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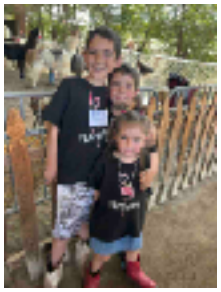
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From the Editor

In this edition:

LANA member Heather Kock shares a fun story about her family of five and their journey with llamas.

To celebrate LANA's 45th Anniversary, BOD Susan Rich writes about LANA's origins, and some significant milestones.

BOD Stephanie Pedroni took her llamas to a work-related event. You'll enjoy reading her story as she introduces her llamas to her co-workers and their families, and her llamas' experience meeting Byte, the security dog.

Have you noticed a lump on your llama or alpaca? Dr. Arendas's article is a great guide to understanding what it might be.

BOD Eileen Ditsler shares her adventures with LASC and their parade entries this year, highlighting the lively groups that brought llama love to the streets.

LANA recently held its Fiber Arts Clinic. BOD Stephanie Pedroni writes about the new projects and the fun day the participants had.

Honor the LANA's Youth Award of Excellence winners who are pictured with the judges of their shows. Seth Rowan, a recent recipient of the YAE medallion, expressed his gratitude to LANA for his award by sending a Thank You card.

I genuinely appreciate everyone who contributed their articles and photos for this issue.

Kathy

From the President

Are you enjoying LANA's "Caption This!" on Facebook? There were some clever captions about the recent picture. If you have a picture to share, send it to lanaquestions@gmail.com.

Thank you, Margaret Drew, for hosting LANA's "End of Summer" Fiber Arts Clinic. The participants thoroughly enjoyed the projects and your excellent instruction. You truly are the "hostess with the mostest."

Congratulations to Joy Pedroni and Stephanie Pedroni of Black Cat Llamas! Their exhibit was the Best Educational Species Presentation (overall winner) at the California State Fair. LANA is the host organization for the Llama & Alpaca Show at the Fair.

Thank you to our LANA members and friends who attended the Great American River Clean-Up Day on September 19th. Participating in this event not only benefited the Parkway but also provided an excellent opportunity to introduce our camelid companions to the public and get in a little bit of training.

It saddens me to share the news of the passing of LANA members Fred Rich from Oakdale, California, and Greg Cordero from Placerville, California, both of whom passed away in July. Also David Armer from Oregon, a fiber artist who showed llamas and alpacas and had contributed to this newsletter, passed away in August. Our deepest condolences go out to their families and friends.

Kathy

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Established in 1981, the Llama Association of North America (LANA), serves the camelid community by sponsoring medical research specific to llamas and alpacas; providing current and accurate information about camelid health and care; advocating for pro-camelid legislation and access to public lands; encouraging, educating and mentoring camelid enthusiasts of all ages in their interactions with camelids; supporting rescue for camelids in distress; and hosting a variety of activities including youth programs, hiking trips, shows, parades, fiber clinics, educational events and more.

Welcome Members

Say Hello to our Most Recent 2026 Members

Carol McKenzie
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Benicia, California

Cathy Spalding
Gentle Spirit Llamas
Olympia, Washington
www.gentlespiritllamas.com

The Zatzke Family
Mike, Maroniae, Maverick, and Evelyn
The Oz Ranch
Loomis, California

Calendar of Events

Bold type denotes LANA sponsored events
*(asterisk) denotes discount for FOL Sponsors and LANA members

OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR OPEN LLAMA/ ALPACA SHOW
September 25 - 26, 2026
Oklahoma City Fairgrounds
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
contact: luckyonyx81@gmail.com

FALLAMAFEST LLAMA SHOW AND EVENT
September 25 - 27, 2026
Fox Hill Equestrian Center
Louviers, Colorado
contact: fallamafest@gmail.com
www.fallamafest.com

FALL HARVEST LLAMA SHOW
September 25 - 27, 2026
Nationals Cattle Congress Anniversary Hall
Waterloo, Iowa
iowallamas@gmail.com

ILR-SD & ALSA JUDGING CLINIC
September 25 - 27, 2026
Misty Vale Ranch
Woodland, Washington
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ALSA WESTERN REGIONALS
September 25 - 27, 2026
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
Lancaster, California
contact: labendeira@yahoo.com

NATIONAL ALPACA FARM DAYS
September 26 - 27, 2026
www.alpacainfo.com/alpaca-farm-days

CAMELIDynamics Hands-On Clinic
September 26-28, 2026
Zaca Creek Ranch
Buellton, California
https://camelidynamics.com/california-clinic/

THE BIG E LLAMA SHOW
October 2 - 4, 2026
Eastern States Exposition
West Springfield, Massachusetts
contact: kewa4@pm.me
www.thebige.com

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ALSA GRAND NATIONALS
October 2 - 4, 2026
Iowa Equestrian Center
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
alsashow.net

