



**President's Message:**

Thank you to the Board of MaPaca that chose to elect me your new president.

It's an exciting time for our alpaca industry. As we see the quality of alpacas improve by leaps and bounds, we also see dramatic increases in the number of new alpaca breeders, not to mention the value of our herds.

Your Board is anxious to serve you. To that end, please take time to answer our questionnaire as to what MaPaca means to you.

Past boards have worked hard to make our annual MaPaca Jubilee the most prestigious alpaca show in the country. We want to build on that success and make MaPaca the finest alpaca organization, fostering the health and welfare of our alpacas, contributing to research and educational programs, encouraging new breeders.

Feel free to contact me or any other board member with questions, comments and suggestions. This is your organization. Where do you want to see us go from here?

May your Thanksgiving be filled with the joy of family and friends.

Best regards,  
Nancy Johanson

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**2006 MAPACA  
Art Contest**



**\$500 for Winning Design!**



**November 15, 2005  
(Entry Deadline Extended)**



**See your artwork up in lights!!  
Actually, it will be on the Jubilee show catalog, auction catalog, the website, T-shirts and maybe a few other places.**



**MAPACA members and their children are eligible to enter.**



**Go to [www.mapaca.org](http://www.mapaca.org)  
for  
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## Jubilee Coordinator's Message:

Today is the 26<sup>th</sup> of October and fall color is everywhere. I hope we all have some healthy crias bouncing around our fields. Halloween is almost here. Kids big and small are decorating yards and creating costumes for the big occasion. All this activity means the MAPACA Jubilee 2006 is only six short months away! The show dates are April 28 – 30, 2006. Arrival and setup is on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend now.

We have many changes in the wings. The first is the name. The proper name was "The Eastern Alpaca Jubilee" but everyone always called it "The Jubilee" or simply "MAPACA". The board voted to officially change the name of the show to "The MAPACA Jubilee, 20XX", with the year changing accordingly.

The halter show is maxed out. We don't have room for it to grow, but we can improve the quality of the show. To do that, we're contracting much of the Jubilee work to professional event planners and administrators. As a result, the way we register for the show may change considerably. Details will be published as soon as we have them. Please watch this column closely and look for e-mails that might be sent out.

We're enlarging the fleece show and adding a fiber arts competition, since we have space in the Equine Arena. We have two fleece judges and a third on standby, if needed. There will be skein and "handmades" competitions. We're developing the classes for these now. The fleece ribbons will be the same size as the halter ribbons, the specialty awards will be larger rosettes, and the champion and reserve champion fleeces will receive banners. I'm not sure what the fiber arts awards will be like yet.

The MAPACA Jubilee is early in the year and is pre-shearing time for most farms. That's one reason we haven't had a big fleece show in the past, but I think we can overcome that. Please keep this in mind before selling or processing this year's show fleeces. You may have to re-skirt them a little but they should be in fine shape for one more show. Pen space is limited but we'll have plenty of table space, so plan to get your fleeces entered. Don't forget, there's the Maggie Krieger Award, too. It's awarded to the farm entering the most fleeces for their first time participating in the MAPACA Jubilee Fleece Show.

One of the two fleece judges will score the composite fleeces. That leaves the performance judge open for other things, so we're planning to once again have Gambler's Choice (Jr. & Sr.) and children's costume classes. Why not put a little fun back in the game? Keep this in mind before you dismantle Halloween costumes.

We're contracting much of the work out but we'll still need plenty of volunteers at show time. If you can help, even if just for an hour or two, please let me know. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, please e-mail me at [middle8farm@aol.com](mailto:middle8farm@aol.com).

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

**Andy Schneider**

## Editor's Ramblings:

Change is in the air as we feel the first cooler days of autumn hitting us and see the leaves taking their annual color change and fluttering to the ground beneath. Change is in the air for MAPACA as well. Please note that MAPACA has a new Board of Directors. Some members of the Board have been on the Board for some time, and we also have two new Board members. Welcome aboard to Carol Pfister and Bob Ciszewski. The new board is seated as follows:

**Nancy Johanson—President**  
**Carol Pfister—Vice President**  
**Frieda Goodrich—Treasurer**  
**Fred Brown—Secretary**  
**Andy Schneider—Jubilee Coordinator**  
**Jovi Larson—Member at Large**  
**Bob Ciszewski—Member at Large**

I'd personally like to welcome our new Board of Directors and thank them for their volunteering to run the largest AOPA affiliate and largest alpaca show in the world.

