



# MAPACA

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*Newsletter*

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## President's Message:

**Welcome everyone to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual MAPACA Jubilee!**

We thank you all for coming and hope you have a wonderful time here with us as we begin our second decade of presenting the Jubilee. As always the show could not go on without the efforts of a few key people and many volunteers. Once again Anne Hallinan, Ken and Marsha Hobert and Peg Stephens and her crew have facilitated our efforts to bring you a great show.

Monica Kline, your board liaison to Anne and chair of the newly formed Show Committee, has worked tirelessly since her arrival on the board in October to bring you a tremendous show experience. Fellow board members Chuck Gulotta and Wayne Robinson have been assisting Monica in this endeavor. Chuck is the Barn Manager for the Jubilee.

There have been many changes to the show format this year. Please read the Jubilee update in this issue and familiarize yourself with the changes. Check the website and your emails for future updates. The biggest change is that we have moved the show rings to the Equine Arena. We have Show Solutions once again

bringing their screens to be placed strategically throughout the facility. In addition, Commonwealth Media Services is placing two giant plasma stadium sized screens on the back wall angled for your viewing so you won't miss a thing.

Two other changes we feel are pretty exciting. The board has decided to allow alpaca items to be sold at your farm display. This will be monitored and NO items are allowed in the aisles at any time! The specific motion was as follows:

"To permit Jubilee exhibitors to sell alpaca related items created from their fiber or created on their farm at their farm stall display during the Jubilee"

We have also arranged for the facility to bring you wireless internet capabilities during the Jubilee! Bring your laptop -show off animals at your farm, conduct business, stay in touch, watch births at home. All for free!

Some things haven't changed; The Silent Auction and Raffle will again benefit the alpaca community with donations going directly to The Alpaca Research Foundation, the Paca Patrol is back this year courtesy of Kit Hower and Blankstone Farm Alpacas ready and willing to assist you during the check-in process, and I will still be there to greet you at the door during check-in. The health regulations are included in this issue. Please review them as some things have changed ie. ARI NAME requirement and don't forget to bring 2 copies of your CVI.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors please enjoy the seminars, enjoy your friends, enjoy the show and have a great time at the Jubilee! As Paul Connor, past MAPACA President, said a few years ago, help us "Celebrate these wonderful alpacas!"

**Carol Pfister**

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## Jubilee 2007 Update!

**HALTER SHOW**—We've made a few changes to the show order this year. We want to make sure you are aware of them ahead of time so that you can plan accordingly.

Group Classes will be held on Friday, this year. We've made this change so that the breeders who win these important classes will be able to display their banners for the entire weekend!

Additionally, in order to give more kids the opportunity to participate, the Performance Classes will be held on Saturday and Sunday. Don't forget we will be having the Costume and Gambler's Choice classes again!

**CHECK IN**—Check in will take place in the Equine Arena this year. In an attempt to make this a smooth and speedy process for all, we ask that you be aware of the traffic pattern change, and pay attention to the traffic directors in the parking lot when you arrive. They will direct you around the perimeter of the parking lot and line up all trucks and trailers in a very specific manner. Please follow their direction. This will keep traffic lanes clear and prevent bottlenecks and accidents.

**SEMINARS**—Once again we will have a variety of seminars available, all free of charge. Plan to make time in your schedule to attend a few, or all! The complete schedule will be included in the program you will receive when you check in. Check it out!

**MEALS**—Because there is no auction this year, we will hold a short MAPACA general membership meeting during the lunch break on Friday. Plan to attend to find out the latest MAPACA organization news.

For a purely social evening, join us for a lovely dinner followed by a short, entertaining presentation by Bob Farmer of the Farmer's Almanac. Bob writes and edits for the Farmers' Almanac and is also the Almanac's official spokesman, having been associated with the publication for more than 25 years. Mr. Farmer brings this nationwide tradition alive with his unique down-home style of humorous storytelling, laced with anecdotes and remedies. Come enjoy what is sure to be a very entertaining evening. But be sure to purchase tickets in advance, as tickets will not be for sale at the show.

