

I Want a Llama!



Useful information for anyone
considering the
ownership of a llama.
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The Llama

People are becoming familiar with llamas throughout North America, but the most common question asked of llama owners is, "What are they used for?" If you become familiar llama characteristics, the many uses of llamas become more easily understood. Llamas are classed as domestic (not exotic) livestock by the USDA and are owned and raised for many purposes.

Llamas are very intelligent, independent, aloof, curious, gentle, relatively easy to train and they exhibit a lot of common sense. Once you own a llama you will no longer question their use, as you will have fallen in love with a *very special friend*.

Traditionally, llamas make superior pack animals for a picnic, a day trip or an extended camping expedition. Llamas have also been successfully trained to caddy on golf courses. A mature, trained pack llama can carry approximately 1/4 to 1/3 of its body weight (50-120 lb). It is not recommended that llamas be ridden, although some people do put small children on specially built llama saddles.

Llamas are sure-footed and are environmentally friendly. Their two-toed feet with nails and leathery bottoms, similar to a dog's pad, do less environmental damage than a hiking boot. They also require very little carried food on the trail in comparison with other pack animals. This and their tendency to browse rather than graze make their impact on natural forage minimal.

Many people own llamas as companion animals or pets because their calm nature, gentleness and intelligence make them a non-demanding pleasure to be around and train. Llamas are especially good with children and there are many active 4-H programs for llamas throughout the US and Canada.

Llamas are fun for the entire family as a llama can be trained to walk in parades, be a daily jogging companion, visit schools, entertain at birthday parties,



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deliver Christmas gifts, just relax with, pull a cart and much more.

There is a very active llama show association (ALSA) and many owners enjoy the competition of the show ring. Shows are held locally and regionally. There are also a number of non-competitive llama events, such as fairs, exploration hikes and other diverse functions to enjoy with your llama while sharing experiences and friendship with fellow owners.

Llamas are popular to raise for their beautiful, luxurious wool, which can be regularly brushed out or sheared. Llama wool does not contain lanolin, so many people who are allergic to sheep wool can wear llama. It is a hollow fiber and is warmer and lighter than sheep's wool. The wool is highly prized by spinners, knitters, felters and weavers as a superior fiber for sweaters, hats, stoles, vests and other garments.

Llamas are raised by many people as breeding stock, and the thrill of producing a baby is universal. Babies (crias) play together in the field and are a joy to watch cavorting. Serious breeders study bloodlines in order to

produce better, more beautiful and genetically superior animals. This is one important reason to insist on buying only registered llamas. The market for llamas continues to expand as more people learn of the pleasure, lifestyle and financial advantages of owning llamas.

Llamas make excellent guard animals for effective predator management for flocks of sheep and goats and herds of cattle against coyotes and feral dogs. A neutered adult is recommended, with a single llama per herd, so that the llama identifies with the herd and protects it. This is the one exception to the recommendation not to have a single llama.

Llamas are being used more and more in animal-assisted therapy. Llamas are routinely taken into senior citizen centers, nursing homes, hospitals and mental health facilities to stimulate or soothe residents. A llama's sensitivity has been compared to that of dolphins and, as llamas are used more in this capacity, their value increases as a means to reach and enhance the lives of others, especially the disabled.

As you can see, there are many uses of llamas which are limited only by our imaginations. A warning should be placed here for what is known among llama owners as 'llama fever'. Llama fever is highly contagious, and there is no known cure ... except maybe owning more llamas. The symptoms vary, but include talking about your llamas endlessly, visiting other llama farms at every opportunity, being totally smitten with your new friends and spending every possible moment with them.