CASCADE ONLINE OKTOBERFEST SALE
October 3 - 7, 2026
contact: evergreenllamas@gmail.com
www.cascadellamashow.com

2KC INVITATIONAL LLAMA SHOW
ALSA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
October 16 - 18, 2026
Georgia National Fairgrounds
Perry, Georgia
contact: llamajudge@gmail.com
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THE LEGEND LLAMA SHOW
October 16 - 18, 2026
Erie County Fair
Wattsburg, Pennsylvania
contact: ilovemykids8243@aol.com

GALA EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
October 22 - 25, 2026
Hilton in Scranton
Scantron, Pennsylvania
contact: dwr3rr@gmail.com
galaonline.com

GOLD COUNTRY GATHERING ALPACA SHOW
CALIFORNIA CLASSIC ALPACA SHOW
October 23 - 25, 2026
Glenn County Fairgrounds
Orland, California
calpacaevents.com

SOUTHWEST CAMEL CONFERENCE AND TRAINING CLINIC
October 23 - 25, 2026
Sandy Valley Ranch
Sandy Valley, Nevada
https://sandyvalleyranchnv.com

OREGON FLOCK AND FIBER FESTIVAL
October 30 - November 1, 2026
Linn County Expo Center
Albany, Oregon
oregonflockandfiberfestival.com

LANA'S YOUTH WRITING & ART CONTEST
Deadline November 1, 2026
www.lanainfo.org

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION LLAMA SHOW
November 6 - 8, 2026
Kentucky Exposition Center
Louisville, Kentucky
contact: Lisa Robinson

WINTER WONDERLAND LLAMA SHOW 1 & 2
November 20 - 22, 2026
Willow Tree Farms Event Venue
Ringgold, Georgia
contact: llamajudge@gmail.com

LANA'S 18TH ANNUAL HOBO CLASSIC
February 5 - 7, 2027
Diamond Bar Arena
Ceres, California
lanainfo.org

MWLA CONFERENCE
February 19 - 20, 2027
Express Suites Riverport Conference & Event Center
Winona, Minnesota
www.mwla.force.com

SPRING SHOWCASE
March 19 - 21, 2027

IOWA LLAMA JACKPOT
June 12 - 13, 2027
Linn County Fairgrounds
Central City, Iowa
https://iowallamajackpot.com

Llamping Weekend

LANA's Llamping weekend has been postponed until 2027. There weren't any open weekends that worked while the weather was still in good shape. We'll let you know as soon as we have a date in mind.

Elections Are Coming Up

Do You Want To Serve Your Camelid Community?



It's that time of the year again when the current Board of Directors reaches out to its members to invite them to join the Board. The Board convenes monthly via conference call in the evening, with meetings lasting an hour to an hour and a half. As a Board member, a Director is asked to share their time and talent in service to the LANA Mission Statement. If interested, a person must be a current LANA member and must submit a short Candidates's Statement to LANA at lanaquestions@gmail.com. The Candidate Statement is a short description of who you are specifically in regard to camelids and what you hope to accomplish as a Board member. This statement is due December 1, 2026.In December, the membership votes on the candidates, and the first meeting of the three-year term would be held in January 2027.



Calling All Artistic and Story-Telling Youth

LANA's Youth Writing & Art Contest

Do you love to draw, or do you prefer to write poems and stories? Put your creativity to the test in the upcoming Youth Writing and Art Contest! The competition features four age categories—Sub-Junior, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior—giving everyone a fair chance to shine. Best of all, cash prizes will be awarded to all first-place winners! The final deadline to submit your masterpiece is November 1st. For full details and guidelines, check out the flyer included in this newsletter or visit the LANA website.



The Kock Ranch

Our Llama Journey

by Heather Kock

Our journey into showing llamas began many years ago when I worked with llamas at a ranch in Leona Valley during high school. I only showed at the Antelope Valley Fair at that time. After taking a break for college and having babies, I'm back in the game with the cutest "Crackhead" of a llama and some of the best people I consider part of my extended (llama) family. And now, I get to shuttle the next generation of llama showmen around while we have the time of our lives inside and outside of the ring.

My kids started showing on National Llama Day in 2022 when we happened to be at the Weisenberger Ranch. Obviously, we needed to kiss a llama. Easton was 7 at the time, and fell in love with the animals. His competitive side has propelled him to become better and better each time he gets in the ring. This year, he made the top five in ALSA's Junior Youth Top Ten in all 5 categories!

Clayton has just started to develop the showman drive and enjoys showing and strives to beat his brother (it happened once this year!). He has a knack for learning from others through observation and is determined to be the best. This year, he placed in ALSA's Junior Youth Top Ten in 4 of the categories!

And then there is Lena, who is our animal lover and the most driven of them all! You can find her playing in the dirt, coaching whoever will listen and showing llamas in sub-junior for a few more years. But she's also ready to compete with her brothers.

