Brandon Boyd at Double E Alpacas are hosting the June 12 and 26 presentations. Local Vets and CPAs are being invited to present, along with established breeder members of MaPaca from the surrounding areas.

Future locations may include Western PA and Virginia. As of 3/31 the May 1 date is over half booked and there are several already signed up for the June presentations. Look for more information at the Jubilee or visit the MaPaca website [www.mapaca.org](http://www.mapaca.org) to download a registration form. Special thanks to Chris Armstrong for coordinating the registrations and to MaPaca members who presented topics at the March 20 course including Patti Anderson of Wild Rose Suri Ranch, Andy Schneider of Middle 8 Farm Alpacas and Scott Gove of Sandhill Alpacas. With MaPaca fronting the cost of initial marketing, this can hopefully grow to become something that is offered throughout the region by groups of member farms to encourage and nurture new breeders and potential owners. One of our participants at the March 20th course had never seen an alpaca before, but wanted to learn.

Alpacas 101 can be used by you as a great marketing tool by either offering to host a course, present one of the topics, or give a gift certificate to attend the course to that new owner who just bought a package from you. We are also getting good feedback on potential advanced topics of educational interest for future courses or for Jubilee seminars.

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## **Feature Story:**

# **Just the Facts - Fleece for Beginners**

*By Kate Perez,*

*Mount Airy Alpaca Co., Mt. Airy, MD*

## **Fleece Preparation for Beginners:**

Trying to shear a wet alpaca annoys the shearer and ruins the fleece. Lock your alpacas in the barn if you have to, but keep them dry.

Cleaning “on the hoof” is MUCH more effective than cleaning AFTER shearing. We use “Kwik n Slick” © wands, followed by an industrial blower, a shop vac, and hand picking if necessary.

Stay close during shearing and use your cupped hand to scoop out any second cuts before they fall into the fleece. Second cuts are the short, itchy pieces of fleece created when a shearer goes over the same spot twice. If allowed to fall into the fleece, these will quickly disperse throughout it and reduce its quality and value considerably.

Even previously dry alpacas can sweat profusely or have a nervous bladder. Do not bag up a damp or smelly fleece. A fleece that is stored damp will often end up partially felted rendering it unusable. Lay it out on a table to dry completely. We use a mesh topped “skirting” table (home-made) with a clean sheet over the top of the fleece. The air circulates underneath, drying the bottom and then we turn the fleece over. We “skirt” by removing any edges of the fleece that are coarser, shorter, have more guard hair or don’t match the rest of the blanket in color or crimp. Once dry, bag your fleece but do not close the bag; just fold the top over. I place a dryer sheet in my fleece bags to repel bugs. The pleasant scent is nice too.

## **Selling Your Fleece For Beginners:**

What should you do with your dry, clean, bagged fleece? You can show it, sell it, process it yourself, send it out to be processed, join the Co-op or do all of these. Not everyone wants to be a hand spinner or knitter but, if you want to sell raw fleece for a good price, you should know the basics about

your product.

Know the answer to questions like, “Do you have to mix it with sheep’s wool to be able to knit a woolen-type garment that has bounce or holds its shape?”

Answer: Huacaya – No! I wear a hand spun, hand knit huacaya sweater or vest when selling fleeces. If you don’t spin, try to send out one of your fleeces to be spun up into a woolen-type yarn and knit into a garment. This sounds like a lot of trouble but spinners and knitters who have been convinced that alpaca MUST be blended with sheep’s wool for the garment to hold its shape, will only believe what they see and feel for themselves. Alpaca fleece is much easier to process than sheep’s wool because it does not have body oil (lanolin) and, therefore, does not need to be washed before spinning. If the spinner thinks that alpaca must be blended with sheep’s wool, the alpaca fleece seems much less attractive. Huacaya processed in a large mill, will not be woolen but worsted or semi-worsted making it less bouncy.

