Project Book

CURIOUS CAMELIDS

Beginner
I. HISTORY & BACKGROUND
   Name four members of the South American Camelid family.
   1. __________________________
   2. __________________________
   3. __________________________
   4. __________________________

   Explain the difference between a wild and domestic animal.
   Wild: __________________________
   Domestic: __________________________

   Name two uses for llamas.
   1. __________________________
   2. __________________________

   Looking at the map of the Western Hemisphere on page 22, identify the continent from which llamas and alpacas originate. Label and color it green.
   Locate on this map where you live. Color that continent blue.

II. THE LLAMA & HIS BEHAVIOR
   An average adult llama is _______________ inches tall at the shoulders.
   I am _______________ feet tall from head to foot.

   Where are llamas missing teeth? __________________________

   How many compartments are in a llama’s or alpaca’s stomach? _______________

   Since llamas and alpacas are herd animals, they should always have _______________ with them.

   When or why does a llama spit? __________________________

   Identify the following body parts on the llama diagram on page 23.
   ______ Pastern
   ______ Abdomen (belly)
   ______ Poll
   ______ Back
   ______ Tail
   ______ Knee (carpus)
   ______ Withers
   ______ Fetlock
   ______ Hock
   ______ Toenail
   ______ Neck
   ______ Chestnut (scent gland)
III. TYPES
Name four colors of llama wool.
1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________
4. ____________________________
For shows, llamas are typed or grouped according to the length of their ____________

IV. CONFORMATION & CORRECTNESS
The way a llama is put together is called ____________________________

V. TEMPERAMENT
Llamas, like all other animals and people, have their own ____________________________

VI. PURCHASING A LLAMA
Llamas are good companions because they are ____________________________
and ____________________________

VII. SHELTER
How can a llama be protected from sun, rain, and wind? ____________________________

VIII. DIET
What are the three main parts of a llama’s diet?
1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________

IX. GENERAL HEALTH & MAINTENANCE
Describe one type of preventive medicine a llama owner should use to help keep a llama healthy. ____________________________
A. **VACCINATIONS**
Why do llamas and alpacas need to be vaccinated? 


B. **PARASITES**
Worms living inside a llama are an example of 


C. **FEET**
List two parts of a llama’s toe.
1. 
2. 

D. **HEAT STRESS & COLD WEATHER**
What is the normal temperature of an adult llama? 
What types of weather cause the most stress on a llama? 
Is it healthy for a trainer to drastically change the type of food fed to a llama? 


X. **LLAMA TRAINING**
List two ways to decrease stress on a llama while showing the animal.
1. 
2. 
If a trainer talks softly to a llama, what will probably happen? 


A. **EQUIPMENT**
Is it acceptable for the trainer to wrap a llama’s lead rope around his/her hand? 
Where should the noseband of a halter lay on a llama’s or alpaca’s face? 
How far away from the halter should a trainer grip the lead rope? 
B. PROCEDURE

Should a trainer move fast or slow around a llama and/or alpaca to help the animal gain trust in the trainer? ________________________________

List three ways to gain a llama’s trust.
1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________

What are the two most important things a trainer can do while working with a llama, when teaching him to accept a brush or halter?
1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________

If a llama does not want to walk with its trainer, how might it be encouraged by that trainer? ________________________________

What does desensitize mean? ________________________________

What is the word that means lying down on command? ________________________________

C. PACKING

What can be done for a llama by its trainer to show approval and to help the llama enjoy packing? ________________________________

Beginner Level

XI Alpacas

1. Alpacas are part of the ____________ family.

2. What type of feet does an alpaca have?

3. Explain the two fiber types of alpacas.

4. List three diseases common to alpacas
   4a________________
   4b________________
   4c________________

5. How does keeping calm help your lama?

6. What is the combined name of llamas and alpacas is ______________.

7. Approximately how long is a alpaca life span? ______________

8. Describe care and keeping of alpacas.( what they eat, shelter, shearing, etc.)

______________________________
9. Differences between alpaca and llama?

10. Are there fewer alpacas or llamas?

11. Is there shearing of alpacas different from llamas?

12. Typical alpaca weight is

13. Typical Alpaca height is

14. 3 uses of alpacas.

15. What gender of llamas guard best?

16. What do alpacas eat?

17. When is the best time to shear an alpaca (what time of year?)
My Llama Photo Page
(Give activities, dates, and captions. Add more sheets as needed)

This project was completed on ____________________________

date member signature

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club leader

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