Paul is the best show dad and husband there is. He's often at the end of a lead rope or holding a brush, but he gladly hands the animal over at the gate. A professional feeder and bean scooper in the shadows, Paul is always there to cheer us on.

While our ranch is usually full with livestock animals for 4-H, llama shows are definitely a top priority. We are so grateful to 4R Llama Ranch for adopting us into their show family and giving our kids the best life experiences. Somehow chores aren't a fight at their ranch, go figure!

While the llama show year is winding down, we look forward to future adventures up and down California and beyond!



Above:
Heather and 4R Toasted Moonshine aka "Crackhead"

Below:
Clayton and Easton in the ring









Top Left:
Easton and
Icehouse Roshambo

Top Right:
Clayton and
WOL Shiloh

Left:
Lena and
Icehouse Roshambo



Sophia Murphy

LANA Youth Award of Excellence

Judge Margaret Drew awarded Sophia Murphy the LANA Youth Award of Excellence at the Darrington Fling, July 10 -12, 2026, in Darrington, Washington. The judge felt she was a delightful young lady with a positive attitude, helped the other youth, and was always ready to show. Her attributes truly deserving of the award.



Easton Kock

LANA Youth Award of Excellence

Easton Kock was chosen by judges Nick Hauptly and Tor Sorensen at the Glacier Classic Llama Show for the LANA Medallion thanks to his positive attitude and contagious sportsmanship all weekend. Easton was always happy to try new things and pitch in to help with all aspects of the show. Thank you Easton, great job! The show was held July 10 - 12, 2026, in Kalispell, Montana.



Iris Lopes

LANA Youth Award of Excellence

Meet 4-year-old Iris Lopes, recipient of the LANA YAE at the Orange County Fair Llama Show. Iris and her family were at the wash racks preparing their boar goats for the show. She immediately gravitated towards the llamas, firing off non-stop questions and asking if she could lead one or brush one or wash one. For the next 10 hours, Iris brushed and washed, and helped with chores without any waning in her enthusiasm. Iris was thrilled when asked if she wanted to help out in the ring, and her infectious smile never left her face. Despite not being a "llama kid," she had an instant connection with them and demonstrated her tremendous work ethic to be involved with them all weekend. The show was judged by Ben Carothers and held July 18-19, 2026, in Costa Mesa, California.

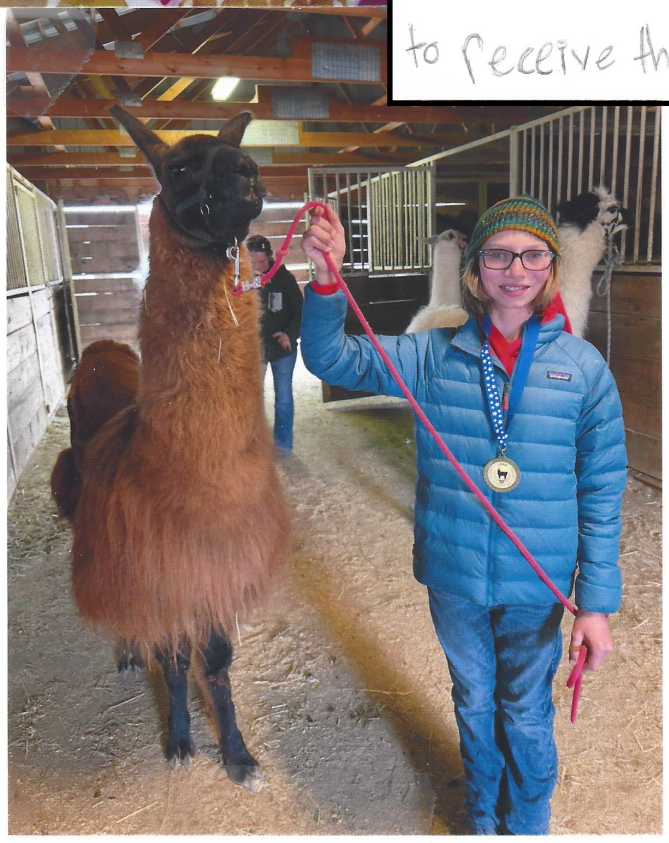
A Thank You Message From Seth Rowan



Dear L.A.N.A.,

Thank you for sponsoring the youth excellence award Good Sportsmanship and helping others is one of the most important skills we learn through 4-H and ALSA. It is an honor to receive this award.

Sincerely
Seth Rowan



Seth was selected for the LANA Youth Award of Excellence at the Estes Park Wool Market Show in Colorado in June.

Happy 45th Anniversary, LANA

By Susan Rich

In a backyard, in May of 1981, a group of llama enthusiasts gathered and, from their discussions, LANA was born. The organization was aptly named as the inaugural membership represented 3 countries: Canada, the US and Australia. Granted that last representative was outside the titular boundaries! Twenty-three states in the union came on board that first year. All told, the membership totaled 130, 79 of which claimed California as their residence.

