Project Book

Mecosta County 4-H

Beginner Camelid Project Book
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. ____________________________

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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 lamas 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 ____________________________

club leader

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