**WIRELESS CONNECTION**—All show exhibitors will have free wireless internet access at the show. We encourage everyone to bring their notebook PC's with wireless connections so you can take advantage of this benefit. You will be able to access the Show Solutions line up so you can keep up to date on when your animal will go in the ring.

**BARN MANAGER**—This year the Barn Manager will be Charles Gulotta. Look for Chuck if you need help.

**Anne Hallinan**

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

FIBER ARTS, SKEINS, FLEECE, yes, it's that time again. We are looking to make MAPACA's 2007 Fiber Arts/Skein Competition better than last year and with the help of all the great artists we have as members, it surely will be. There are new ideas in the works for this year's show and once again we are fortunate to have Wini Labrecque as our judge.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, April 29, 2007 for a special event for all of our members. Cheryl Gehly, one of the foremost fleece experts will be giving a skirting demonstration in the fleece show area. This is one demonstration that you won't want to miss! Let Cheryl rid you of your fleece skirting fears and get you on the road to showing your fleece. Be sure and check at the show for the times of this exciting and informative demonstration. For our fleece show enthusiasts, our goal is for a Level Four show this year! Our fleece show has grown over the past two years and we are thankful. But empty out your fleece room, closet or barn, this year and help make this show the largest ever. Get those entry forms in to us and as always we welcome volunteers. Should you have any questions, please call Al Beatty at 410 635-3862.

Thank you.  
MAPACA Fiber Committee

## Young Alpaca Explorers

By Lisa German

Hey young alpaca enthusiasts, we are going to shape you up this year using your creative mind. We have a new activity that will keep your mind and hands busy. I'm sure your pleasure in alpacas will shine though on this activity. This year you will be creating an alpaca, and it won't take 11-1/2 months. All of the material will be supplied. Once you are done with your alpaca bring it to the table at Whispering Meadows Alpaca Breeder booth. Your alpacas will be judged Saturday evening and on display for everyone to see Sunday. Prizes will be given out on Sunday morning around 10:00am. Complete details will be available at the show!

## Jubilee Silent Auction!

Deadline: April 10, 2007

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. This year, **all proceeds from the silent auction/raffle will be donated to the Alpaca Research Foundation (ARF).** 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. The deadline is April 10, 2007 for submissions, so please submit your donation today! This is your chance to support ARF 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](mailto:woodfam1@earthlink.net). For Raffle items, please contact Kathy Schwartz (Blue Earth River Farm) at 540-908-7420 or [SimplyAlpaca@aol.com](mailto:SimplyAlpaca@aol.com).

## Welcome Our New MAPACA Members!

Jim & Bobbie Killian, Clover Meadow Farm,  
Gainesville, VA

Kim Pongpat, Paso Ligero Alpacas, East Berlin,  
PA

Wayne & Cindy Aldrich, Shepherd's Purse Alpacas, LLC, Mount Airy, MD

Sandy & Johan Harder, Shaftsbury Alpacas,  
North Bennington, VT

Chris Mitchell & Joe Mascioli, Eagle Hollow  
Farm Alpacas, Walton, NY

# Getting Ready For Your Alpacas (Part I)

By Renee & Barry Prokop, Alpaca Vista Suris, Spotsylvania, VA

At the beginning of 2005 the owners of Alpaca Vista Suris, located in Washington State, decided to expand their farm to include another location in beautiful Spotsylvania County, Virginia. We purchased a 5-acre horse farm complete with fencing, an 8-stall barn, and plenty of open pasture. After we had worked hard at getting the land in shape, we stood back and surveyed our domain with pride and joy thinking that we were ready to receive our curious and frolicsome alpacas. Did I happen to mention that I had not actually ever started a farm before much less an alpaca farm? It seems that there is a lot more involved in “alpacaing”, if that is a word, then the theory, “build it and they will come”. After sage advice and council from the “home office”; they were able to supply a seemingly endless list of items that needed to be in place before the alpacas arrived. I learned a few new skills and due to Yankee ingenuity was able to adapt strange products to alpaca use. I have compiled a checklist of what we used in order to ensure that the alpacas arrived with everything that they needed to be safe, happy and productive.