Answer: Suri – N/A. Pure Suri fleece is not suitable for a woolen-type garment. Tell any hand spinner or knitter to treat it like silk but a silk that comes in many luscious natural colors. Suri is perfect for dressy, drape-y worsted-type garments. Suri breeders, wear a flowing, woven shawl or scarf when selling your fleece.

Common Question: How much of this do I need to make a sweater. The answer is NOT “I don’t know!” Practice saying, “If you weigh your favorite sweater, you could use that as a guide for how much fleece you need to knit up that size and style of sweater. The one I am wearing, for example, is \_\_lbs. \_\_oz.”

Question: Is alpaca allergenic? Answer: No. Ask them to rub a piece against their cheek and you’re done with this question.

Other things to mention: Alpaca is far warmer by weight than most sheep’s wools. The long staple length makes for a smoother, dressier yarn. Al-

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paca fleece garments will “breathe”, retain their warmth when wet and last for many years. Huacaya can make a garment with high loft (lot’s of warm, trapped air.) Suri has shine and takes dye wonderfully. Both come in many more natural colors than sheep’s wool, silk, mohair, etc.

Where to sell? Any sheep and wool festival or fiber arts show is great. Farmers markets work for some. Invite any local spinner’s guilds to have a meeting at your farm. You can find a listing of them on the Internet at:

[http://www.interweave.com/spin/resources/spinning\\_guilds.asp](http://www.interweave.com/spin/resources/spinning_guilds.asp) .

I have sold fleeces from my website and even seen them sold on Ebay. Don’t forget the Co-op! Go to <http://www.afcna.com/> for more information on joining the Co-op.

So this year, please don’t leave your alpaca fleece in the corner of your bedroom or barn! Show it, sell it, wear it, send it out, or all of the above.

**Kate Perez – hand spinner teacher and wife of alpaca shearer.**

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# Alpaca Awareness – On the Rise

By Jovi Larson, FiberGenix Suris,  
Ringoes, New Jersey

When I bought my first alpacas, almost seven years ago, hardly anyone knew what an alpaca was. I remember that I had to explain alpacas to EVERYONE, without exception! Individual breeders and AOBA had the very important mission of increasing the awareness of the American public with regard to alpacas and alpaca fiber.

Much has changed since 1998. I firmly believe that the alpaca education of our fellow Americans is well underway. Let me explain with the following true experience:

July, 2003. I had to pick up a one-month old cria at New Bolton Center, the large animal facility of the University of PA vet school. Since the cria was a bottle-baby, her mother was not with her, and due to her small size, I could fit her into the back of my Saab hatchback when I put the rear seat down. I was returning home along Route 1, a four-lane road with the occasional stop-light. I had to be very slow and careful with stops and starts since the little cria was being obstinate and would not kush down. I was staying in the right-hand lane due to my slightly slower rate of travel (not my usual routine).

Having just started up after the light turned green, I was passed on the left by a police car. Next thing I knew, the police car had slowed down considerably – slow enough to be next to my left rear side. Of course, I was sweating bullets wondering what I had done. The car then pulled up even with my window, and I looked over to see two policemen in the front seat – looking directly at me. I was thinking “What had I done?”

The policeman in the passenger seat pointed to the rear of the car and mouthed “What’s that?” (Both of us had our car windows closed due to air conditioning.) I mouthed back “ALPACA”. His response was “OK” and the ‘thumbs up’ signal before pulling away.

I think that I grinned all the way home.

## Volunteer

**We still need volunteers for various tasks at the Jubilee. Please get involved and volunteer. It is not too early to volunteer for Jubilee 2005 as well!**

## Editor’s Ramblings:

No room to ramble in this issue, but I would like to encourage everyone to participate in the up and coming AOBA and ARI elections. Please be informed voters. This is not a personality contest. Our votes can affect the future of our businesses. Please take the time to study the candidate information and phone or email them to make sure you know where they stand on issues that could affect you and us all. Research issues that you are not clear on. Don’t just go with the flow.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Jubilee.

