Project Book

Mecosta County 4-H

Intermediate Camelid Project Book
1. HISTORY & BACKGROUND
Name four members of the South American Camelid family.
1. ____________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________
4. ____________________________________________________________
State four reasons why llamas have become popular in the United States.
1. ____________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________
4. ____________________________________________________________
Baby llamas are called __________________________________________
Which of the South American camelids are domestic? _______________________
Which of the South American camelids are wild? _________________________
What group of people are given credit for domesticating the llama and alpaca? __________

Looking at the map of the Western Hemisphere on page 36, identify the countries in South America where llamas and alpacas originated. Locate where you live, too. Color the map.
II. THE LLAMA & HIS BEHAVIOR
An adult llama weighs between ____________ and ____________ pounds.
My pet ______________________________ weighs ____________ pounds.
Why are llamas and alpacas called cloven footed? ____________________________
Why is it impossible to find a "buck-toothed" llama? __________________________
Name four animals that are ruminants.
1. ________________________________ 3. ________________________________
2. ________________________________ 4. ________________________________
The best companion for a llama or alpaca is ________________________________
Can llama spit really hurt someone? ________________________________

III. TYPES
What two basic types of fiber comprise a llama's coat?
1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
Match the llama type that is probably best suited for each kind of activity listed below.
Short-woolled ____________________ Spinning & weaving
Long-woolled ____________________ Packing
__________________________________ Companion
What are the two basic types of llamas?
1. ________________________________ 2. ________________________________
Identify the following body parts on the llama diagram on page 38.
_________ Elbow _________ Pad _________ Fetlock
_________ Poll _________ Pastern _________ Toenail
_________ Cheek _________ Fetlock _________ Chestnut (scent gland)
_________ Ear _________ Hock _________ Knees (carpus)
_________ Stifle _________ Croup _________ Withers
_________ Back _________ Abdomen (belly) _________ Sternum (breastbone)
_________ Tail _________ Nostril _________ Neck
IV. CONFORMATION & CORRECTNESS
If a llama is correct, it has good ________________

V. TEMPERAMENT
Explain why caution should be taken if a llama is too friendly when young. _____________

VI. PURCHASING A LLAMA
List three things to consider when choosing a llama for a 4-H project.
1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________

VII. SHELTER
Does a llama need shelter? _______________ Why? ________________________________

VIII. DIET
During which season of the year might it be most important to provide supplemental feeding for a llama? ________________________________
IX. GENERAL HEALTH & MAINTENANCE

List two types of preventative medicine a llama owner should use to help keep a llama healthy.

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

A. VACCINATIONS

What are two things llamas and alpacas should be vaccinated for?

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

B. PARASITES

List three ways internal parasites can affect a llama.

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

3. ________________________________________________________________

List two types of external parasites.

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

C. TEETH & FEET

When is a llama more likely to need its toenails trimmed? _______________________

What are the purpose of fighting fangs and who gets them? _______________________

D. HEAT STRESS & COLD WEATHER

What is the normal temperature of an adult llama versus the temperature of a cria?

List three signs of heat stress.

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

3. ________________________________________________________________

What will a sudden change in diet cause to happen with a llama? Why? ____________

__________________________________________
X. TRAINING

List four ways to decrease stress on a llama while showing the animal.
1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________
3. __________________________________________
4. __________________________________________

List two ways to help a llama or alpaca relax when training.
1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________

A. EQUIPMENT

Why is it not acceptable for the trainer to wrap a llama’s lead rope around his/her hand? __________________________________________

___________________________________________

How does more experience help a good llama trainer become a better llama trainer? __________________________________________

___________________________________________

Name two styles of halters and the differences in each.
1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________

Explain why you should not hold onto the snap when your llama is on lead. __________________________________________

___________________________________________
B. **PROCEDURE**

Sessions of approximately _______ minutes are appropriate when starting to train a llama.

List six places that are important to desensitize when training a llama.

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________
4. __________________________
5. __________________________
6. __________________________

Why is brushing considered to be such a good way to desensitize your llama? ______

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List two important things a trainer can do while working with a llama, when teaching the llama to accept a halter.

1. __________________________
2. __________________________

Why would it be dangerous to have a llama’s halter resting below the nose bone? ______

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Why must a llama trainer continually check a llama’s halter fit? ______

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What is a slipknot and why should it be used? ______

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How long might it take to desensitize a llama? ______

List three times it might be helpful for a llama to kush for its trainer?

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________

C. **PACKING**

How old should a llama be before a trainer should expect him to pack 30 pounds? ______
Intermediate level

XI Alpacas

1. Alpacas have______ teeth
2. What type of feet does an alpaca have?________________
3. Explain the two fiber types of an alpaca______________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
4. 3 common diseases in alpacas, and explain one.________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
5. How does keeping calm help your lama?_______________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
6. The combined name of llamas and alpacas is___________.
7. How long is a normal lamas life span?________________________
8. When can you begin pack training an alpaca?__________________________
9. Describe care and keeping of an alpaca___________________________
10. List 2 ways llamas show emotion through body language.

11. List differences between llamas and alpacas.

12. In number, are there fewer llamas or alpacas?

13. Is the shearing of llamas and alpacas the same?

14. The normal alpaca weight is ________________.

15. The normal alpaca height is ________________.

16. When is the best time to shear an alpaca?

17. The typical alpaca temperature is ________________.

18. When does a lama need its toes trimmed?

19. Minimum fence size for alpaca.

20. When is the best time to start training a lama?

21. How much weight can an alpaca carry?

22. What foods are harmful to llamas? (list 3 or more)
My Llama Photo Page
(Give activities, dates, and captions. Add more sheets as needed)
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