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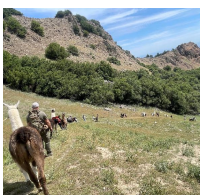


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Editor's Message:

In this issue:

LANA member Patti Oxenham from Hesperia, California, tells of her journey into llamas and family time with her grandkids.

Read about LANA BOD Susan Rich's heartwarming gesture of sharing her llamas with the residents and staff at a senior living facility, providing a unique and uplifting therapeutic experience.

Enjoy the great pictures and article by LANA BOD Cali Roberson about LANA's Hike the Sutter Buttes. This event is very popular with the UC Davis Veterinary students.

Check out the unique experience of LANA BOD Eileen Ditsler as she shares a behind-the-scenes look at featuring her llamas in an upcoming commercial for the Los Angeles County Fair.

I was tasked with finding an article about grooming, specifically for suri llamas. In a LANA Expo Notebook, I came across a grooming article that accompanied Caroline Granger's (formerly Gardner) excellent grooming presentation at a LANA Expo.

Appreciate the efforts of the deserving youth who were honored with the LANA Youth Award of Excellence Medallions.

Learn about the generosity of a veteran who donated his ranch to support veterans in need. This article is reprinted with permission from the *GALA Newsletter*.

This year, LANA commemorates its 45th anniversary, a significant milestone for any organization. Notably, *LANA News* also began 45 years ago — one of the longest-running and most continuous llama publications. There are many more milestones that will be featured by BOD Susan Rich in the next issue. Please look forward to her article in the Late Summer edition.

Kathy

From the President

LANA, an organization dedicated to supporting all aspects of camelid ownership, education, and research, celebrated its 45th anniversary in May. Since its founding in 1981, many llama organizations have emerged and faded. Despite membership challenges, LANA remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting the llama community and upholding its mission statement.

April was a busy month for LANA, with two events taking place. I want to express my gratitude to Susan Rich for superintending another fantastic Kids & Camelids Youth Show and the volunteers who helped that day. And thank you, Lee Beringsmith, for organizing the well-attended Sutter Buttes Hike.

LANA will be the host of the California State Fair Llama & Alpaca Show in July. We are excited to welcome Kim Schechinger as our judge. Margaret Drew will be joining in the judge's duties for the Performance classes. Entry deadline is June 24th.

Play along with LANA on Facebook and Instagram! Check out our "Caption This" posts and drop your best lines in the comments. Want us to feature your photo? Send your best snapshots to lanaquestion@gmail.com.

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing of Jerry Thomas and Marlys Green. Jerry and his wife were long-time llama breeders at their ranch, Redwoods in the Meadow Farm, located in Albion, California. Marlys was an active member of the Llamas of the Wine Country, and her ranch, Greenview, was situated in Sebastopol, California. Our deepest sympathies 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.

Say Hello to our Most Recent 2026 Members

Greg Harford
Potato Ranch Packers
Sonora, California
www.potatoranchllamas.com

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Rockn-K-Ranch
Hayward, California
rockinkllamaranch.com

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Vacaville, California

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Tall Tail Llamas
Collbran, Colorado
www.talltailllamas.com

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Westbourne Farm
LaFollette, Tennessee

Calendar of Events

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*(asterisk) denotes discount for FOL Sponsors or LANA members

GATHERING OF FRIENDS AND CHAMPIONS
SHOW, SALE & FUTURITY
June 26 - 28, 2026
Iowa Equestrian Center
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
www.ilrshows.com

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PASTURE SHOW
July 3 - 5, 2026 **CANCELLED DUE TO**
2bit2 Ranch **INCREASED RISK OF**
Guffey, Colorado **AREA WILDFIRES**

NORTHERN WISCONSIN STATE FAIR
July 7 - 9, 2026
Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin
nwsfa.com

DARRINGTON FLING
ALSA NORTHWEST REGIONAL
July 10 - 12, 2026
Darrington Rodeo Grounds
Darrington, Washington
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jnkllamas.com

GLACIER CLASSIC
July 10 - 12, 2026
Majestic Valley Arena
Kalispell, Montana
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contact: partybarnllamafarm@gmail.com

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LAMAPALOOZA 2026

July 17 - 19, 2026
Mower County Fairgrounds
Austin, Minnesota
contact: addeallamas@yahoo.com
midwestllamaassociation.my.site.com

ORANGE COUNTY FAIR

July 18 - 19, 2026
Orange County Fair & Events Center
Costa Mesa, California
contact: labendeira@yahoo.com
ocfair.com

OHIO STATE FAIR LLAMA, ALPACA & FIBER SHOW

July 28 - 30, 2026
Ohio Expo Center and State Fairgrounds
Columbus, Ohio
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<https://www.ohiostatefair.com>

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW

July 30 - August 2, 2026
Cal Expo
Sacramento, California
contact: KathySVA@aol.com
castatefair.com

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE CAMELID CONFERENCE

August 1, 2026
University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine
Knoxville, Tennessee
<https://www.tennesseelalpacaassociation.org/>

SONOMA COUNTY FAIR

August 7 - 9, 2026
Sonoma County Fairgrounds
Santa Rosa, California
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www.sonomacountyfair.com

ERIE COUNTY FAIR LLAMA SHOW

August 19 -23, 2026
Erie County Fairgrounds
Hamburg, New York
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www.ecfair.com

CASCADE ONLINE AUCTION

August 22, 2026
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cascadellamasale.hibid.com