Although the numbers are no longer as robust, I must point out that this year's membership includes three states not found on the original list: Florida, Hawaii, and Tennessee. The 35 ranch and youth club memberships from this year represent multiple members from each entity. We have membership from 10 states, and like that first group, we are still California-centric.

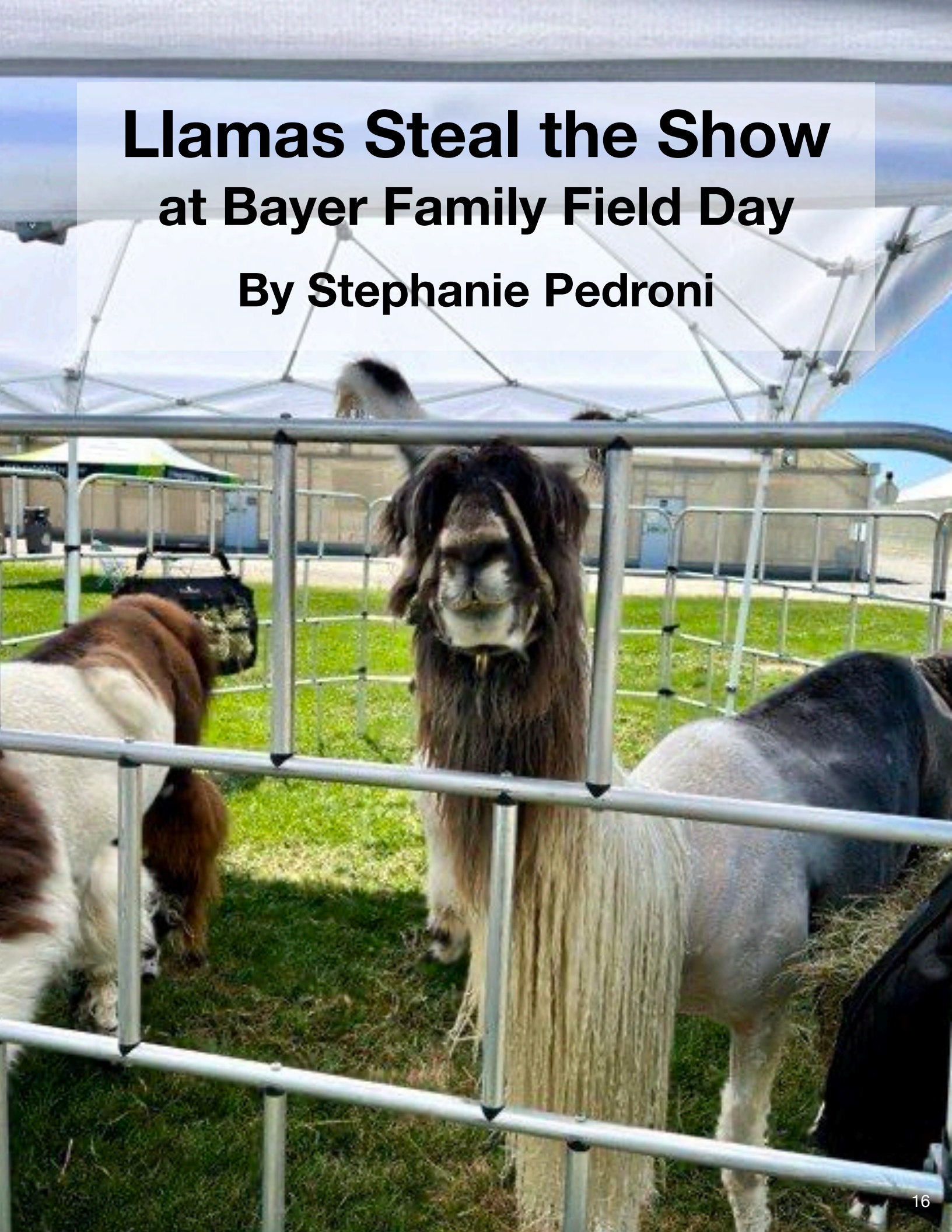
The organization has grown, morphed, refined itself, and, most importantly, survived. Some highlights:

- August of 1981: First issue of LANA News was published, in actual hard copy.
- Summer of 1982: First LANA Expo, with visiting veterinarian Dr. Murray Fowler.
- April of 1988: LANA Camelid Research Foundation started.
- Winter of 1996: The LANA Lifeline program was established.
- November of 1999: Funds were transferred to the Morris Animal Foundation.
- June 2001: LANA Youth Sportsmanship Award was created, which has now transitioned into the LANA Youth Medallion.
- June of 2008: LANA held its last Expo.
- December of 2010: The Montana Large Animal Sanctuary collapsed and 1,000 animals (including approximately 590 llamas) needed rescue. Among others, LANA Lifeline assisted.
- Summer of 2019: LANA assumes responsibility for the Cal Expo State Fair show.
- December of 2021: LANA receives the Cal-ILA trailer, the remainder of its funds, and two Board members.
- March of 2024: LANA deposits funds formerly residing with the Morris Animal Foundation into an investment account.

