



Services

Have you ever wondered who to call to get your animals shorn? Maybe you're new to llamas and need to find a vet who will treat them because when you talked to the vet where you've been taking your dog for years they had no idea who treated llamas. All they knew was that they didn't!

When I talk to folks who own llamas and alpacas there seems to be five essential services that owners have trouble finding. And solely based on those conversations, I'd say that the need is somewhat in this order:

1. Shearing
2. Veterinarians
3. Tack & Supplies
4. Fencing
5. Hay

This doesn't mean that there aren't other services that we need, but these seem to be universal. The usual way to find these services is to ask friends and often that turns into the "I know someone who has a friend that knows someone...;" not the easiest way to get your llamas shorn.

There has got to be a better way...and I think I might have an idea that will work. But I need your help to make it happen.

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Special points of interest:

- **ANNUAL MEETING**
JULY 9TH - VACAVILLE, CA
- **MEMBERSHIPS**
DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!
- **STATE FAIR SHOW**
JULY 28-31 - SACRAMENTO

Annual Meeting



July 9th, 2011

Our annual meeting has been rescheduled to **July 9, 2011**. Dr. Murray Fowler and other great speakers will be presenting the latest information. We also have some great hands-on break-out sessions ready for you. Go to the CAL-ILA website to register on-line.

To get the same information presented at this conference you would have to pay well over \$95, and you can get it here for only \$20 per person, plus you get a FREE lunch!

Sign Up Today!

www.cal-ila.org

State Fair Show July 28-31



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday July 9th—Vacaville, CA

The Annual Meeting is coming soon. Keep Saturday July 9th free so you can attend this great meeting. CAL-ILA has arranged some very interesting speakers to address our members during the morning session. Dr Murray Fowler will be discussing nutrition. Dr Julie Dechant will tell us what the UC Davis Veterinary Teaching Hospital has been up to and what they have planned for the near future. Dr Danny Mora will discuss sedation and restraint options available to you and your local vet.

Dennie Hansen will talk to us about Care Credit, an interesting product that combines insurance with financing to help you cover the cost of medical treatment for your animals. Steve Katakian will present an innovative way of growing your own llama feed, hydroponically.

In the afternoon we will have a hands-on session with live llamas and alpacas demonstrating how to give a llama or alpaca a physical, how to assess your animal using a body conditioning scoring method, and we'll round it out by trimming some toe-nails, looking at fighting teeth and discussing ways to give injections safely.

We will also have a demonstration on how to handle your llama or alpaca in the show ring to highlight their strong points.

And of course we will have our traditional raffle and auction items that help to raise funds to support UC Davis camelid research.

The event will be held at the Stars Center in Vacaville this year. Our original plans were to hold the meeting at UC Davis, but there were too many scheduling conflicts this year. Mary and Rick Adams volunteered their beautiful Grass Valley ranch and facilities, but just days before the event was due to start, they were hit with a late spring storm and the ranch was buried under feet of snow! So we fell back to our friends at the Stars Center and they were able to host our meeting again.

In addition to the great speakers, we will be providing a lunch of assorted sandwiches and drinks. The lunch was very good last year and is included in the price of admission.

You get the great speakers, most of who made presentations at this year's Camelid Symposium, hands-on breakout sessions with live llamas (who else does that?) and a lunch for only \$20! You would have to pay over \$95 just to hear the speakers.

Make plans today to join us. Please RSVP so we will have enough hand-outs and lunches available. Go to the CAL-ILA website www.cal-ila.org to RSVP on-line!



Dr Dechant and Friend

EDUCATION



HIKING





CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR—Sacramento, CA July 28th—31st

Even if you didn't register to participate in 24th Annual Llama & Alpaca Show we still need your support. Volunteers are the life-blood of any event and we are counting on you! Join us at the fair, help out with some of the events and then spend time exploring the State Fair. There truly is something for everyone at the fair.

This year's show starts on Thursday with Shorn Fleece Judging and then Costume class at 3 pm, Ground Driving at 4:30pm a Llama Cart Demonstration at 5 pm and the CAL-ILA Welcome to the Fair social-hour at 7 pm.

Showmanship classes start Friday morning at 8:30 am and are followed by Halter Classes throughout the day.

Saturday is a day of Performance Classes starting with Obstacles at 9 am, PR at 11 am and Pack Classes at 2 pm.

Walking Fiber judging and Youth Judging Classes are scheduled for Sunday morning. The Awards Ceremony will be held at 4 pm and we release the llamas at 8 pm.

Alpacas will have their own halter and performance classes this year so they will be competing for the first ever State Fair Alpaca Champion! **Don't Miss the Fun! The California State Fair**

Judges: **Mary Reed**, OH and **EstherSue Sykes**, CA

RESOURCES



Entry Deadline July 6th for the Solano County Fair in Vallejo



Don't miss Solano Co Fair!





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CAL-ILA is committed to supporting, promoting and developing Youth related llama activities. CAL-ILA supports and promotes camelid research. CAL-ILA works through cooperative efforts with other associations, organizations and/or groups to meet these objectives.

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Services Directory

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Here's my idea; establish a free directory on the CAL-ILA website where seeker can be matched with provider.

And here's where I need your help; send me the name and contact information for someone that you know who provides one or more of these services.

I'll contact them, get their

permission to be listed on our site and collect all of their contact information. Once a year we will verify their information so we can keep the directory current.

So don't put this off until later, send me an email today. Someone right now is trying to figure out how to get their llamas shorn and you just might have the answer!

TO: webmaster@cal-ila.org

Service Provided _____

Name _____

Contact Info

Phone # _____

Email _____

Area _____

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