IOWA STATE FAIR

August 22 - 23, 2026
Iowa State Fairgrounds
Des Moines, Iowa
iowastatefair.org

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

August 29 - 30, 2026
Nebraska State Fairgrounds
Grand island, Nebraska
thecsteele@gmail.com
statefair.org

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

September 2 - 4, 2026
Minnesota State Fairgrounds
St. Paul, Minnesota
mnstatefair.org

FULTON COUNTY FAIR

September 4, 2026
Fulton County Fairgrounds
Wauseon, Ohio
contact: drlamaj@yahoo.com
fultoncountyfair.com

LAMAFEST

September 4 - 6, 2026
Lenawee County Fairgrounds
Adrian, Michigan
contact: hartwig@torchlake.com
michiganllama.org

HLLA FALL SHOW & ALSA GREAT LAKES REGIONAL

September 18 - 20, 2026
Noble County Fairgrounds
Kendallville, Indiana
contact: kelsimattthew@icloud.com
<http://hlla.us>

KANSAS STATE FAIR LLAMA SHOW

September 18 - 20, 2026
Kansas State Fairgrounds
Hutchinson, Kansas
contact: twincreeklamas@yahoo.com
kansasstatefair.com

GREAT AMERICAN RIVER CLEAN-UP

September 19, 2026
River Bend Park
Sacramento, California
contact: lbering@outlook.com

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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
Cedar Falls, Iowa
iowalamas.org

ILR-SD & ALSA JUDGING CLINIC

September 25 - 27, 2026
Misty Vale Ranch
Woodland, Washington
contact: jmumfordilr@gmail.com

ALSA WESTERN REGIONALS

September 25 - 27, 2026
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
Lancaster, California
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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

ALSA GRAND NATIONALS

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

GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR ALSA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

October 16 - 18, 2026
Georgia National Fairgrounds
Perry, Georgia
contact: llamajudge@gmail.com
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GALA EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

October 22 - 25, 2026
Hilton in Scranton
Scranton, Pennsylvania
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galaonline.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

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

What's Happening in LANA

Join LANA at the

Great American River Clean-Up

It's that time of the year again — time for the Great American River Clean-Up! This is the American River Parkway Foundation's largest volunteer event. Last year, over 1,200 volunteers removed an impressive 21,000 pounds of trash. Not only is it a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the preservation of the parks along the river and the extensive bike pathways, but it's also a fantastic experience for your llama. Join LANA at River Bend Park on September 19th. Contact Lee at lbering@outlook.com for more information.



Llamas + Camping = Llamping



The Pedroni and Roberson families are thrilled to coordinate LANA's upcoming Llamping Weekend! While the exact dates are still being finalized, we are excited to announce that our adventure will take place at the beautiful [Loafer Creek Recreation Area](#) equestrian campground at Lake Oroville. The campground features numbered campsites, each equipped with its own campfire pit and pipe corrals to keep our llamas safe and comfortable. There is plenty of space for tents or RVs (dry camping, no hookups), and coin-operated showers are available on-site. Get ready for a wonderful weekend of camaraderie—we will be hosting a BBQ and fun games after our group hike on Saturday. Stay tuned for the official dates so you can lock in your spot.

Always a fantastic time at

LANA's Fall Fiber Clinic

We always have a fantastic time at LANA's Fall Fiber Clinic, thanks to the wonderful instructor and host, Margaret Drew. The past projects have ranged from creating wet felted bowls to needle felted figurines and scenery. Although no specific date has been set yet, it appears that a Saturday in August is the most promising option. Keep an eye on LANA's website for any updates. An email will be sent out as soon as a date is confirmed.





PPO GEMS

By Patti Oxenham

My life with llamas started about 30 years ago. My friend, Rhonda Burke, had a number of llamas and asked me to come help with their injections. Being a nurse, I guess I was the obvious choice. As I was waiting to get a female into the chute, Rhonda's husband, Frank, looked over and saw that Panda had rested her chin on my shoulder. He exclaimed, "That llama hates everyone! Look, you are bonded. That's it—she's out of here, she's yours." What started as a joke quickly became reality. Shortly after, we brought home Dark Panda Bear and Starr Jazmine, officially founding PPO Gems Llamas—a name combining our initials with my lifelong passion for gemstones.

When we bred Panda and Jazmine, Panda's behavior threw us for a loop. During her field pregnancy test, she completely skipped the formalities and simply lay down right outside the sire's pen—without even waiting for the gate to open! Assuming this meant the breeding hadn't taken, Rhonda generously offered me a baby from any of her other females so I could have two crias grow up together. I immediately picked Zoe of the Desert, a long-time favorite I had previously shown at the Del Mar Fair. As it turned out, Panda was pregnant after all; she just had a bit of a shameless streak! Keeping her word, Rhonda gifted us both Zoe and her newborn. To this day, my one major regret is never entering that baby, Starr Sapphire, into the National Show, as she was truly exceptional.

With those new arrivals, our herd grew to include three adult females, three gem-named crias (two females and a male), and Chad—a gelding I purchased specifically for the show ring. Over the years, we bred a few more times, and I spent many happy seasons showing in both performance and halter classes. I love watching the llamas in the yard. They are so majestic and curious.

While my husband, Pat, and my children never were too interested in the llamas or showing, my grandchildren completely embraced it. When my two oldest grandsons, Ryan and Adam, were old enough to compete, they began traveling to shows with me. They had fun meeting other people and the excitement of the show ring. Soon, Caitlynn joined the crew. Before long, Kaycee and Josselyn were old enough too, and the five of them would pack into my motorhome and join me at llama shows. Eventually, the older three stopped showing due to other interests and extracurricular school activities, but the tradition didn't stop—Brooke and Kennedy stepped right in.

