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**NEXT MAPACA GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEET-
ING—**

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**RING IN THE NEW YEAR
WITH A FREE
MAPACA SEMINAR IN BALTIMORE**

There may be no better way to begin 2007 than by joining fellow alpaca breeders and MAPACA members for a fantastic educational opportunity in Baltimore on Saturday, January 27,th at the Tremont Suite Hotels! Our guest speaker is none other than nationally recognized AOBA Judge Wade Gease who will be speaking about fleece preparation and show ring performance.

The MAPACA Board of Directors is committed to providing top-notch benefits for your membership dollars. We can't think of a better way to start the New Year than by providing you a free seminar with an instructor of the caliber of Wade Gease.

One of the best ways to market your alpacas and your farm is by showing your fleeces and your alpacas. Whether you're an "old hand" or a "newbie" this seminar is meant for YOU! Wade Gease has an exceptional ability to pinpoint areas in need of improvement and is enthusiastic about calming the nerves of owners old and new alike. And he's filled with informative tips on how to make the most of your fleece and your alpaca through your show performance.

Our goal is to move the MAPACA General Membership meetings throughout the entire region of our organization. Baltimore is a terrific city with many, many fun things to do. We encourage you to call the host hotel where a block of rooms has been set aside at a reduced rate for our meeting. Spend the weekend brushing up on your alpaca show skills, visiting the National Aquarium, shopping at Inner Harbor, or antiquing and doing a pub crawl through Historic Fell's Point!

**RSVP to Kathy Schwartz at 540-908-7420
or simplyalpaca@aol.com**

Host Hotel:

Baltimore Tremont Suite Hotels
222 St. Paul Place; Baltimore, MD 21202
443-524-6018
www.tremontsuitehotels.com

Saturday Schedule:

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Fleece Preparation for Showing
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch & MAPACA Meeting
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM Polishing Your Show Ring Skills
3:30 PM - ????? Free Time in Baltimore ☺

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Jubilee 2007 Update!

We are frantically working behind the scenes to update the Jubilee pages of the website with this year's "look". Check www.mapaca.org in the next few weeks for Jubilee information and details.

Watch your mailboxes (USPS and email) for an announcement for the date that registration opens. We expect it to be toward the end of January, so stay tuned!

As always, we couldn't put on a show of this size and scope without the help of many volunteers. If you'd like to help, even if it is for just a couple of hours, please contact me at mapaca@mhevent.com
I'd love to hear from you!

Questions, Comments, Complaints
In an effort to provide exceptional customer service and make the Jubilee a pleasant experience for all, please contact us!

Jubilee Questions:
Anne Hallinan, Show Manager: mapaca@mhevent.com

Comments/Complaints:
Monica Kline, MAPACA Board Liaison to the Jubilee: info@asurifarm.com

President's Message:

Hello and warm Holiday Greetings. As winter approaches, the hay put away and the shows behind us, I can't help but look ahead to next year with anticipation for what wonders it will bring! Those fall babies will be haltered and ready to show off for you in the ring and on the farm. What will my ratio of girls to boys be for the spring cria count?

As I look ahead for MaPaca, I am very excited about the board's direction and the activity and ideas that are swirling around. A few changes are in place with more to come. As most of you know we are bringing the general membership meetings to new areas each quarter, coming together at wonderful venues for a luncheon and lecture as well as the meeting. In January, we will be meeting in Baltimore's inner harbor at The Baltimore Tremont Suite Hotels. Our guest speaker will be AOBA judge Wade Gease! Agenda: 11 - 12:30, Fleece Preparation for Showing, 12:30 - 1:30, lunch and meeting, 1:30 - 3:30, Polishing Your Show Ring Skills. RSVP to Kathy Schwarz at 540-908-7420. Don't miss out on a great time. Check on page 1 of this issue of the Newsletter or on the website for more details.

Another change taking place is that a newly formatted website and newsletter will soon be on their way to you. In celebration of these events, I would like to personally invite you to enter the "Name the Newsletter" contest. The winner will get a free 1 page ad insert in the newsletter. Check the newsletter and website for further details.

Have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Warm regards,

Carol Pfister

Baltimore Tremont Suite Hotels: Directions and Parking Instructions.

Please follow the directions to the Baltimore Tremont Plaza Hotel on 22 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD as below. Once at the Tremont Plaza Hotel, there is valet parking or you can park next to the hotel in the St. Paul Parking Garage. Enter the Tremont Plaza Hotel. The meeting will actually be held at the Tremont Grand Conference Center which you access through the Tremont Plaza Hotel. Once in the Tremont Plaza Hotel, go up to the 5th floor and take the cat walk across to the Tremont Grand Conference Center. You will then be directed to the meeting room. There is no parking at the Tremont Grand Conference Center. You must park at the Tremont Plaza Hotel.

From Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI): Exit 4 Baltimore. Follow the I-395 Exit heading downtown, and stay in the lane for the Inner Harbor. Bear right toward onto Conway Street. At the second traffic light, turn left onto Charles Street. After approximately seven traffic lights, turn right onto Saratoga Street, and travel one block to St. Paul Place. Turn right. The Tremont Plaza is on the corner of Saratoga and St. Paul Place.

From the North on I-83: Begin west on Baltimore Beltway (I-695) toward Towson. Take Exit 23 heading south on Jones Falls Expressway (I-83). Take the St. Paul Street Exit, one way, heading south. Continue down St. Paul Street until it forks, then take the right fork onto St. Paul Place. After approximately four blocks, the Tremont Plaza Hotel will be on your right.

From the North or South on I-95: From Washington or the Fort McHenry Tunnel, take the I-395 Exit, heading downtown, and stay in the lane for the Inner Harbor. Bear right toward the Inner Harbor onto Conway Street. At the second traffic light, turn left onto Charles Street. After approximately seven traffic lights, turn right onto Saratoga Street, and go one block to St. Paul Place. Turn right. The Tremont Plaza Hotel is on the corner of Saratoga and St. Paul Place.

From I-70: Take I-695 towards Glen Bernie. Follow I-95 north to Baltimore and follow the above directions (from south on I-95).

For further information go to: www.tremontsuitehotels.com

Predators! (Part II)

By Tamara Taylor

POTENTIAL PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Training largely consists of preventing problem behavior from developing. The greatest offense a livestock guardian can commit is chasing or playing with stock. If this behavior escalates, it results in stock being killed or at least injured. Most often this seems to happen in situations where the guarding dog is young and confined in too small an area or with young stock.

As a pup grows, he is usually put with older animals, bucks or rams and mature does or ewes, so that if he tries to play with the stock, he will meet with a firm rebuke. For goat and sheep owners, however, it is important to protect a young puppy from ill-tempered stock that could injure him. If a mature dog is physically attacked and hurt by an aggressive doe or buck, he may defend himself by using his massive size to knock the attacker to the ground or by actually biting an ear. Usually this signals the end of the "bullying" by the doe or buck, and peace based on mutual respect follows.

A young dog may chase out of boredom. Young sheep and goats will run. This encourages the young dog to chase and catch, just as he would do with another pup. If a dog is chasing, move him. Give him an area where he can have more room to exercise. Put him with older, more dominant stock that will not tolerate his behavior. However, avoid placing a dog with aggressive animals that he has to defend himself from. The goal is to build a lifetime friendship between the dog and the flock. If changing pastures and animals does not work or is not feasible, think about using a drag, one of the methods described to stop a dog from "traveling."

If other family dogs are allowed to roam free, be certain that the young livestock guardian is not joining in and being taught to chase stock by those pets. While many of the breeds are dog aggressive, a young livestock guardian will usually accept family pets as his peers and will join them in their "fun."

Another solution is reducing the amount of energy provided in the diet. There is now some evidence that a lower protein diet may be better for larger breeds. Not only does it help reduce the level of activity, but it also helps to slow the growth of the young dog to a normal rate, helping to prevent joint problems.

"Traveling" or wandering off the property is the second greatest problem. Traveling may mean that the dog has set a large territory for himself to guard and that he may in fact be guarding neighboring pastures, as well. A northern California goat dairy realized that their young guard dog was crossing a busy road to patrol the pasture

There are other possible causes of traveling. One is the approach of breeding season. Neutering male and female guardians is the solution to this particular problem. However, roaming may also be caused by boredom or may indicate a dog that is not really bonded to his stock. If it is boredom, a change in the environment (relocation or the addition of another stock guardian) or preventive measures (improved fencing or a drag) is in order. Not being bonded to livestock is more difficult to cure. Here is where purchasing from a reputable, experienced breeder is the best solution. That breeder's advice may make the difference between success and failure.

Electric wire is an effective deterrent for a dog that is going over a fence or digging under. Less sophisticated means of discouraging escape are "drags," tires or logs tied to the collar of the dog. Another remedy may be isolation. When a dog leaves the flock and goes to the house or barn, personnel at the U.S. Sheep Experimental Station recommend locking him up, by himself, away from stock and people for two or three days. This has proven to be effective. This isolation may need to be repeated before the dog learns that there is a direct cause and effect relationship between leaving the flock and being isolated.