As you may know, it's that time of the year when we MAPACA members need to renew our membership for next year. We will be enclosing a renewal form with December's issue of the Newsletter, just to give you a heads up. Please fill out the form when you get it, and send it to me at the address specified on the form. Don't set it aside to do later, it may get lost. I look forward to receiving all of your renewals in a timely manner.

I also wanted to thank those members who submitted stories for publication for this issue. I very much appreciate receiving such stories. For those of you who are thinking that you have a great story to share, please take half an hour or so and type it up and send it to me. I'm sure everyone would like to hear your heart warming, informative, funny, imaginative, or dramatic narrative. That's what the MAPACA Newsletter is all about! A place where we can all share our ideas, experiences, and lessons learned with each other. So please send me your stories. Remember, it is also some free publicity.

Best to you all, **Alice Brown**

## General membership meeting MAPACA October 16<sup>th</sup> 2005

*Notes prepared by Carol Pfister*

General meeting was called to order by Nancy Johanson.

Jubilee date April 27-30<sup>th</sup> 2006 was mentioned  
 SAVE THE DATE postcards discussed. Email?  
 Postcard?

- Registration forms should be available early.
- Website should be more reliable. Old forms removed. The website will be brought current and user friendly by Jovi Larson.
- Mention of a FAQ page for JUBILEE questions was brought up by Bob Ciszewski.
- Show Committee was mentioned as were the 2 outside service providers Hobarts and Hallinan
- Grants discussion was tabled in an effort to finalize arrangements for Jubilee 2006 for now.
- Survey will come out – Bob Ciszewski
- Calendar year membership.
- Type Conference - Springfield, MA. MAPACA should have a presence there. Dec 10. Organized by Scott Young and Kevin O'leary.

Nancy Johanson had each member introduce themselves to the rest of the membership.  
 Rich and Ellen Guido - ElRich Farm  
 Pino & Anna Blangiforti- Unicorn Hollow  
 Kit Hower - Blankstone Alpacas  
 George & Marion Sykes- Alpaca Ridge  
 Lori Walker -  
 Mike & Maureen Kober- Origins Alpacas  
 Jovi Larson - FiberGenix Suris  
 Frieda Goodrich- Angelwood Alpacas  
 Carol Pfister - Whirlybird Alpacas  
 Nancy Johanson - Brookhollow Farm  
 Bob Ciszewski - Almost Heaven Guesthouse and Alpacas  
 Andy Schneider - Middle8Farm

A general question and answer/discussion period ensued.

Meeting was adjourned. No date was set for next general meeting.

## All My Mamas

### The story of Fergie, An Orphan Alpaca

By Barb Nuessle, Bay Springs Farm Alpacas,  
Cape May, NJ

Dr. Ferguson, or little Fergie as we call him, is truly our miracle baby.

He came into the world a bit early. It was July 21, 2005, a very hot day here in Cape May, New Jersey. The day began with a funeral of a dear friend and neighbor. After returning home, Warren and I checked all the animals and hosed them down for the second time that day. The temperature was well over 85 and the humidity made it feel like 95 degrees, too hot for gardening or any heavy duty farm work. So after lunch, we hosed off the animals again and headed off to the beach, figuring that we might as well enjoy a bit of leisure time. We took in some sun and a long refreshing swim, then headed back for the farm about 4PM.

When we got back, I went to the barn to check the pacas' water, hose them down, and give them their dinner. As I was filling the feeders with grain, I noticed that Cairo was still way out in the pasture along with another dam. Suddenly I realized that there were two legs protruding from Cairo's rear end. I ran out to get a closer look, but I could not see a head. I also could not tell whether what I was looking at were the back legs or the front legs. Either way, I knew we were in trouble and ran inside to get Warren and to call the vet.