Today, I have four grandkids who regularly join me at shows whenever their busy schedules allow. Though Kaycee and Josselyn will soon age out of the youth divisions, they plan to keep competing in the adult classes as long as college and work permit.

I stopped breeding the llamas, and we were down to two females. However, thanks to the generosity of Lisa Labendeira, we were able to trade those two females for four young males. This gave the grandkids a wonderful new project: training the boys themselves. The boys would be gelded when they were old enough. When later given the option to trade them again or keep them, the kids unanimously chose to keep their boys—which surprised absolutely no one!



Kaycee and 4R Novac



Josselyn and Airtime



Brooke and 4R Frozone



Kennedy and Fantasma's Opie

Later on, city regulations forced a change when we were told we could only keep two llamas on our property. Thankfully, we found the perfect solution by moving the other two to my son's property. Because Josselyn, Brooke, and Caitlynn live there, they are right on hand to help feed and care for them every day.

Recently, I decided to take a break from showing so others might be able to show without the constraints of scorekeeping. Now, I serve as the scorekeeper and hospitality host for all the fair shows in Southern California. I enjoy making dinner for everyone on Saturday evenings, bringing the llama community together after a long day of showing to relax and enjoy each other's company. When my schedule allows, I also like to attend the Hobo Show in Northern California. I'm not the scorekeeper there; instead, I have fun and try to be the best Hobo I can be. Today, my greatest joy is simply looking out at the pasture. Watching our llamas move across the yard never grows old; they are truly the most majestic, curious, and captivating animals.

Looking back, it truly feels like llamas are in my blood. I owe it all to Frank and Rhonda Burke, and Rhonda's mother, who bought a llama ranch in Apple Valley and set our entire circle on this incredible path. Over the decades, our lives have been filled with shows, parades, playdates, and so much more. I have owned wonderful animals and met some terrific people and have spent quality time with my grandkids—all thanks to these wonderful creatures with their beautiful eyes, long necks, and iconic banana ears.

Below left: Patti and Kaycee waiting their turn at 2026 Hobo Classic

Below middle: Patti being the best Hobo at 2025 Hobo Classic

Below right: Patti awarded LANA's Adult Follow Me Award in 2026





Sharlotte Myers

LANA Youth Award of Excellence

Judge CeAnna Jaekel awarded Sharlotte the Youth Award of Excellence at the Imaginology Show in Costa Mesa, California, on April 12, 2026. Sharlotte's good sportsmanship was evident in her consistent handshakes when receiving ribbons. Her positive attitude, characterized by a smile and attentive listening to instructions, further contributed to her selection.



Shiloh Myers

LANA Youth Award of Excellence

On May 10, 2026, Shiloh Myers was honored with the Youth Award of Excellence at the Los Angeles County Fair. Judge Rob Knuckles recognized Shiloh's exceptional qualities, including her cheerful demeanor and helpfulness. Throughout the show on Saturday, Shiloh passed out ribbons to exhibitors. The show took place at Fairplex in Pomona, California.



Seth Rowan

LANA Youth Award of Excellence

Seth was selected for the LANA Youth Award of Excellence for his participation in the show as a whole, his positive attitude, and willingness to help. He was very personable and did well in being a steward to the llama community during the Walk a Llama event. Seth offered to help exhibitors through the weekend and helped the event start on several occasions. Pictured with his llama, Main Event, Seth is wearing the knit hat he entered in the Fiber Show Finished Products class. The Estes Park Wool Market Show was held June 13 - 14, 2026, in Estes Park, Colorado.



Sadie Parizek

LANA Youth Award of Excellence

Sadie was unanimously chosen as the winner of the LANA Youth Award of Excellence at the Iowa Llama Jackpot Show. Sadie, a sub-junior, set an incredible example for everyone all weekend. She served as a great liaison to the public, kept her stalls clean, lent a helping hand wherever it was needed—from volunteering in the fiber barn to running errands for the judges. On top of running scorecards, she offered praise and encouragement to her fellow exhibitors. Sadie truly embodies the spirit of the award, and we are so proud of her. The show was held June 13-14, 2026, at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Central City, Iowa.



Sharlotte Myers

LANA Youth Award of Excellence

The San Diego County Fair, held from June 13 -14, 2026, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in Del Mar, California, saw Sharlotte receive the LANA Youth Award of Excellence. Judge Katie Mazac recognized Sharlotte's exceptional attitude throughout the show. In addition to her performance, Sharlotte volunteered her time as a runner, always maintaining a smile despite the extremely long day.

Visiting Belmare Senior Living

By Susan Rich



I was unprepared for how heartwarming the smiles would be, how pleasing the looks of astonishment were, and how happy the presence of the llamas would make the residents of the senior living complex. Belmare, a very new facility with independent, assisted and memory care living options, is a mere ten minutes away from my home in Oakdale, CA. I had watched the buildings go up in phases, driving by while running errands, and I was impressed with the look of the place. A few months later, I was in need of such a place for my husband. Funny how life changes in an instant, and, suddenly, I was spending as much time at Belmare as I was at home.

I have always loved taking The Llama Boys, as I call them, to schools. Several of the elementary schools in Oakdale have Ag Days, and the llamas were always a hit. I always smiled broadly when unloading in the parking lot while the kids ran around the playground because I would hear, “Llamas! Llamas! Look, there are llamas!” I remember fondly helping a school principal during the Covid years. She would read books out loud while videotaping and email them to her students to keep in touch and remind them how much she missed them. When she opted to read *Llama, Llama Red Pajama*, I offered to enliven the video with the presence of Manhattan, a seasoned gelding, who solicitously leaned in to sniff her hair while she was reading. He was quite the hit in the office as we wandered through, after the filming.