Another problem sometimes arises when a livestock guard dog is first introduced to stock. The sheep or goats may not accept the dog. When the dog tries to move close to them, they may simply move away. This can be a real problem for herds on range. In those situations, the dog or dogs should be introduced when the stock is confined, such as during lambing or shearing time. Another alternative is to raise the dog with a group of younger animals that will eventually be turned out with the larger herd.

Nighttime barking can be a problem for more suburban owners. The livestock guardian seems to know instinctively that predators are a threat after dark. Young dogs are particularly prone to excessive barking; it is a form of posturing, warning any would-be intruders that a guard dog is on duty. It works on the same principle as "whistling in the dark" for humans. Livestock guard dog owners who live in populated areas recommend bringing the dog indoors or crating him (in the barn or pen) if repeated reprimands have no effect. This is rarely a complaint with dogs out on pasture, possibly because they outgrow this behavior before it is noticed.

Remember: the guarding breeds are intelligent. They respond to verbal and even hand signals. Reprimands rarely need to be physical. In fact, the livestock guard dog may resent being struck. These dogs should, however, be accustomed to being handled and lead. The owner should always be able to restrain his dog. If the dog is accustomed to this, he will be easier to handle if an emergency arises.

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Judy Nelson, an Akbash Dog breeder for over twenty years, suggests that rolling the livestock guard dog over on his back, then petting and handling him is a "massage" designed to gently assert the owner's dominance and build trust at the same time. The livestock guardians live very much according to the rules of the wild canine pack; there are "alpha" dogs just as there are "alpha" goats. In both cases, the owner simply needs to be "the most alpha of all."

WHICH BREED IS BEST?

There is no easy answer to the question of which breed is best, but the best answer is "It depends." Just as in goats, very often the first question to ask is "What is available and affordable?" Most goat owners want a herd guardian — not a foundation for a breeding program. Talking to breeders and owners is a step in the right direction. One recommendation that is often given to goat and guard dog buyers is "Pick your breeder!" However, just as Nubians generally vary from Saanens and Alpines from LaManchas, (breeds of goats) there are some breed differences.

DISPOSITION

In a study of 763 livestock guard dogs and approximately 400 herdowners conducted by the University of Idaho, behavioral differences were seen between different breeds, but ultimately the success rate was similar. More Komondors were reported to have bitten people, fewer Great Pyrenees injured livestock. In addition, Great Pyrenees seemed to mature faster (outgrew their playfulness) than the other breeds, notably the Komondor and Anatolian. However, the Great Pyrenees left their herds more often than Akbash Dog and Maremma. When it came to being aggressive toward predators, Akbash Dogs were aggressive 100% of the time as were Kuvasz. When it came to being aggressive toward intruding dogs, the Akbash and the Maremma topped the list (compiled from Livestock Guarding Dogs, USDA Bulletin number 588, 1990 and 1993 revised). The Tatra and Tchuvatch numbers were either so low or non-existent in the study that no conclusions could be drawn. [See additional information provided by USDA researchers on livestock guard dog breeds in charts based on current information.]

PHYSICAL DIFFERENCES

Differences in disposition are not the only differences seen between the livestock guarding dog breeds. There are physical differences as well. Coats may vary from "corded" or matted on the Komondor, to rather long, thick, and wavy on the Kuvasz or Great Pyrenees, to smooth as is seen in some Akbash Dogs and Maremma, two breeds which allow both long and smooth coats.

There are also differences in height and weight; however, there is often great variation between individu-

als of the same breed. A chart has been provided to summarize some of these traits. Perhaps the most important thing to remember is that these breeds have a successful history of livestock guarding in North America.

WHICH SEX?

The USDA studies have shown that both intact and neutered males and females work equally well (4). The instinct to reproduce does not determine the instinct to protect. In fact, there are practical problems with intact dogs of both sexes. They are more liable to roam when the instinct to breed interferes with the instinct to guard. In the case where both males and females are used to guard a herd, when a female is locked up away from the herd to avoid an undesired breeding, the male may also abandon the herd and bed down near the female until she is released again.

A dog (male) may be very protective of a female at this time and even become aggressive toward stock or people that "intrude" into the area. Some sheep and goat owners have reported that neutering has been one solution to the problem of young male guarding dogs chasing ewes and does. Most people prefer to keep neutered stock as livestock guardians. The demand for pups is limited and the cost and trouble of maintaining breeding dogs is more than most livestock people want to deal with.

HOW MANY IS ENOUGH?