A sincere thank you to members of LANA and to participants in LANA activities; your support allows the organization to continue its mission and serve the North American camelid community.

Llamas Steal the Show
at Bayer Family Field Day

By Stephanie Pedroni







One of the best parts of working at a Bayer Vegetable Breeding facility is the summer field season. From home-garden transplants early in the year to fresh produce as crops mature, the season ends with a special celebration for employees and their families.

This year's Family Field Day offered something for everyone: overflowing crates of tomatoes, bell and hot peppers, onions, melons, and watermelons; a brunch buffet; giant bubbles; and a bouncy house. But the biggest crowd seemed to gather at the llama booth.

Three of my llamas enjoyed a shady spot on the grass and were far more interested in trimming the lush lawn and accepting pellets from the delighted visitors than eating the hay I brought for them. Watching their tiny lips carefully chase the last pellets from people's fingers was a highlight—especially because adults squealed and giggled just as enthusiastically as the children.

Visitors could also take part in a llama word search and a craft activity, using crayons, glue, and llama fiber to create their own fluffy llama or alpaca to bring home.

The llamas even met Byte, the site's robotic security dog. While Byte entertained visitors in "play mode" by sitting, bowing, and spinning in circles, the llamas were on high alert, carefully tracking his every move.

It was a relaxing and memorable morning spent with co-workers, families, fresh field produce, and plenty of llama smiles.


Llama kisses


Getting treats


Craft Activities


I love fresh produce!


Watching Byte

Llumpy Llamas!

By Char Arendas, DVM

Have you ever felt an unusual bump on your llama or alpaca? Maybe you were shearing in the spring and uncovered something that was hidden all winter under the fiber. Perhaps you were grooming for a show and found something oozing. Possibly you were just saying hello to your barn buddy and noticed a bump on the nose or lip. There are many types of lumps and bumps that we can find on our camelid friends. This article is meant to introduce you to some of the more common lumps you might encounter.

Abscess

Perhaps the easiest bump to recognize is the good old abscess. Abscesses are basically a big sac of pus that occurs under the skin where bacteria were introduced, proliferated, and then a bunch of white blood cells arrived to fight them off. These can occur from an injury/bite, at the site of an injection, on the jaw from an infected tooth, and really just about anywhere else on the body. They tend to pop up quickly, and after several days might ripen and burst open. They typically contain a thick white/yellow/green creamy liquid…aka pus or purulent debris. The best thing that can happen is for an abscess to rupture and drain. If you find an abscess, the best thing to do is to put on gloves and squeeze as much pus out as you can. If you have an antiseptic like betadine or chlorhexidine, you can use this to cleanse the skin over and around the abscess.

Even better yet, using a big syringe to flush sterile saline into the sac of the abscess will help clean it out. Antibiotics are usually given for several days to help the infection clear up. Be sure to use fly spray around the area, because many abscesses are stinky and you don't want to end up with maggots.

Cyst

Another type of debris filled sac that occurs on the surface of the skin is the cyst. A cyst is usually found where oil glands occur. A cyst forms when one of these glands that secrete fluid or oil becomes damaged and stops draining onto the skin's surface. The secretions then build up and cause a bump to form. They tend to feel very firm and usually do not get very large – maybe half-inch or so in size. They are usually almost always located along the topline of the animal, as there are more glands in this area. When poked with a needle or sterile surgical blade and squeezed firmly, they will squirt out a very thick, waxy, dark grayish material. Some animals seem to be more prone to sebaceous (oil gland) cysts than others. I usually find them when I shear in the spring. If you decide to poke and squeeze a cyst, try to cleanse the area first with an antiseptic so that you don't introduce bacteria and end up creating an abscess!



Cyst on a llama

Warts
Some of you might be familiar with warts in other livestock. Well, camelids get them too! In fact, warts (aka fibropapillomas) many times even arise from contact with a virus known as a papillomavirus.

They are most common on the face – especially the nose and lips. This is probably because llamas are so curious and tend to sniff or touch things with their nose/lips. I personally find that llamas who are well-traveled and attend more shows are more apt to getting warts. Most likely this is because they are exposed to many other animals and environments than llamas who stay at home on the farm. Warts usually sit on top of the skin, are hairless, can vary in pigment from pink to gray, and tend to look bumpy on the surface. Warts that are large or that continue to grow can look disfiguring on a llama.

They can be removed by your vet with light (standing) sedation and a local block. The warts are usually cut or cauterized out and then the skin is stitched back together Small warts may be responsive to at-home wart removal ki such as freeze kits or Compound-W. However, use caution with Compound- W around the lips as it should not be ingested!