But senior living facilities? They were a different matter.

I remember my early years as a Girl Scout, going in to rest homes to sing Christmas carols in December, and I was always a little afraid. I hadn't spent any time with older people as my grandparents were on the other Coast, and it was scary to me to see eyes that weren't always clear and focused, and mouths sometimes open for no reason. I tensed up for the entire visit not knowing when a vocalization might interrupt our song. I didn't like the smell of the place either. I wished my Scout troop could be more like my older brother's Boy Scouts and go snow camping instead.





TH	3:00	Champs	1:30	Matinee	
AA	4:00	BINGO	1:30	Pinochle	
ACT	4:00	Documentary	3:00	Craft Time with others	
	4:00	Mexican Train	3:00	Sequence	
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AA	9:30	Chair Yoga	GYM	10:00	Rumi Kub
GAM	10:00	Llama Therapy Session w/ Sue	LBV	10:00	Walking Club
GAM	10:00	Rumi Kub	AA	1:30	Chair Exercises w/ Krystal
TH	2:00	Shuffleboard Champs	GAM	1:30	Matinee
	3:00	BINGO	ACT	1:30	Pinochle
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But the 4H Llama project with which I was affiliated took llamas into a rest home years ago. I couldn't attend, but I saw the photos of the event afterwards, and I have always remembered what for me is one iconic photograph. The llama was Spectacular Bid, or Bids as we called him. He was an appaloosa, and, in this photo, he was leaning down to get closer to a woman in a wheel chair. At the same time, her gnarled, arthritic hand was reaching up. The lighting was just right and it was a poignant moment captured. That moment has stayed with me.

My daily life had suddenly become centered around older people unable to live on their own. And I truly appreciated all the activities scheduled for the Belmare residents to keep their hands moving, their minds engaged, and interaction with others at a maximum. So, I stopped Lisa, the Activities Director, one day in the dining commons, and I offered to bring my llamas one morning. Her calendar came flying out, and a date was set.

Having portable stall panels made it all very easy. I pulled up a half hour before the scheduled "Llama Therapy" activity, pulled down the stalling, and set it up on the wide front porch of the main building. I should note that we had discussed the placement of the stalls ahead of time, and, having a water hose nearby and a planter bed at the back side of the stalling allowed some comfort in case of an *unwanted* demonstration. I also spent a lot of time at the potty pile in my field before trailering the five animals I had decided to bring.

I set up two separate stalls, in case some individuals would need to be separated from one another. And I thought through who would be with whom for initial placement. I brought them out one at a



time to be petted, starting with older animals who had lots of experience in a variety of venue, and ending with the youngsters who had been watching their compatriots. The photo ops were plentiful. I did a lot of posing of people (some in wheel chairs, some with walkers, and some with canes), demonstrating the safe hold of a lead line, and taking photos. I also had some grain and strategically offered grain to all the animals in the stall simultaneously to avoid any territorial spitting. I warned the residents that while they wouldn't be bitten, they were sure to be tickled by the nibbling. The laughing that ensued was precious.

Later, when the crowds had diminished somewhat, I took out my most senior animal, McShaggy's El Tam, and we went into the Memory Care Facility itself. And he was such a gentleman. He went through the doors without hesitation, led through the hallways, and paused for amazed residents who hadn't had the chance to come outside earlier.





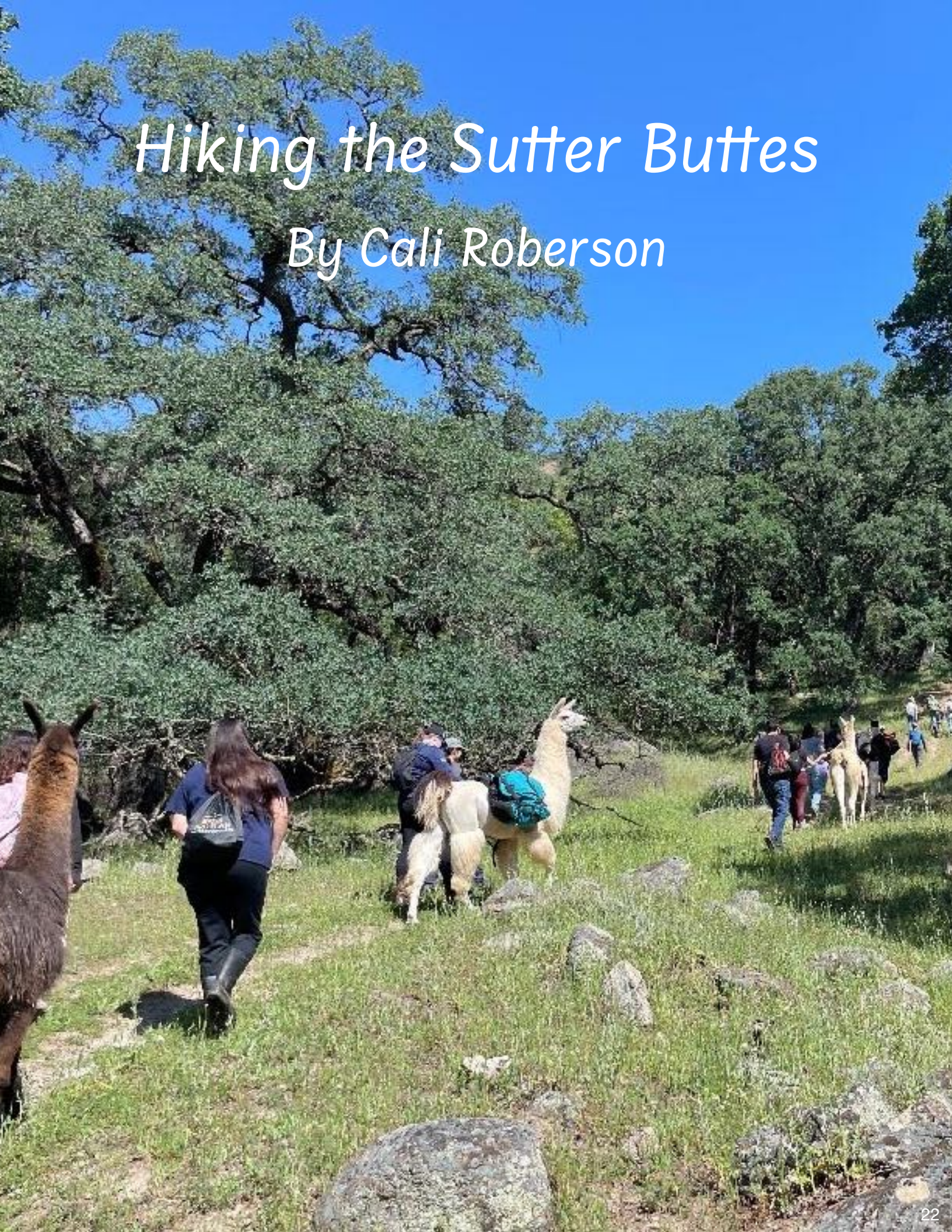
We weren't there long, maybe two hours at the most. And I am going back. I will time the next visit for right after the CA State Fair so the animals will be sheared, groomed, and as clean as they will likely get this summer. I had a conversation with staff, and, next time, I will try to see if I can bring an animal into rooms where shut-in residents live.