My best to you all, Alice Brown

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If you have any questions, please email Alice Brown at [fpalpacas@aol.com](mailto:fpalpacas@aol.com) or give me a call at—**856-697-8127**.

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**Veterinary News for the East Coast**  
*Latest Parasite Control Recommendations*  
*from Dr. David Anderson*

In a recent communication from Dr. Anderson, uses of fenbendazole (panacur/safeguard), albendazole (valbezen), and the ivermectins were discussed. Dr. Anderson states, "In 2003, we have seen the emergence of 'dual-resistance' herds. These herds have intestinal parasites resistant to BOTH ivermectin AND fenbendazole. This is a very grave concern and we have seen many llama and alpaca deaths from this problem."

In light of this, I thought it pertinent to share with our members Dr. Anderson's updated recommendations for worming protocols. Dr. Anderson states that vigilance must be maintained in herd monitoring. He recommends fecal samples be taken from individual animals and not from communal dung piles. A Stoll's test is recommended when running a fecal as this test is more sensitive than other fecal tests.

There has been much discussion of dosages for wormers recently. The follow is what Dr. Anderson currently recommends for each specific drug.  
Fenbendazole: Considered pretty safe, and can be used in pregnant dams and crias from a young age if

required. Routine dosage: 10-20 mg/kg. The paste formulation is usually based on a 5 mg/kg dosage. Thus you must multiply the animal's weight by 2 to 4 and use the dosing scale based on this. For example, a 150 pound alpaca would receive the dose marked for a 300 (at 10mg/kg) to 600 lb. (at 20mg/kg) horse. For liquid formulations in a 10% suspension which contains 100mg/ml, for a 20mg/kg dose, you would need to give 2 ml per 10 kg (22 lbs.) or 10 ml per 50 kg (or 110 lbs.).

Albendazole (Valbezen): Not quite as safe as fenbendazole, and should not be used in pregnant animals if possible and care must be used when administering to young crias. Dr. Anderson says albendazole provides better coverage for tapeworms than fenbendazole. In an oral suspension, the dosage is 10mg/kg.  
Avermectins:(Including Ivomec and Dectomax) For use in meningeal worm prevention programs requirements for ivermectin is 1 cc of 1% injectable solution per 70 pounds of body weight, every 30 days and doramectin at 1cc of 1% injectable solution per 70 pounds of body weight every 45 days.

Dr. Anderson brings out that increasingly resistance among intestinal parasites is being found in camelids. This being the case, he recommends any worming for intestinal parasites be followed up in two weeks by a repeat fecal exam.

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For specific parasites, Dr. Anderson's recommendations are as follows:  
Nemadodirus or Whipworms may require aggressive treatment. He says dose fenbendazole at 20 mg/kg for 5 consecutive days.  
Strongyles are typically handled with a single dose of any of the various dewormers. In cases of heavy parasite load for strongyles, animals should be treated for 3-5 days at 20 mg/kg dose of fenbendazole when burdens are severe or damage from larval migrations is suspected. In cases of moderate strongyle load, a single dose of ivermectin, fenbendazole, or albendazole may be sufficient. If the animal is very thin, a 3-5 day course is recommended.

Tapeworm, use albendazole or a 5-day course of fenbendazole at 50 mg/kg given once daily.  
Coccidia are protozoa and the drugs used for intestinal parasite treatment are not effective against protozoa. Coccidia is best treated with sulfa drugs such as sulfadimethoxine (albon). It can be prevented by using specific drugs such as amprolium (Corid) or decoquinate (Decoxx). Label directions must be followed closely as overdosing of these drugs can be harmful to animals.

Please contact your local veterinarian in regard to your worming program. And as Dr. Anderson states, "periodic fecal exams and judicious use of anthelmintic drugs is the responsible way to ensure that your farm remains disease-free."

Information from Intestinal Parasite Control Program by Claire Whitehead BVM&S MRCVS and David E. Anderson DVM MS DACVS, Camelid Health Program, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, The Ohio State University.