Once the potential livestock guard dog owner asks, "What kind of dog should I get?" the next question is often, "How many dogs do I need?" Again, the answer is "It depends." The number of dogs needed depends on the size of the flock or herd, the size and type of terrain the flock will be on, and the amount of predator pressure in that area.

A good livestock guardian will take on the responsibility of guarding several hundred acres. If there is no serious predator problem, that dog can do an effective job. On the other hand, when predators, such as coyotes, are very active, a lone guard dog is inadequate and quite possibly at risk. A common tactic is for the coyotes to come in and split the herd or flock. When the single guard dog goes with one bunch, the coyotes hit the second, unprotected group.

Even two dogs pastured with a single herd may be inadequate. One Texas sheep and goat producer recounted a situation in which coyotes split the herd in two, with each of her two Great Pyrenees going with a group. The coyotes then attacked the group guarded by the female, the smaller of the two dogs, killing her and several goats. Realizing that a single dog would certainly be

To Be Continued.

See Predators! (Part III) in the February Issue



Jubilee Art Contest Winner!

Greetings MAPACA Associates,

I am pleased to announce that the Logo Art Competition for the 2007 Jubilee is now concluded. The winning entry was submitted by Hai Vuong of Washington D.C. Hai is a Typography student at the University of Baltimore.

There were five entries that made it into the top three spots but one clear winner. The judges all commented on the overall improvement of submissions this year and we would like to thank all the participants who made the competition such a success. Of special note, we were very pleased with the junior entries this year and wish to encourage those budding artists in the alpaca community to continue pursuing their artistic dreams. Remember, the winning entry is not limited to any specific age category, big talent often comes in small packages!

Honorable mention goes to Lauren Beauchner of Blankstone Farm's Paca Patrol and Kyle Schumann of Berry Meadow Farm.
Submitted by Chris Armstrong
Calico Moon Alpacas

MaPaca Meeting Schedule—2007

January 27, 2007 (Saturday)

**April 27, 2007 (at the Jubilee,
on Friday)**

July 15, 2007 (Sunday)

**Annual Meeting October 21,
2007 (Sunday)**

*Please mark your calendars for these dates and plan to attend. Watch the Newsletter and the web site for announcement of the meeting times and locations. The locations will vary.

Editor's Ramblings:

Snow is about to fly! Are we all ready for that? The recent mild weather may be lulling us all into a false sense of security. We need to keep our long johns at the ready. This mild weather won't last all winter, but wouldn't that be nice for us? Perhaps by the time you receive this newsletter you will be sitting in your arm chair with a cup of hot cocoa (or other favorite beverage), with your feet pointed toward your roaring fireplace after a full day of shoveling the first snow. If so, remember that your MAPACA Board of Directors (BOD) is working hard as you rest. This new BOD wants more than anything to see that the benefits to MAPACA will expand and grow as the organization has in the past several years.

Take time to think of your Veterinarian and the Veterinarian Continuing Education Program. See the last page of this Newsletter for details or the MAPACA website: www.mapaca.org.

And last, but not least, I'd again like to remind you that I need some articles for the Newsletter. Remember this is your opportunity to shine and get some free publicity for your farm. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in January.

Keep warm, Alice Brown

Jubilee Silent Auction

Calling all MAPACA Members! Promote your alpaca farm and support MAPACA by donating to this year's Silent Auction and Raffle fundraisers. Each year, the MAPACA show in April holds these events to raise money for our organization, and we need your

help. Silent Auction items have a value of over \$200, and can be a breeding to your premier herdsire, fine alpaca clothing, a B & B weekend, or almost anything else you can think of. Raffle items have a value under \$200 and have lots of possibilities, including alpaca items, gift baskets, artwork, etc. This is your chance to support MAPACA and make your farm stand out! Please contact us as soon as possible with your donation! For Silent Auction items, contact JoAnn Wood (Fishwood Farm Alpacas) at (434) 993-9115 or via email at woodfam1@earthlink.net. For Raffle items, please contact Kathy Schwartz (Blue Earth River Farm) at 540-908-7420 or SimplyAlpaca@aol.com.

Classified Ads:

Any member may post an ad for alpaca and/or alpaca farm related equipment and items. The ad may include a short description and contact information. This will be a free service to current MAPACA members ONLY. Please send your ads to Alice Brown, fpalpacas@aol.com or call 856-697-8127.