If you are already in the habit of sharing your camelids with others, probably children at schools and libraries, or maybe you are just starting to think about doing so, I urge you to consider the Senior Living facility close to you. It is just as rewarding, I promise you.



Hiking the Sutter Buttes

By Cali Roberson



This hike has been one of our family's favorite LANA events ever since we became members. The event is organized by long-time member Lee Beringsmith. Every April, LANA members and their llamas join with vet students from UC Davis on a hike on a private ranch to the top of the Sutter Buttes.

The Sutter Buttes lies just west of Yuba City in northern California and has been nicknamed "The World's Smallest Mountain Range." The approximately 10-mile diameter circle of peaks that rise up from the valley floor are the remnant of a dormant volcano. Nearly all the property is privately owned, so it is a unique privilege for LANA and all because Lee knows the owners of one of those private ranches. Bo and Charlie once again welcomed our group and shared their knowledge of the land and history with us.

This year's hike was a few weeks later than those of previous years. The difference in the vegetation and land was drastic. Last year, spring rains had washed out huge ruts in the trails, and many places were still muddy during our early April hike. This year, we were there towards the end of April. The ground was dry with no water crossings or mud to navigate. Most of the green grass had already turned to gold and had been grazed down by the cattle, so that left prickly thistles as the tallest vegetation. Luckily, they were the type of thistles that did not stick in our llamas' fiber; they were just an inconvenience to those hikers that wore shorts.

In attendance this year were past and current LANA members: Lee Beringsmith, Mike Kane, Stephanie Pedroni, Nick Stone, my daughters Audrey and Charlotte, and myself. We brought a total of 15 llamas between all of us. We put packs on animals that were old enough to carry them and stuffed them with our lunches and supplies for the hike. Most of the llamas were then distributed amongst the 25 UC Davis vet students that joined us. My youngest daughter, Charlotte, although she loves hiking with her llama, was quick to pass him off to a student and join Charlie, our host, in the lead. I was told (I was near the end of the group for most of the time) that they both talked each other's ears off. I asked her what they talked about, and she said mostly politics...she's only 11.





Several of the vet students had participated in this hike before and talked about always looking forward to coming back, but for many it was a whole new experience. Many of them had no prior experience handling an animal as large as a llama. I think one of my favorite things about llamas is that we are able to hand them over to others and how easily they can get along with them. I also love the experience my llamas get being passed around to different handlers throughout the day.

For one young llama, it was his first big outing off his home ranch. Nick Stone brought Smokey, a 10-month-old youngster, that handled the new adventure like a pro. Even a llama bred and raised to be a packer can be intimidated by the large number of people and unfamiliar llamas. Smokey was calm and willing the entire time, and of course, his cuteness made him popular among the vet students. One of my favorite moments of the hike was watching him try to negotiate a narrow path through some rocks. The students had been leading him, but Nick took over when he saw they needed help. I was able to snap a quick photo as he trusted Nick to lead him through, and the vet students cheered him on.

Overall, this year's hike was fairly low-key. The llamas all behaved, the weather was perfect with a few clouds for shade, and there were no mishaps. I know for myself and my family, we are counting down the days until next year's hike.





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family’s favorite
LANA events
ever since we
became members.”
~ Cali*

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GROOMING TIPS

by

Caroline Granger

A well-groomed llama in the show ring is always an eye-catcher. You are not only trying to catch the attention of the judge, but the attention of prospective customers, new llama owners, and colleagues.

A well-groomed animal illuminates itself. Healthy, flowing fiber shows off the overall condition of your llama as well as its physical strengths. **It is important to “groom according to fiber type.”**

Take some time out to do a conformational analysis on the llamas you are considering for the show ring. It is important to make yourself invisible, and your llama stand out.