Warts near a llama's nose and mouth

Injection Site Reaction
Camelids tend to be prone to injection site reactions. Vaccines and meningeal worm preventative injections seem to be the biggest culprits. The area in which the shot was given becomes firmly swollen and the fiber may even fall out. Some camelids seem to be more prone to injection site reactions than others. These firm areas are different than abscesses because they do not contain any fluid or infection. Although the firm lump under the skin will gradually dissipate, it may never totally go away. Sometimes, the fiber in that area may even grow back in a lighter color.

Tumor
Our worst fear as the finder of the lump is that it's cancer. Well, luckily most of the lumps you're going to find are not going to be cancerous. But some may be. Many of the tumors that I've seen on camelids tend to have pink fleshy tissue protruding from the skin. There may also be infection and pus and an odor. The key to checking these out thoroughly is to cleanse the area and remove any debris. You can even shear around it to get a better look. I've seen these pop up on knees, on the sternal pad between the front legs, on the topline, and even on the fetlock/ankle. Remember to keep flies away and get your vet out to assess the situation!

Although this list is not all-inclusive, it should give you a quick intro to the most common camelid bumps you'll encounter.

Red White and Blue
Llamas and Alpacas Too!
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Chris Cebra DVM
Antoinette Marsh DVM
Char Arendas DVM
Pamela Walker DVM
Adam Black - Trainer
Sibel Mallory - Needle Felting Artist
Henry Ramsay - Fly Tying Expert

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  - M-Worm Research Update
  - Understanding Parasites
- Packing 101
- Halter & Obstacle Training
- Hay Quality Assessment
- Painting With Yarn
- Fly Tying With Camelid Fiber
- Assessing, Preparing & Using Fiber
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- Pioneer Reunion
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(570) 207-1212

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Learn more and book your room at:
galaonline.org/2026-conference

I Love A Parade

The Llama Association of Southern California participated in two parades this year sharing their llama llove with the public

By Eileen Ditsler

Norco Horseweek is a 10-day celebration of ranch riding, extreme bull riding, barrel racing, chili cook-offs, lawn mower races, horse shoe and corn hole competitions, and more, including a parade. LASC decided to participate in a couple of parades this year, and this was our first one.

Many LASC members joined in the festivities with their camelid companions: llamas, an alpaca and a couple of huarizos. Most of the animals wore packs, and one owner embraced the western spirit by donning a cowboy hat on her llama. Remarkably, all the lamas, whether males, females, or geldings, minded their manners. On a side note, not a single horse seemed bothered by our unique entry.

Nestled in Southern California's Inland Empire, Norco, aptly nicknamed "Horsetown, USA," has more horse trails than sidewalks. Norco's Horseweek, established in 1972, serves as a platform to celebrate and preserve the community's distinct rural and equestrian heritage.













LASC's second parade was the popular Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade. The LASC members dressed in their red, white, and blue attire, and the llamas were adorned with patriotic decorations. We were entry number 100 out of 200 units. The handlers and llamas performed exceptionally well on the 2.5-mile parade route, with the Myers twins actively engaging the public. The crowd was very excited and seemed to genuinely appreciate the presence of the llamas.

This 122nd Annual Parade stands as one of the largest Independence Day Parades west of the Mississippi River. The event drew an impressive crowd of over 10,000 spectators and was televised on a Los Angeles TV station.

LASC is exploring the possibility of participating in a few more parades this year, ideally around the holiday season.



LANA YOUTH WRITING & ART CONTEST



LANA invites youth of all ages to submit original work for a contest

- A piece of writing such as:
    - an article on any camelid-related topic of interest to the youth
    - a fictional story involving camelids
    - a poem about an alpaca or llama or a herd

- A piece of original artwork with camelids included

NOTE: <u>One</u> submission per youth (writing **<u>or</u>** artwork)

Written pieces should be 1000 words or less. If the author chooses to include images (illustrations or drawings or photographs), there should be no more than four to accompany the writing. The images that accompany a piece of writing will not be considered for the Art contest; they will be seen as part of the written submission. If completed on the computer, written pieces should be typed in Times New Roman font, and double-spaced, with the author's name on each page in the header.

Pictures or scanned artwork should be submitted as .jpeg files with a resolution of at least 300 dpi. The contest should be the original work of the youth author/artist. Artwork does not include "wearable" fiber projects such as knitted or crocheted scarves or sweaters.

Submit written pieces and scanned artwork electronically to Susan Rich at lanaquestions@gmail.com. The **deadline** for the annual contest is **November 1st**.

One winner for the written submission and one winner for the art submissions will be chosen for each of the four age categories (sub-junior, junior, intermediate, and senior). Winners will receive a cash prize and written prize and written pieces and artwork will be published in the LANA Newsletter and posted on the LANA website.