- 1. Alpaca Cria Sweaters**—Made of 100% alpaca. Warm, durable, lightweight, soft! Small to 25lbs. Large to 35 lbs. Assorted colors. \$50.00 each + tax, S&H. Free shipping with purchase of 3 or more. **Mountain Meadows Alpaca Farm. 540-586-1745.**
- 2. New Alpaca Photos Website—**www.alpacaphotosonline.com 100s, soon to be 1000s of photos of alpacas and products. No charge to submit photos. Contact: **Nancy Lake, info@alpacaphotosonline.com or 301-393-5878.**
- 3. Alpaca Equipment:** chutes, scales, hay saver feeders, Tooth-A-Matic, shearing tables, Pro-Tie & mats, panels & gates See our insert in this month's Newsletter or visit us on-line at www.lightlivestockequipment.com or call **Jay Ward of AuSable Valley Alpacas at 518-524-0545.**
- 4. Transportation Services** from Origins Alpaca Ranch: Private Transport, Emergency 24/7 Transport and "The Show String" - Will transport your alpacas to shows and show them on your behalf. **If interested contact Mike Kober at 908-239-8676 or mike@originsalpacaranch.com .**
- 5. Non-Breeder Boarding**—Fenwick Manor Farm is now offering a discounted boarding option for non-breeder alpacas. In our lush 5 acre pasture, alpacas have plenty of grass and room to roam. One nominal fee covers a year of boarding, basic shots and shearing. Save your pasture space for your ladies! Let us care for your fiber Animals. **Contact Katharine Thompson, Fenwick Manor Farm in New Lisbon, NJ—FMFalpacas@Fenwick.net .**
- 6. Custom Fleece Processing**—Rovings (loose or center pull bump), batts, various weights of yarn or felt sheets available. The Fiber Factory, 1086 Industrial Park Road, Hornell, NY 14843. **Call Wendy at 607-382-7811 or contact us at east-valley-alpacas@exnet.net or www.east-valley-alpacas.com .**



Calendar of Events

January 27, 2007—MAPACA General Membership Meeting—to be held in Baltimore, MD. Wade Gease will speak on Show Fleece Preparation and offer tips on improving your Show Ring Skills. Lunch will be served. Watch the Newsletter for further information. **RSVP to Kathy Schwartz at (540) 908-7420 or simplyalpaca@aol.com .**

March 17, 2007 10AM-3PM—Alpaca Heritage Sampler for Success: "Practical Barn Layout" by Kate McKelvie, "Breeding for Color" by Ingrid Wood, and "Showing Your Alpacas" by Yvette Kirilenko. \$50 per person, includes lunch. Seminars are designed to help you succeed in several important aspects of alpaca husbandry, breeding, and showing. **Visit www.AlpacaHeritage.com for registration form and directions. Contact Ingrid Wood at 609-261-0696 or email Yvette at ysk@att.net if you have questions.**

April 15, 2007—ALPACA BUDGET CAPER—ABC SHOW: Come to the first AOBA Certified level 1 show in New Jersey. To be held in Ringoes, New Jersey. Come and join the fun! Register now!
For information and entry form, go to **www.alpacaheritage.com or call the show superintendent at 609-261-0696.**

April 27-29, 2007—MAPACA JUBILEE, 2007 -Check-in day is Thursday, April 26th. Come experience one of the largest alpaca shows in the world! Look for registration to open in January 2007.
The MAPACA Jubilee will again be held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA Watch the website and the Newsletter for further details. **For more information go to www.mapaca.org.**

Renewals!

If you have not already done so, please send in your renewal for 2007.

Camelid Veterinarian Continuing Education Grant Program
PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR VETERINARIAN!

The Board of Directors of MAPACA is delighted to announce the establishment of an annual program to support continuing education for camelid veterinarians serving alpaca owners in the MAPACA region. Grants will be available up to \$1000 per session to attend camelid educational programs. Includes travel expenses, meals, rooming as well as the conference. Grants are limited to one per year for each veterinarian. In the case of veterinary practices, only one grant per practice per program. Feel free to contact Alice Brown, Recording Secretary, with any questions you may have.

Funds will be available retroactively for programs already attended in 2006. The Camelid Veterinarian Continuing Education Grant Application is available on the MAPACA website. Please submit the completed application to Alice Brown. The applications will then be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. MAPACA requests that all recipients prepare a brief summary of the program, within 2 weeks of attending, to be shared with the MAPACA membership on the MAPACA website. These summaries will be archived and kept on the website for future reference as well.

Print out the application on line from the MAPACA website (www.mapaca.org) and give it to your veterinarian to fill out and send to me:

**Alice Brown
458 Main Road
Vineland, NJ 08360**

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 1/2" 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. Please, when you send inserts, do not require that I have to sign for them! **Any questions, email Alice Brown: fpalpacas@aol.com or call: 856-697-8127.**

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