In regards to suri fiber, begin by picking any large debris from the fiber. A “wand” type tool can also be used. Use a blower to “skim” the surface, always pointing the same direction that the fiber grows. Blowing disturbs the fiber the least.

On suri fiber, I do not recommend the use of a grooming paddle or brush to break up the lock structure; however, I do encourage using a soft-bristled brush or rubber brush to clean up your llama’s top line if it is in full fleece, no matter silky or suri. A judge is not examining top line fiber, and to have it clean gives your llama a finished appearance.



After blowing off all dust and visible debris, blow again while spraying in a grooming product like Glide 'n Glow or Miracle Groom. Blow some more to loosen up even more debris and open the fiber.

Again, with regard to suri fiber, working a section at a time, begin pulling each individual lock away from the felted area.

Pull and pick as you go, section by section. Pull up a bucket to sit on, put on some music, and enjoy a relaxing time with your llama. After you have separated the locks and restored openness and movement to the suri fiber, bathe your llama.

With regard to all other types of fiber, make sure you have always brushed your llama thoroughly before washing. What I suggest for a deep grooming now and again is to complete it over a series of days. Take a section of your llama at a time and thoroughly groom it, then tackle another section on another day. This makes for a more pleasant grooming experience for your llama, as well, with limited stress on him or her.

Keep in mind, washing matted fiber does nothing more than felt it as time goes on. To get your llama's fiber to hang as closely to its body as it can be in order to illuminate your llama's phenotype for overall eye appeal, grooming is of utmost importance prior to bathing.



I would recommend using Lock & Luster or Silk 'n Suri Shampoo followed with Lock & Luster Conditioner. There are many nice shampoo products out there, just make sure the shampoo and conditioner you are using does not weigh down the fiber or give it an oily appearance.

At this point, rinse and “squeegee” the excess water out of your llama’s fiber with your hands. At that point, I recommend using the Lock & Luster Leave-In Treatment Spray in full strength, then align the fiber with your finger tips and/or a “rubber textured tool.” Gently lift and separate the fiber, restoring the lock definition.

Put your llama in a clean area, preferably

on your favorite stall cover and allow to drip dry. Avoid windy areas, if possible.

As your llama dries on that first day, prepare a “diluted” mixture of Leave-In Treatment Spray and continually spray your llama’s fiber by lifting it using a grooming wand or your hands. The purpose of spraying is to continue to add moisture to the fiber in order to bring out definition with regard to lock structure and to keep your fiber handing closely to the body.

After your llama is fully dried, you can use a very soft rubber brush to remove the “crunch” off the top of the fiber and begin using plain water in a spray bottle for the same purposes as above.





On show day and before your llama enters the ring, finish your llama's grooming experience by using the Lock & Luster Silk Screen Finishing Spray. Apply a fine mist on the surface of your dry, clean fiber.

Gently work it in with your fingertips or smooth over shorn areas. Rejuvenates locks and adds shine. Dries with no residue.

Also, one more tip, don't ignore your llama's barrel. Give your llama that edge it deserves with a velvety finish on shorn body fiber. I would recommend using Cowboy Magic's lotion by putting a dime-size dab in your hand, rubbing it over your llama's shorn body, and blending it into the hanging fleece at the shoulder and hip area.

As a final grooming touch for a show ring shine and look of a winner, bring out that extra glow to highlight the facial expression of your llama by applying a grooming ointment for the face. There are many on the market today and can be found at any equine store.

Your are now ready to get out there and shine!

Reprinted from a LANA Expo Notebook.

Caroline Granger (formerly Gardner), currently owns and operates a mobile pet grooming business.

Editor's note:

Products mentioned in this article may no longer be available.



Notes from her presentation

Using the blower

1. Pick and use the wand to knock off large debris.
2. Blow the fiber until dirt and dust are not seen flying through the air. On the suri-type and suri, hold the blower nozzle back a couple of feet.
3. Spray in a detangle grooming product (Glide and Groom, Quicker Slicker, etc.) with the blower. You should see more debris flying out. Use a good amount, as it will be washed out later.
4. Top line blowing or skim blowing involves placing the nozzle just resting on the llama's fiber on the top line and working the opposite side of the part while holding down the fiber closest to you with your arm. By pointing the nozzle's airflow to skim the outer layer of fiber, you're able to aggressively remove the little pieces of debris without disturbing the fiber. This method is used on all fiber types: fluffy double coat, silky single coat, suri-type, and suri.
5. Use the skimming technique with the blower and continue all the way down the sides, pointing and skimming with the blower in the same direction as the fiber (towards the floor, for example). Step back a few inches and continue blowing, taking care not to tangle the fiber.
6. Blow the topknot and legs closely.
7. When you think you are finished, blow some more!

Things to Consider

What's the first thing you should do when you begin grooming a llama for the show ring? Evaluate the fiber. There are different methods for different fiber types, and keep in mind that among those "types" every single llama has unique fiber. There are not two quite alike.

Once you've made a decision on what the best possible outcome can be on this particular animal, you should start by using a blower. No matter what the fiber type, I always begin with a blower. And fairly aggressively. As long as you're blowing with the direction of the fiber, you can get in close and accurately. I call this method "toppling" blowing.

Also take into consideration the age of the llama and the condition of the fiber. Are you starting with mats? Are they mats on suri-type fiber? Mats on a five year old, double-coated llama? No mats? Just a messy single coated llama? Some fiber takes to grooming (using a grooming paddle) and after being washed with the correct shampoo, will regain its wave, curl or lock structure. If the fiber is old and with dead ends, it has less of a chance to "come back."