## No Climb Fence –

While we thought that we had fencing that was strong and secure, there were additional considerations that needed to be taken into account for alpacas. When we purchased the horse farm it had extensive three board fencing complete with gates. It was well laid out and we were confident that the alpacas could be separated and herded in an easy manner. We did not fear that the alpacas would jump over or charge the fencing. One consideration that we forgot was the fact that the fencing was designed to keep the alpaca in but not to keep predators out. An alpaca’s greatest defense in times of threat is its ability to run. We had taken that ability away by placing fencing throughout the pasture. In order to reduce the threat of incoming predators we will place no climb fencing around the perimeter of the property. This will keep the curious dogs and other predators out, as well as ensuring that smaller cria will not wander under the fencing by accident.

## Capture Poles –

We assumed that since alpacas were not aggressive that they would be easy to catch. That is not exactly true. Most alpacas will not willingly allow themselves to be handled so they have to be cornered and then either haltered or held gently but firmly around the neck. The trick is to get them cornered. Alpacas are extremely agile and even at 46 years young I do not want to be chasing alpacas around the field. The solution was to have deployed around the pastures capture poles. The poles are used like an extension of your arms to guide the alpacas into a corner so that they can be handled. We use white 10-foot 1 ½ inch PVC pipes to accomplish this. The size of the poles may depend on how strong you are and how long you have to use them. We actually have *his* and *hers* poles. The *hers* poles are slightly smaller - 10 foot, 1-inch PVC pipes. We also drove two 8-inch nail spikes into the fence

posts (one in each post) near the gates and lay the capture poles across them when they are not in use.

## Mineral Supplements –

There are as many opinions on what type of mineral supplements to use, as there are opinions about the weather. The average alpaca’s diet will consist of both forage (grass and hay) as well as mineral supplements. About 20% (.75 lb per day) of a regular full-grown alpaca’s diet will include supplements. These are general numbers so your alpaca may eat more or less depending on weight, age, and environment. The key is to have a fresh, ready and continuous supply of supplements available. Depending on the supplement contents you will want to consider storage as well as ordering amounts to ensure it is the freshest possible. Some farms that we talked to use old nonworking freezers to store the supplements but we plan on using galvanized trashcans. Many supplements come in 40 or 50 pound bags and can take as long as three weeks to be ordered and received. So it is a good policy to get to know who in your area provides alpaca supplements and the time schedule for delivery. In some cases you may be able to order from a local larger farm. We plan to order in smaller quantities and more often to ensure that we will keep a fresh supply on hand.

## Winter Hay -

The average alpaca’s diet will consist of both forage and supplements. An average full-grown alpaca will eat about 80% forage (2.25 to 2.5 lbs per day) as a part of their diet. These are general numbers so your alpaca may eat more or less depending on weight, age, and environment. The key is to have a fresh, ready and continuous supply of forage available. This is pretty easy during the spring, summer and fall since the pastures will provide a ready supply of grass. However, as winter approaches the need turns to having an available source of hay. Some farms keep hay available all year long. In the summer, they don’t eat too much, usually just at night when they are too lazy to go out into the pasture to eat or they will eat some hay in the shelter area while they are kushed. The first decision that we encountered was whether we should use small square or roll bales. A 5’ X 5’ roll weighs about 1,450 pounds and the small square bales weigh around 40 to 60 pounds (depending on the type of hay, the density/size of the bale, and water content). Per pound, rolls are cheaper but they are harder to manage and the potential for more waste due to improper handling and storage is greater. I have even seen compressed bales that have two small square bales compressed into the size of one bale. For a smaller number of alpaca, regular small square bales are probably the way to go. So, with that being said, an alpaca should eat a small square bale every 20 days (2.5 lbs X 20 days = 50 lbs). Once that was determined, we checked other area farms to determine how many days they use hay during the winter. We then calculated the amount of hay to buy for the winter. The best time to buy hay is late August and September. This is when farmers are cutting hay and prices are the most competitive. Unlike the supplements, it is better to buy the hay for the season and I would not over buy more than 10 %. Although hay can last several years, feeding animals dusty hay can potentially cause health issues.