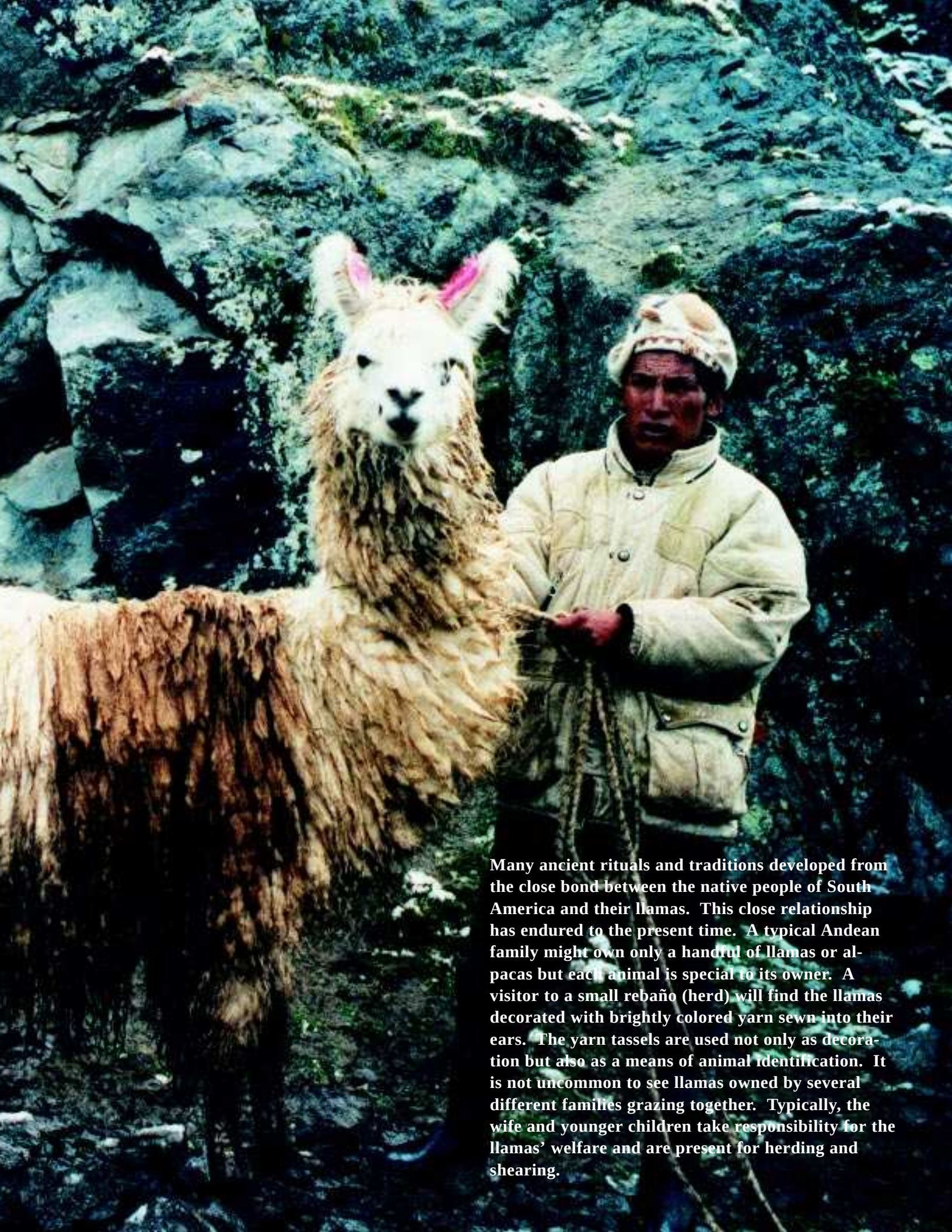


A Brief History of the Llama

About 40 million years ago the ancestor of the llama roamed the central plains of North America. This ancient camel-like creature eventually migrated to Asia, Africa and South America. All members of the camel, or camelid family, are descendants of this early ancestor. The one-humped dromedary camel evolved in Northern Africa and the Middle East, the two-humped Bactrian evolved in what is now Mongolia. The South American camelids - llama, alpaca, vicuña and guanaco - found their niche in the high plains of the Andes.

The wild relatives of the llama and alpaca are the vicuña and guanaco. Unlike the llamas and alpacas the vicuña and guanaco always have the same color pattern. They have a reddish brown body with light cream underbelly and grey face. Both are highly prized for their exquisite fiber. The vicuña is currently on the endangered species list but is making a strong comeback. In the past few years some guanacos have been raised in semi-captive flocks and sheared once a year for fiber.

Domesticated more than 5000 years ago, the llama and alpaca are among the earliest domesticated herd animals. For the native people of the South American Andes, the llama was a beast of burden and a source of fiber and meat. Even the pelleted manure was used as fuel in the harsh environment of the altiplano where no trees grow. The alpaca was bred primarily to produce fine fiber.

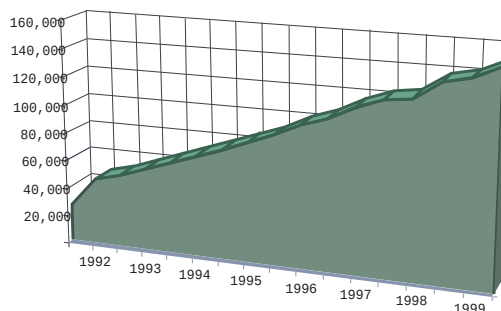


Many ancient rituals and traditions developed from the close bond between the native people of South America and their llamas. This close relationship has endured to the present time. A typical Andean family might own only a handful of llamas or alpacas but each animal is special to its owner. A visitor to a small rebaño (herd) will find the llamas decorated with brightly colored yarn sewn into their ears. The yarn tassels are used not only as decoration but also as a means of animal identification. It is not uncommon to see llamas owned by several different families grazing together. Typically, the wife and younger children take responsibility for the llamas' welfare and are present for herding and shearing.