In those cases (when shearing is not an option), I will not groom them out but pick instead.



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Boss and Haha's Commercial Debut By Eileen Ditsler



My llamas, Boss (Icehouse Bossa Nova) and Haha (Argentine Brew Haha), recently participated in an exciting promotional project for the upcoming 2027 Los Angeles County Fair.

The opportunity arose when Sasha, the LA County Fair Livestock Superintendent, reached out to inquire if I would be interested in featuring my llamas in an upcoming commercial. Knowing my close proximity to the fairgrounds, she thought it would be a perfect fit. After I expressed interest, the production company requested photo submissions to see the available options. I provided a selection of headshots, followed by video footage to demonstrate the llamas' movement and temperament.

From the herd, the production team ultimately selected Haha and Boss. Conveniently, these two are the easiest to groom. After a quick brushing and blowout, they were loaded into the trailer and ready for transport.





Upon our arrival at the set, we waited for our cue. The moment I led the llamas out of the trailer, they were met with enthusiastic reactions from the cast and crew. The director was exceptionally polite and professional, collaboratively guiding us through various blocking requests.

During the shoot, the lead actress remained remarkably calm around the llamas. In one scene, I handed her the lead rope and stepped out of the frame. Despite llamas shifting slightly and bumping into her, she remained unfazed.

Both Boss and Haha demonstrated exceptional behavior, holding their marks seamlessly despite the bright lights, unfamiliar equipment, and distracting background noise from the nearby funhouse.

The commercial is schedule to air in promotion of the 2027 LA County Fair. I am incredibly proud of my budding stars and look forward to seeing the final edit.



**“Everyone was
very nice and
welcoming.
And of course,
the llamas
were a
big hit
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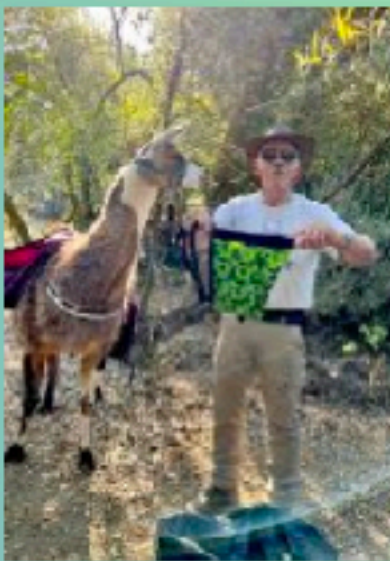
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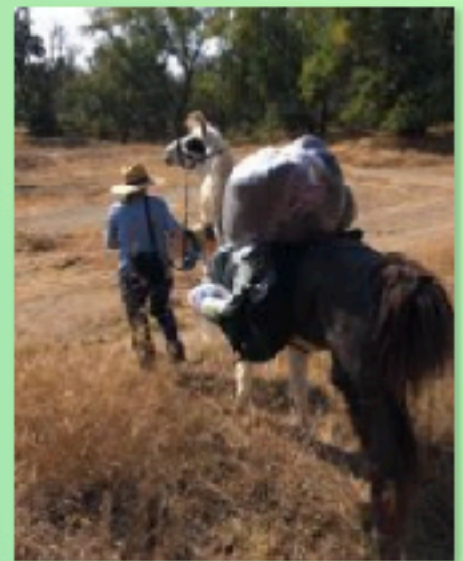
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**More information at lanainfo.org
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Wyoming Navy Veteran Donates Llama Ranch as Sanctuary for Veterans

By Kevin Damask

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Navy veteran Al Ellis shared a dream with his wife, Sondra, that one day they would turn their 207-acre ranch in rural Wyoming into a llama sanctuary for veterans and first responders.

That dream took a hit last August when Sondra died from a prolonged illness. However, Ellis stayed true to his vision. Shortly before Christmas, Ellis donated his land in Sublette County as a place veterans can go to relax, experience the recreational beauty of Wyoming, and maybe befriend a few llamas along the way.

Ellis, 84, recently provided the deed to his property to the Boulder Crest Foundation, a veteran-led organization that helps veterans.

“Llamas are the reason this house is here. We visualized being old here and wheeling over to the big windows to watch the llamas.”

While he misses his wife dearly, Ellis is happy that his property can finally be used to brighten the spirits of fellow veterans.

Butterfly Moments Led to Llamas

Ellis has had an interesting life, charted by a series of what he calls “butterfly moments” that have led him to the person he is today.

He grew up in San Francisco where his aunt taught him to fish at age 6. At 17, he enlisted in the Navy, serving during peacetime in between wars in Korea and Vietnam.

In the Navy, he spent time on a salvage ship. One time, the ship became stuck on a large reef about 1,500 miles off the coast of Australia. For several days, divers worked tirelessly to blast and cut the reef away from the ship. Ellis became curious about diving. He yearned to learn more. That interest led to a stint as a competitive spear fisherman, which even back in the 1960s, Ellis admits was an “old, obscure” sport.

Eventually, Ellis became an abalone hunter. Abalones are large marine snails that have ear-shaped shells



Llamas walk through a creek on Al Ellis' property.

for protection. Decades ago, abalones were heavily sought after along the California coast as their tasty meat is considered a delicacy.

Ellis and a friend started an abalone business, but he missed the thrill of diving. When he reignited his passion, he discovered another booming business – the sea urchin industry.

“The timing was perfect to get into urchins,” he said. “I got good at it right at the time the price went up.”

He purchased a fishery and remodeled it into a seafood eatery called Andrea's. Eventually, Ellis and his wife opened a larger seafood restaurant closer to the Pacific coast. After turning 40 in 1982, the Navy veteran had his fill of diving and decided to retire and move to Wyoming.