According to my calculations, Cairo was not due to deliver her cria until August 7<sup>th</sup>. That would make this baby about two weeks early. Cairo had looked quite large for a couple of months and I had thought that perhaps I had been mistaken about the date when conception actually occurred, since it had taken several breedings before she was confirmed pregnant. It was now about 5PM. Warren and I went out to the pasture to assess the situation. It looked grim. There was no telling how long she might have been in labor, except that it started sometime between 2PM and 4:30. Warren put on a plastic sleeve, covered it with K-Y Jelly and tried to locate the cria's head. After several attempts, he realized that it was hopeless. He was sure that the cria was dead. We haltered Cairo and led her back to the shady paddock where she could wait for the vet in relative comfort and have some peace and quiet. We kept her cool and waited for the vet. It was 5:30 and the vet was about an hour and a half away. She said she would come as quickly as possible. Cairo did not seem to be straining very much. She was grazing, nibbling on some grain and drinking water. We were quite certain that her cria was dead.

At 7:00P Dr. Christiansen arrived and took stock of the situation. She was pretty sure we were looking at the

front legs. With her gloved arm, she reached inside to check for the head. After a couple minutes she located the head and gently pulled it around and out uttering the words, "Breathe, baby, breathe!" Warren and I looked at each other incredulously. Was it possible that the baby could still be alive? Then out bounced Fergie, who was all legs and neck. He was most certainly premature, but quite lively. His feet were covered with membrane and he had no teeth. His ears were upright, but when he tried to stand, his legs were unable to support his weight and folded under him again and again. His joints were floppy and he was down at the pasterns. But he weighed 16.4 pounds and was alert and healthy. A miracle!

We checked Cairo's teats and there was colostrum. In the meantime, I warmed up some cow colostrum to supplement whatever Fergie might be able to get from Cairo. We waited for the placenta to appear, but nothing happened. It was now 8:00PM and soon would be dark. The vet gave Cairo a shot of Naxcel to ward off infection and another of Oxytocin to try to increase the contractions so the placenta would come out.

We tried in vain to help Fergie nurse. He just didn't seem to be able to figure out where to look before his legs would collapse under him. He was a classic "wall baby." I got about 2 ounces of cow colostrum into Fergie and went back to the house to get some dinner. I kept Cairo and Fergie together by themselves in a separate paddock overnight with an outdoor light on, hoping that Fergie might nurse during the night. I went back out with bottles of cow colostrum at 10PM, 1:00AM, and 5AM and succeeded in getting about 12 ounces into Fergie through the night. Still there was still no sign of the placenta.

The vet returned at about 11:00 on Friday morning. She gave Cairo another shot of Oxytocin and suggested a plasma transfusion for Fergie. We completed the intravenous transfusion and within minutes, Fergie was up and finally able to support himself quite nicely. The vet tubed Fergie with about 3 ounces of Cairo's milk. I prepared some Wambaroo Alpaca Milk Replacer and managed to get Fergie to take several ounces. I continued to feed Fergie throughout the day. I laid him sideways on my lap and prying open his jaws, squeezed milk from the plastic bottle into his mouth. I used a syringe to give him some yogurt. His sucking reflex was not strong, but he was swallowing most of what I put into his mouth.

By late afternoon, Cairo was clearly in distress, mouth breathing and humming loudly. She still had not passed the placenta. It was extremely hot and humid in the 90's and, to make matters worse, about 5:00PM our electricity went out. Without fans operating, the barn was getting really warm. I hosed all the animals down and called the vet. She was on an emergency and so I

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asked her to come as early as possible Saturday morning. Cairo was pacing and appeared to be in pain. I put her in a separate section of the barn with Fergie. The electricity came back on about 8:00PM which helped cool down the barn some.

Fergie took several bottle feedings during the night, but still was unable to nurse from Cairo. I gave Cairo a second Naxcel shot, but she was clearly very sick and running a temperature of 104. I called the vet at 7:30 on Saturday morning to give her an update. Cairo was fading fast. When the vet arrived, she flushed out the uterus to remove the placenta, but only retrieved a few pieces. Then Cairo collapsed. The vet administered some Banamine which revived her somewhat, but Cairo was not able to stand.