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**Feeding Buckets or Trays –**

Two different considerations need to be taken into account feeding alpacas. In the area of supplement feeding, alpacas have taken this to a sport level and can be very competitive among themselves. Alpacas, like other animals, have a pecking order. The more “alpha” alpacas exhibit aggression and try to control access to the feed supplements. So the trick is to distribute the feed in such a way that everyone has a chance to consume the appropriate amounts. This can be accomplished by separating the feeding areas. I have seen separate feed buckets as well as partitioned trays. Our farm in Washington State uses a 10-foot house rain gutter with spacers every 12 inches. Other suggestions include cutting a wide diameter PVC pipe down the middle and tying rope knots every foot or so to separate feed areas. The separated areas will also prevent the alpacas from gobbling all the supplements at once and potentially choking. Winter forage hay should be ample and provided in such a way that the alpacas do not waste it by dragging the hay onto the ground thus making it unpalatable. There are a number of commercially available feeders that can control hay access thereby making feeding more effective and efficient.

**Pooper Scooper –**

Who would have thought that we would have to clean up after the alpacas. However, removing the feces from the pasture is the best way to reduce bacteria and other unwanted parasites that thrive in dung piles. There are different schools of thought when it comes to cleaning the dung pile. We have adopted the mindset that since we feed every day, we clean the poop every day. The cleaning process only takes a couple of minutes and is much better than letting it accumulate for days. A small garden rake and scooper, along with a cart, will solve this problem. It is important to note that the pooper-scooper cart and equipment should only be used for this purpose and not for hauling hay or for other uses that it would contaminate.

**Livestock Scale –**

A good alpaca scale is worth its weight in gold. It is difficult to see many alpaca illnesses since fiber covers most of their body and alpacas tend to be stoic animals. However, changes in weight can be an early indicator that there is something going on with the alpaca that needs attention. By weighing the alpacas periodically one can better understand the health of their alpacas. The scale that we will use will also include a shoot and side rails so that we can secure the alpaca in place and can look at the alpaca without having to physically hold them. At that same time, we can also conduct a “body scoring” (check end to end as part of a quick health inspection). The scale will also be essential for monitoring young cria development.

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(To be continued in a future issue.)

## Editor’s Ramblings:

Jubilee time is here at last and what a great show has been prepared for all in attendance. I hope you enjoy the show. Please feel free to stop and talk to me and share your experiences. I’ll be walking through the facility taking pictures and chatting with attendees. I always look forward to putting some Jubilee photos in the Newsletter along with your comments and stories.

Since this is the Jubilee Edition of the Newsletter, you will notice that there are quite a few more insert ads than usual. Please take the time to look them over. These ads are inserted as a service to MAPACA members for a minimal fee. Since we are all part of this great organization, let’s support each other, which will result in further growth of our industry in the region, and serve to benefit us all in the future.

Recently I had the opportunity to attend a wonderful brain storming event at the North Carolina State University College of Textiles in Raleigh, NC. What a great event! There were breeders there from UT, AZ, CO, GA, NJ, PA, MD, WV, VA, and NC. The event was well attended and went beyond the expectation of the organizers. The College of Textiles is the top such facility in the U.S. and they are interested in doing research on alpaca fiber! The breeders present gave them some good ideas for future research that will help us to market our alpaca fiber in a variety of ways. I hope to have an article about this brainstorming session for you to read in a future issue of the Newsletter with some photos as well. A group of MAPACA members were in attendance and I would personally like to thank them for making the effort to attend and make a significant contribution to the discussion at hand.