A Beautiful Day of
Fiber Arts and Friendship

By Stephanie Pedroni





Margaret Drew's home was the venue for another fantastic day, enjoying wonderful weather on her front patio while learning yet another new fiber skill.

The gathering included some familiar faces from the llama community—Stephanie, Joy, Cali, Charlotte, and Audrey—as well as several friends who are not always able to join us: Sue and her friend, Lenneka, and Sabina. We were also delighted to welcome some of Margaret's fiber art friends, Kimberly, Giovanna, and Carol, who are now members of LANA.



As everyone arrived, we kicked off the morning with champagne for the adults, freshly squeezed juices, and a tempting assortment of baked breakfast treats. Audrey and Charlotte had helped set up flower-adorned tables on the front porch, creating a lovely and welcoming space for the day's activities.

Margaret introduced us to two textile-making techniques: latch hooking and locker hooking. As always, she had thoughtfully prepared all the necessary supplies—boxes and boxes of yarn in various colors, canvases, latch hooks, needles, scissors, and more. After Margaret's demonstration, we began by finishing the edges of our canvases, then selected our yarns and got to work. Participants experimented with latch hooking, locker hooking, or both techniques.







After a few hours of focused work, we paused for an impressive lunch spread. The menu included tortilla soup, scalloped potatoes, Frito salad, homemade focaccia, ginger-lime fruit salad, gourmet cheeses, and chocolate cake topped with Heath Bar frosting.



Although no one managed to complete a project that day, Margaret generously sent everyone home with their own tools and enough yarn to continue their work. She also ensured that any leftovers went home with us, even though no one was likely still hungry.

We are already looking forward to discovering the next fiber skill Margaret will teach with us.







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Thank you to all those in the llama community who support these youth as they work with their animals. Thank you, LANA BOD especially, for being kid focused.



Cali – a thousand thank you's for all that you do and for stepping in
Greg – we appreciate you trusting us with your ccara treasures



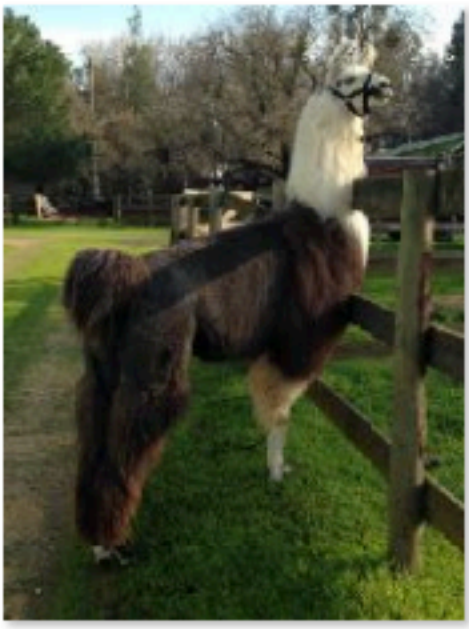






LAMARAH

Wilton, California
Kathy Nichols





Minimum Standards of Care for Llamas and Alpacas

Minimum Standards of Care are mandatory to llama and alpaca survival and humane treatment. These are the most basic requirements that all llamas and alpacas must have for physical well-being and, as such, define minimum requirements for animal control officers and government officials investigating questionable llama and alpaca care situations.

1. **WATER:** Animals should have continuous access to potable drinking water.

2. **NUTRITIONAL**: Animals should have nourishment adequate to sustain life and health.

3. **SHELTER**: Animals should have natural or man-made shelter that enables them to find relief from extreme weather conditions. The sheltered area must allow for the ability to stand, lie down, rest and reasonably move about.

4. **MOBILITY**: Animals should have a living area through which they can move freely and exercise independently

5. **NEGLECT**: Animals should have a physical appearance free from signs of serious neglect. Signs of serious neglect may include such things as crippled ambulation due to severely curled toenails, ingrown halters, or living conditions not meeting the minimums listed above.

6. **SAFETY**: Animals should be reasonably safeguarded from injury or death within their defined living environment and/or when traveling.

7. **CRUELTY**: Animals should be reasonably safeguarded from cruel treatment and actions that endanger life or health or cause avoidable suffering.

8. **SOCIALIZING**: Llamas and alpacas are herd animals and should not live alone without a companion animal. A cria (a baby llama or alpaca under six months) should not be removed or apart from other llamas or alpacas.

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LANA's Emergency Wallet Card
Next of Kin Card & Live Animal Alert

Edited from an article by Cris Jennings

In 1996, LAMA Lifeline was created. It was apparent that rescue was but one role Lifeline needed to include in their new program. Although Lifeline consciously structured itself to respond to llama needs, Lifeline volunteers encountered llama rescue situations where other animals (i.e.: goats, sheep, cats, pics, and geese) came into play. To the owner needing Lifeline's assistance, these animals' welfare was every bit as important as the llamas. Lifeline learned early on, when one type of animal on a ranch is jeopardized by a ranch emergency, all the animals may all be at risk.