We decided to take her to New Bolton Center in Kennett Square, PA right away. While Dr. Christiansen called ahead to New Bolton, Warren put Cairo on a tarp and with the help of some neighbors, loaded her into the van. It was a 3-hour drive with Cairo cushioned most of the way.

About 2:00 in the afternoon I arrived at New Bolton. The vets and several assistants rushed Cairo into the emergency room. They hooked her up to an IV, took blood samples and samples of the uterine discharge. They told me she had a very severe case of clostridium, apparently resulting from the retained placenta. It was one of the more virulent strains of clostridium, not one included in the ordinary CD & T vaccine. Her abdomen was very distended. The vets operated on her that evening to remove as much of the bacteria and gas from her abdomen as possible and then put her on heavy doses of antibiotics. When I saw her the next morning, she appeared to be much less agitated, but very weak. She did not get up when I went in the stall to stroke her. I tried to feed her some alfalfa, but she would not eat anything.

I drove back to the farm on Sunday afternoon and hoped for the best. Sunday night the vet called and said that although Cairo was still extremely sick, her bloodwork showed some improvement. Then on Monday morning, the vet called to tell me she had died. It had all happened so quickly, I was in shock. Thursday afternoon she had been perfectly healthy; now four days later she was gone. The necropsy revealed that she actually died of a perforated ulcer which was attributed to the stress of the prolonged labor, the clostridium infection, and the trauma of hospitalization.

For the past two days, I had been worrying about whether Cairo would accept Fergie when she returned to the farm. Now my concern was how to keep Fergie going and how to raise an orphan that would be accepted as part of the herd. I made a promise to my dear, sweet Cairo, wherever she was, that I would keep her baby

alive no matter what it took.

While I was away with Cairo, my friend Erin had come over several times to help Warren nurse little Fergie. She continued to come after I returned. We prepared Wambaroo formula and kept a record of the time and amount of each feeding. It was now Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and Fergie weighed 17.2 lbs. Fergie needed to be fed every 3-4 hours during the day. My goal was to try to get at least 40 ounces of milk replacer into him every day. I went out for the last feeding at 10PM and gave him his early feeding at 6AM. Crias rarely nurse at night, so this schedule seemed to fit with everyone's sleep patterns.

For several days, Fergie seemed to be in a holding pattern, not gaining weight, but not losing either. Finally, on July 29<sup>th</sup>, he weighed in at 17.6 lbs., a slight gain. At 9:30 that morning I noticed for the first time that he was nursing on Andina, a Chilean import of ample girth and abundant milk. He wasn't "snitching" from her. Andina was deliberately encouraging him to nurse, guiding him around to her udder by nudging him with her nose. Later I watched him as he cushioned down next to her in the barn. Andina had adopted Fergie! She had her own cria, Federico, to nurse but he was already a strapping 40 lbs. at two months of age, so she obviously had no trouble taking on another cria. She seemed to enjoy the fact that she now had two babies and took pride in her enlarged brood.

Since I wasn't sure how much milk Fergie was actually getting, I continued to offer him bottles 5-6 times a day. He almost never wanted to take any milk in the morning, but I could usually get a few ounces into him during the other feedings. By this time, he was also grazing on the lush pasture which helped boost his nutrition. In August, he started gaining weight, weighing in at 18 lbs on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 19lbs on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 20 lbs on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Gradually he started refusing to drink from the bottle except for 2-3 feedings a day. Then on August 25<sup>th</sup>, he refused to nurse from the bottle all day. Three days later, we finally gave up all attempts at bottle feeding him. By now he weighed 26 lbs. and was not only nursing from Andina, but also "snitching" milk from two other dams with young crias: Chanel No.5 and Cerise.

I don't know whether Andina's behavior was instinctive or an adaptation because of the harsh conditions in Peru and Chile where mortality rates are high. I am sure that if Cairo were here, but were unable or unwilling to nurse, Andina would not have accepted Fergie as her own cria. She would undoubtedly have rejected him as she rejects all the other crias whose dams are present. I think that Andina understands that Fergie has no mother and has adopted him out of some survival-driven behav-

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## Do You Want to Advertise in the MAPACA Newsletter?