The couple purchased some land along the Snake River near Jackson Hole. Ellis bought a backpack and a few horses and, once again curious, went out to explore the Rocky Mountains. Around that time, an article from outdoors writer Doyle Markham piqued his interest. Markham, who owned Snake River Llamas in Idaho Falls, Idaho, wrote about the joys of mountain pack llamas.

“As soon as I read the article, I called him,” Ellis said.

Markham invited him to his ranch to see the llamas in person.

“Within five minutes of being on his property I told him I wanted one,” Ellis said. “He wrote the article, but it was his stud, Snake River Bandit, that lit the fire.”

Markham informed Ellis that he could buy a weanling, but he would be placed on a six-year waiting list.

“I was so hooked, I couldn’t wait six years,” Ellis told Cowboy State Daily.

But patience paid off as Ellis eventually purchased six pack llamas, bred them and used them for guided treks around the Wind River, Teton, Gros Ventre, and Wyoming mountain ranges.

His tour-guide business booming, Ellis’ herd expanded to more than 30 llamas, but he quickly outgrew the 12 acres he owned along the Snake River. He didn’t want to quit his passion since breeding llamas as pack or show animals became a lucrative endeavor.

“They’d hit the ground at a minimum of \$5,000,” Ellis said, referring to a baby llama.

He also felt the llamas he was raising would become endangered. “It was really a mission for me. I had to carry it on.”

New Opportunity to Help Veterans

The Ellises sold the Snake River property and moved to Boulder, Wyoming, and a lot more acreage in 1998. By 2012, the couple was raising about 200 llamas, 60 of which were pack animals. At the time, Ellis was 70 and it was getting harder to care for the herd. He decided to retire.

In 2005, a few months before Sondra died, Ellis was watching “The Big Weekend Show” on Fox News, co-hosted by Johnny “Joey” Jones, a veteran who suffered tremendous loss in Iraq, losing both his legs from a roadside bomb. Jones was promoting his book, “Behind the Badge: Answering the Call to Serve on America’s Homefront,” which became a New York Times bestseller.

Ellis felt a connection with Jones and decided to reach out to him.

“I really liked him,” Ellis said.

He had thought about turning his 207-acre property into a sanctuary for veterans and figured Jones could help generate some leads.

Jones connected with Navy veteran Ken Falke, co-founder and chairman of the Boulder Crest Foundation, who got in touch with Ellis. Jones had recently finished the organization’s PATHH (Progressive and Alternative Training for Helping Heroes) program which helps veterans struggling with trauma.

“As soon as I met him, it was like ‘Wow,’” Falke said. “I was a diver. He was a diver. I was in the Navy. He was in the Navy. There was this really interesting connection.”

Falke said there’s a strong urgency to assist women veterans and rural veterans who grapple with ways to find quality mental health treatment. Based on 2022 statistics from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Wyoming has a rather high veteran suicide rate, despite its low population.

“Our hope is to regionalize our services around Wyoming and Montana, Idaho and Utah,” he said.

Closer to home, in Boulder, Falke plans to use llamas for his non-profit care. Llamas are known to spread spontaneous happiness, and Ellis thinks they’ll have a positive effect on veterans and first responders.

Going forward, the Boulder Crest Foundation plans to construct a bunkhouse on Ellis’ property for the Warrior PATHH program. While there was some pushback from locals, Ellis’ land was approved by planning and zoning officials to function as a guest ranch.

“I’m not religious,” Ellis said, “but all these points come together. Boulder Crest could accept it and I could give it. It’s unbelievable.”

Kevin Damask is a content writer for military.com who writes articles covering human interest stories about veterans. Kevin also interviews veterans and writes Q&A and profile pieces reflecting on their military experiences and life after service.

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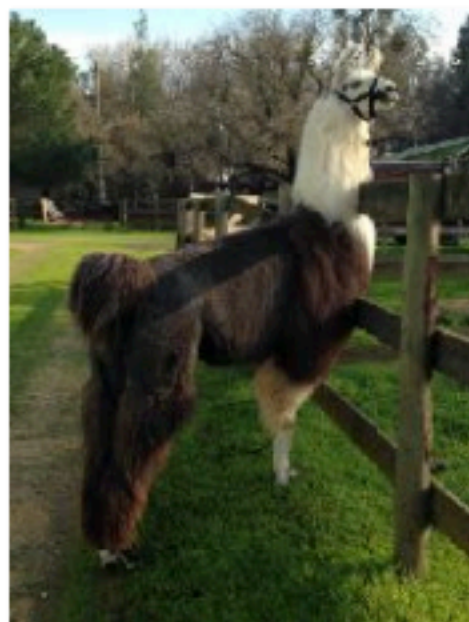


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Minimum Standards of Care for Llamas and Alpacas

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, pigs, 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 am incapacitated or die, please contact those listed on the reverse side of this card.) PLEASE ENSURE SOMEONE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMMEDIATE FEEDING AND WATER NEEDS OF MY ANIMALS	Next of Kin Contacts Name: _____ Relationship: _____ ph: _____ Name: _____ Relationship: _____ ph: _____ Animal Care Contacts Name: _____ Relationship: _____ ph: _____ Name: _____ Relationship: _____ ph: _____ ☐ # Llamas ☐ # Cows ☐ # Sheep ☐ # Pigs ☐ # Goats ☐ # Dogs ☐ # Geese ☐ # Other
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2026 Membership and Donations

Membership: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31

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Youth Club	\$35	
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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

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