Many of the llama rescue situations Lifeline has been involved with began with some sort of human emergency. Having a plan in place for llama/other animal care in case of emergency allowed owner input and control during the chaos of crisis. Real life crisis, health emergencies and death do happen to people all of the time. Individuals prepare for these events by making wills/living trusts, medical powers of attorney, and dutifully paying insurance premiums; some even insure their llamas. Lifeline realized there was generally nothing in place to ensure basic everyday needs were met (food, water and animal care) if the owners were suddenly out of the picture and unable to provide or direct ranch coverage during an emergency situation. In response to this need in the llama community, LANA developed an emergency notification card that links Next of Kin contacts with animal care contacts.

The hard facts of life are that no one can predict when a tragedy may strike and human crisis can generate significant chaos to create animal emergencies. Thoughtful preplanning can prevent putting animals at risk and avoid compounding an already difficult situation. The NOK/Live Animal Alert Card is but one practical application of LANA's commitment to the community, the well being of llamas and Lifeline's consulting, networking, education philosophy.

LANA was contacted in December 2024, and asked if LANA still had the NOK cards available. The Board of Directors agreed to create an updated card and make it available to anyone. Please feel free to print this and share with others.



Llama Association of North America
Next of Kin / Live Animal Alert

Name _____

Address _____

_____

Phone(s) _____

Email _____

If I am incapacitated or die, please contact those listed on the reverse side of this card.

PLEASE ENSURE SOMEONE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
WATER, FOOD AND WELLNESS OF MY ANIMALS

Next of Kin Contacts

Name _____
Relationship: _____ ph_____
Name _____
Relationship: _____ ph_____

Animal Care Contacts

Name _____
Relationship: _____ ph_____
Name _____
Relationship: _____ ph_____

____# Llamas ____# Cats ____# Sheep ____# Reptiles
____# Alpacas ____# Dogs ____# Goats ____# Other

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2026 Membership and Donations

Membership: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31

Please send all completed applications and checks (made out to LANA) to:

LANA, c/o Joy Pedroni
3966 Estate Drive Vacaville, CA 95688

LANA MISSION STATEMENT

ESTABLISHED in 1981, the Llama Association of North America (LANA), serves the camelid community by sponsoring medical research specific to llamas and alpacas; providing current and accurate information about camelid health and care; advocating for pro-camelid legislation and access to public lands; encouraging, educating and mentoring camelid enthusiasts of all ages in their interactions with camelids; supporting rescue for camelids in distress; and hosting a variety of activities including youth programs, hiking trips, shows, parades, fiber clinics, educational events and more.



Your Name:

Your Ranch Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone number(s):

Website:



MEMBERSHIP & Donation OPTIONS

See second page for Descriptions

Membership options:	Fees:	Your choices:
Friend of LANA	$250	
LANA Member	$40	
New LANA Member	$25	
Youth (19 and under)	$20	
Youth Club	$35	
Donor: LANA Lama Lifeline		
Donor: Youth programs		
Donor: Gen. Fund		
	TOTAL:	

LANA Membership, Sponsorship, & Donation Opportunities

2026

Friend of LANA **A year-long sponsorship** **$250**	Discounts for show entries*; 50% fees for clinics & camping; free vendor space at LANA-sponsored events and shows; recognition and ads (website, all newsletters, show programs, and events); US Mailings from LANA; 1 vote per membership for LANA elections; support of your association and its mission
LANA Member **$40**	Discounts for show entries*, clinics & camping; listing on LANA website; US mailings from LANA; 1 vote per membership for LANA elections; support of your association and its mission
***New* LANA Member** **$25**	Discounted membership fee as a welcome to LANA for first-time members with all the benefits of membership as outlined above for a LANA member: discounts for show entries*, clinics & camping; US mailings from LANA; 1 vote per membership for LANA elections
Youth **(19 and under)** **$20**	Discounted membership fee to youth; discounts for show entries*, clinics & camping; US mailings from LANA specifically for youth events and opportunities; and support for your association and its mission
Youth Club **$35**	Group membership for established youth clubs (4H, FFA, etc.) for which each club youth receives discounts for show entries*, clinics and camping; US mailings from LANA; 1 vote for a designated adult; & support of the association's mission
Donation to LANA Lama Lifeline	Lifeline saves camelids in housing crisis. Funds go toward feed, vet care, transportation, and other rescue costs. The LANA Lifeline Committee responds to emergencies and works with other agencies to remove animals when necessary and rehouse them safely.
Donation to Youth Programs	LANA Youth programs include youth only shows, youth classes at shows at discounted rates, specialized clinics for youth, and specific awards for youth.
Donor to General Fund	LANA funds are used to sanction and provide resources for shows; purchase awards; and support clinics, camping trips, parades, etc

Please note: *California State Fair is excluded from any benefits as LANA serves as a host for the show only and is not a sponsor.*