*No ads will be accepted that include the PRICE of animals for sale. Stud Service prices are acceptable.*

We will insert one-page ads for members in MAPACA Newsletters. Ads cost **\$40.00** for one 8 ½" by 11" ad, on 24 pound paper or less, if you supply ALL the copies (they can be in color and two sided if you like). If your ad is on heavier paper than 24 pound, the cost will be **\$60.00**. If you would like us to copy your ad, supply us one copy and we will have it copied in black & white, one sided, for **\$70.00** total.

If you know any business that sells products or services relating to alpacas or farming in general that would benefit alpaca farmers, that would like to place an insert AD in the MAPACA Newsletter, you can recommend them if you are an existing MAPACA Member. The costs for businesses would be an additional **\$100.00** added on to the regular member fee for an insert AD. Thus it would be either **\$140.00, \$160.00, or \$170.00**. Please send copies, along with payment, to Alice Brown, 458 Main Road, Vineland, NJ 08360 by the 20th of the month you want your ad inserted. Make check payable to **MAPACA** and include check with inserts.

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

## Classified Ads:

Any member may post an ad for alpaca and/or alpaca farm related equipment and items. The ad may include a one sentence description and contact information.. We will run your ad for one month, if you do not sell the item and wish to run it again, let me know. This will be a free service to current MAPACA members ONLY. Please send your ads to Alice Brown, 458 Main Road, Vineland, NJ, 08360 or [fpalpacas@aol.com](mailto:fpalpacas@aol.com) or call 856-697-8127.

1. **Pocono Farms Products Oak Hay feeder**—holds 1 bale. Used, needs hay grid. See at <http://www.poconoalpacas.com/HusbandryAids/hayfeeders.htm> (new \$135.00) \$50.00 410-734-7084, Wild Rose Suri Ranch, MD.
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4. **Kubota L3020 4WD tractor**—purchased new in 2000; 30hp, hydrostatic transmission, turf tires, front bucket loader, and 6' heavy duty Woods Brush Hog. Lightly used. \$12,000. Call John for details 609-397-1149.
5. **Polaris Ranger 4x4**—purchased new in Nov 2003. Outstanding farm utility vehicle. Equipped with motorized dump bed to make manure clean-up easy. Bench seat comfortably seats 3 (great for farm visits). Front windshield. Very low hours. \$6,000. Call John for details 609-397-1149.
6. **MSA (formerly Team J&W) Alpaca & Light Livestock Equipment**—in stock chutes, feeders, panels, and shearing table. Can be shipped or picked up at our farm. [www.lightlivestockequipment.com](http://www.lightlivestockequipment.com) or call Jay at (518) 524-0545 AuSable Valley Alpacas, Jay, New York.



## Calendar of Events

**November 12, 2005—10:00AM-3:00PM—Saturday—Seminar—Breeding for Diversity and Health** —Featured speaker: Dr. Jerold S. Bell, DVM, Associate Professor of Genetics, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Bell will explore various breeding strategies designed to maintain genetic diversity and healthy breeding stock. Sponsored by Alpaca Heritage Events, Inc. To be held at the Community Center, in Springfield Township (Columbus), New Jersey. **\$50** per person, includes catered lunch. For registration form, and directions go to [www.AlpacaHeritage.com](http://www.AlpacaHeritage.com) or phone **Ingrid Wood at 609-261-0696**. There will also be an auction to benefit the Alpaca Research Foundation (ARF). Please register ASAP to hear this important information.

**November 12-13, 2005—Breeding, Birthing and Aftercare—9 AM-4PM**—Rivanna River Farm, Ruckersville, VA, in association with ABFS, will host Dr. Norm Evans for this important 2 day seminar for new and experienced breeders alike. This course is ABFS accredited. Fee: \$350, two from the same farm, \$650 (includes continental breakfast and lunch both days). Register at [www.ABFS.CA](http://www.ABFS.CA) by October 12, 2005. For information, **please contact Dee Dee Greer, 434-973-8312 or [info@RivannaRiverAlpacas.com](mailto:info@RivannaRiverAlpacas.com)**.