I hope you are all enjoying the return to spring weather, and that this birthing season will be a happy and health one for each one of you.

My Best to You All,

Alice Brown

## **C**lassified Ads:

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- 1. 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](http://www.lightlivestockequipment.com) or call Jay Ward of AuSable Valley Alpacas at 518-524-0545.
- 2. 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@originalalpacaranch.com](mailto:mike@originalalpacaranch.com).**
- 3. 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](mailto:FMFAlpacas@Fenwick.net).**
- 4. 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@eznet.net](mailto:east-valley-alpacas@eznet.net) or [www.east-valley-alpacas.com](http://www.east-valley-alpacas.com).**
- 5. Transportation and Showing Services** provided by Warford Creek Alpacas, LLC. No trailer or time to show your alpacas? Let us Transport and Professionally show your alpaca (s) for you. We will be attending all the Spring and Fall shows for 2007, so book early. **Contact Deborah Hoff at 908-996-2128 or 980-894-8044.**
- 6. Advertise your alpacas for sale, herdsires or alpaca equipment or services on our highly ranked website. Go to [www.MountAiryAlpacas.com/ads.html](http://www.MountAiryAlpacas.com/ads.html) for more information.**
- 7. Alpaca Care DVD**—shots teeth & toenail trimming, birth, breeding, comprehensive segment on shearing and shearing equipment and more. **Contact Kate Perez 301-607-9129 or [www.mountairyalpacas.com/](http://www.mountairyalpacas.com/).**

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- 8. Supplies for Sale:** Arlyn Scale 4 yrs. Old-\$500 (\$850 new), metal alpaca panels \$30. 1/2 inch thick stall mats \$20. **Call Mike at (908)239-8676.**
- 9. Tis the season for alpacas to become naked.** If you do your own shearing and would like to save your back and make the job significantly easier, we have a shearing table for sale. Our table is the Totara Grove Shearing Table that was developed in New Zealand. We have used this table for 5 seasons and it is in excellent condition; comes with a shearing guide and a video. It's a steal at \$1,600. If you would like to become the new owner, we could deliver it to you at the Jubilee, or other arrangements can be made for delivery. **Call Bob or Lee of Almost Heaven Alpacas at 304-496-1073.**
- 10. Shearing Table**—Excellent condition, used 1 season for 12 animals. Asking \$850.00. **Call 302-381-6062.**
- 11. WANTED—Small Used Livestock Trailer**—Needs to be light enough for our 4-cylinder truck to pull, and in good condition. **Contact Jim or Tish Carpinelli at 609-889-4957 or email [tish@dandy.net](mailto:tish@dandy.net).**

## **MaPaca Meeting** **Schedule—2007**

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

**July 15, 2007** (Sunday)

**Annual Meeting Oct. 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.

## Calendar of Events

### **April 14, 2007--Sedalia Spring Fiber Festival--**

Celebrate natural fiber with a wonderful day filled with all of our favorite fiber animals, fascinating classes, informative exhibits and demonstrations. Elite vendors feature raw fiber of every type, supplies and equipment, and gorgeous finished goods. Music and fun food in a beautiful country setting round out the day. Plan to attend and participate [www.springfiberfestival.com/](http://www.springfiberfestival.com/)

### **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 join the fun! For information [www.alpacaheritage.com](http://www.alpacaheritage.com) or call 609-261-0696.

**April 21-22, 2007—Camelidynamics Clinic—**presented by Marty McGee at Glengary Farm in Bath (Akron) Ohio. For information and reservations [www.glengaryfarmalpacas.com/](http://www.glengaryfarmalpacas.com/) click on event button.

**April 27-29, 2007—MAPACA JUBILEE, 2007 - Check-in April 26.** Come experience one of the largest alpaca shows in the world! At the PA Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg,. **Info.-** [www.mapaca.org](http://www.mapaca.org).