### All My Mamas (Continued from page 5.)

ior. Perhaps she also derives some special herd status from having an additional cria in tow.

I am not sure what the motivation is behind Andina's adoption of Fergie. One thing is certain, however. Fergie definitely knows he is an alpaca. He no longer leaves the herd to run over to greet us, as he once did, and he no longer enjoys being petted, although he is more tolerant of our affection than the other crias. When he is not cushed close to his surrogate mom, Andina, he prefers romping and playing alpaca games in the company of his little friends. Bless you Andina! We are ever so grateful to you and to all the Mamas for accepting our little orphan.

Epilog: At the time of this writing, Fergie is now 10 weeks old and weighs 37 lbs., more than double his birth weight.

I am grateful to Dr. Jessica Christiansen and to Dr. Julie Ross who, with the staff of U. of Penn's New Bolton Center, worked long hours through the weekend to try to save our dear Cairo's life. I am only sorry that I didn't rush her there on Friday instead of waiting until Saturday. The lesson here is to get help immediately when there is a retained placenta for more than 12 hours.



Fergie with his adoptive mother Andina.

*Photo by Barb Nuessle*



Fergie Nursing Cerise along with her cria.

*Photo by Barb Nuessle*

# GENTLE WEANING

By Jo Overbey,

Rock Chimney Farm Alpacas, Rustburg, VA

I have been in the alpaca business now for over 10 years, and have hated weaning the entire time. It has always broken my heart to see the little ones crying for their dams, and to recognize the discomfort that the dams were experiencing from the pressure of their bags. I felt like "hard-hearted Hannah" every time I had to do it. My oldest daughter nursed both of her children, and became a leader and strong advocate for nursing babies with La Leche League. Her comments added to my discomfort, and finally made me look for another way to do this. And I have found it.

The cria that I am weaning now is the fourth or fifth that I have done using this method. The dam and cria are separated during the day and put together for the night. I had heard of separating them this way for a few days or a week, but I am now doing it for two or three weeks. The cria gets to stay with her buddy, who is still nursing, and most of the

group that she is accustomed to. The dam is put with a few from the same herd, so neither is hit with a major change, other than being separate from each other. I have been separating them daily now for about two weeks. Last night, when I put the little one back with her mom, she went right for the teats, but did not stay there long. She did have milk on her face, but she just stood there with a funny expression. I checked her dam's bag, and it was flat! This dam was such a heavy milker that I have been feeding her enormous quantities just to keep her from losing excessive weight....and she is nearly dry in two weeks! I was really surprised. This is great news for me, as I was weaning this little girl early because of the drain on her dam. Now they can stay together at night, and she can have her time with her mom that she needs, while I won't have to worry about the dam being pulled down by heavy lactation. Perfect!

This method is by far the gentlest and most effective method that I have tried. I will never wean any other way.

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## TIME TO RENEW!

**All MAPACA Members!**

**It is time to renew your  
MAPACA membership.**

**Please fill out the en-  
closed renewal form and  
send to:  
MAPACA  
c/o Alice Brown  
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Vineland, NJ 08360**

Dear Fellow Alpaca Breeders;

On Nov. 12, 2005, Alpaca Heritage Events, Inc. is offering an important seminar in Springfield Township, NJ. Dr. Jerold Bell, a professor of genetics (Tufts University), will discuss how breeders can maintain genetic diversity and health in their breeding programs. Dr. Bell has a large loyal audience in the dog breeding community. Why? Dog breeders have come to realize (and many learned this the hard way), that genetic diversity is essential if we wish to produce healthy, highly fertile animals. Alpaca breeders who are serious about their breeding programs need to learn about the tools that are available to breeders of other species.

Dr. Bell has much to offer our fledgling industry. Please support our efforts to educate the alpaca community and hopefully gain the assistance of a much respected expert in our quest to breed healthy stock. Please see the Calendar of Events in this issue of the MAPACA Newsletter for further details. Contact Ingrid Wood - 609-261-0696 or Yvette Kirilenko—908-996-5248 with any questions. Alpaca Heritage Events, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of alpaca centered events. Sincerely, Ingrid Wood