**May 5 & 6, 2007—"Everything's Coming Up Alpacas"**-Thinking about raising alpacas? Have a lot of questions? Learn vital information on the industry and alpacas. A "must" seminar for new or prospective alpaca owners. **Call (518) 885-0585 or email [pjzanella@aol.com](mailto:pjzanella@aol.com) to reserve your seat.**

**MAY 11-13, 2007- Seventh Annual Spring Fling Alpaca Auction** held at WoodsEdge Wools Farm, Stockton, New Jersey. Easy to choose, easy to buy, easy to get to, the Spring Fling Auction is the auction of choice for you to attend! Excellent seminars with NEW information important to breeding and the industry! RSVP today at [www.springflingauction.com](http://www.springflingauction.com) or call Brent and Linda Berry Walker at 609 397-2212.

**June 3, 2007—Alpaca Heritage Fiber Fiesta and Bake Naked Halter Show.** -(for shorn alpacas only), Columbus, NJ. **Go to [www.AlpacaHeritage.com](http://www.AlpacaHeritage.com), or call 609-261-0696.**

**June 9, 2007—Alpaca Herd Management Seminar,** sponsored by Jersey Breeders (Tabernacle, NJ) and Stormwind Alpacas (Columbus, NJ). **Download signup form at [www.StormwindAlpacas.com](http://www.StormwindAlpacas.com), 609-261-0696.**

## **Alpaca Research Foundation (ARF)-NEWS**

*Submitted by Pat Craven, ARF Board of Directors*

Announcing the Second Annual ARF Lecture to be presented at the 2007 AOBA National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, by Ahmed Tibary, DVM, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, Washington State University

The title of Dr. Tibary's lecture is: Recent Research Developments in Camelid Reproduction. This presentation will describe new research findings on reproduction in camelids. Emphasis will be on alpacas. However a comparative approach will be taken in those areas of importance where alpaca data is not available. Amongst the topics that will be discussed are regulation of testicular function and the effect of seminal plasma on ovulation in the male. In the female, infertility and pregnancy losses continues to be a large component of reproductive losses. Uterine disease diagnosis and treatment are not yet fully studied. The role of progesterone metabolism in pregnancy losses is currently being studied. New infectious causes of reproductive losses have been reported and need to be taken into consideration when designing and implementing biosecurity measures in alpaca breeding operations. In the area of assisted reproductive techniques, new discoveries have been made in the use of frozen embryos and in vitro production of embryos. These technologies may not be approved at the moment in the USA but will soon be used very efficiently in other countries interested in alpaca breeding.

Demonstration of Newly Developed Models for Teaching Atraumatic Venipuncture and Intravenous Catheter Placement.

Following the ARF Annual Lecture, Drs. Claire Whitehead and Jeffrey Lakritz from the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, The Ohio State University will demonstrate newly developed models for teaching atraumatic venipuncture and intravenous catheter placement to veterinary students, technicians and practitioners. A rigid procedural model and a visual reference model, that demonstrate the topographical anatomy of the head and neck as well as the anatomy of soft tissues beneath the skin of the ventral neck and osteology of one side of the skull, will be used side by side to enhance the learning experience.

These models were developed by Drs. Claire Whitehead and Ben Kitchen in conjunction with Dr. Lakritz as part of an ARF funded project, "Development of a Teaching Model for Venipuncture and Intravenous Catheter Placement in Alpacas."

## 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](http://www.mapaca.org)) and give it to your veterinarian to fill out and send to:**

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

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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.

**Any AOBA affiliate may advertise their event for \$200.** Any business that sells products or services relating to alpacas or farming in general that would benefit alpaca farmers may place an insert AD in the MAPACA Newsletter at a cost of **\$200.00**.

Please send copies of your ad, 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. When you send inserts, do not require that I have to sign for them! **Any questions email Alice Brown: [fpalpacos@aol.com](mailto:fpalpacos@aol.com) or call: 856-697-8127.**

If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts also happens to the man. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons of the Earth.

*~Chief Seattle of the Suwamish Tribe,  
letter to President Franklin Pierce*

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