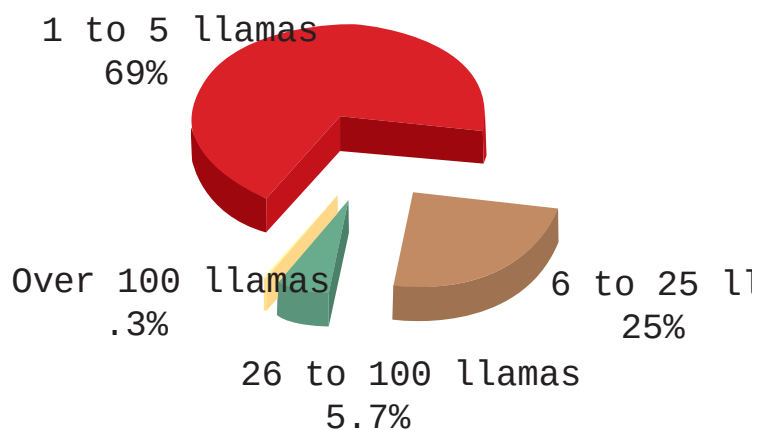
Llama Ownership Continues to Grow

As a prospective owner, you are probably curious as to the growth of the number of llamas and owners in North America. The ILR registered 12,895 new llamas in 1999. In the last 12 months, this is a 9.5% increase in the total number of registered llamas. Many new llama owners have small farms consisting of between 1 and 5 llamas. In fact, 70% of all llama owners fit into that category. Another 23% of the ILR membership owns between 6 and 25 llamas. .3% of the ILR membership owns over 100 llamas.

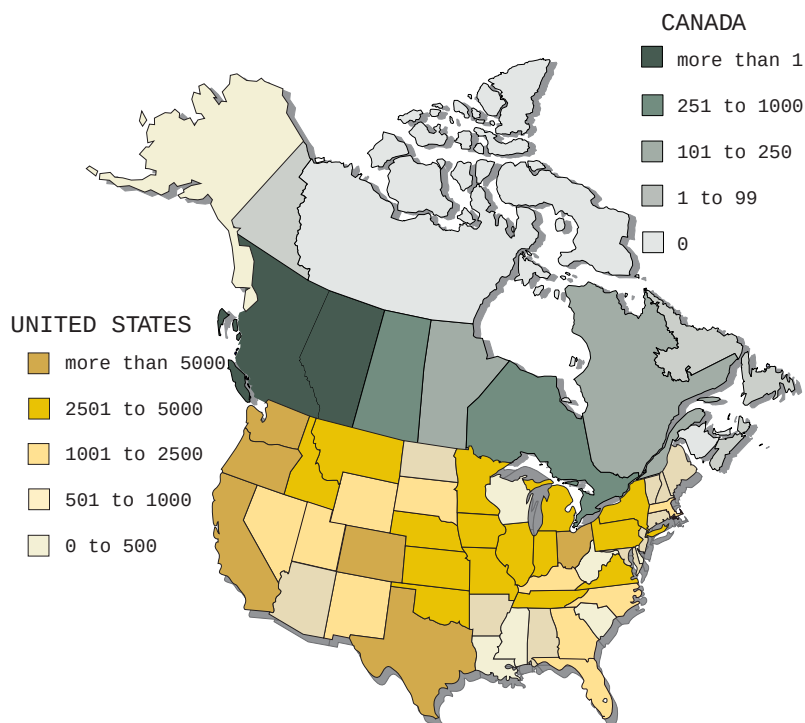
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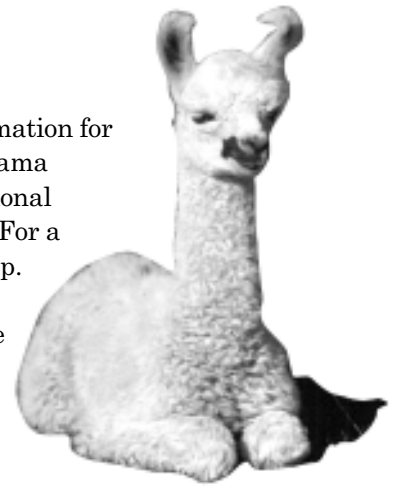
Llamas by State and Province



Llama Publications and Products

There are many publications, books and videotapes available to provide information for the new or prospective llama owner. In addition there are companies specializing in llama supplies, training, clinics, wool products, transportation and other services. Many regional llama associations have exhaustive libraries of llama materials, free for members use. For a current list of known available materials go to www.lamaregistry.com/farms_new2.php.

The following is a list of ILR materials and informational pamphlets available to help you get started in the wonderful world of llamas. These materials are available for no charge on the ILR web site or for a minimal shipping and handling fee for printed copies. Online order of materials is available at www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/materials_order.php.



Business Forms

ILR 2001 Policies and Procedures

ILR Agent Authorization Form

ILR Agreement for the Use of Membership Lists

ILR Breeder Identifier Packet

ILR Confirmation of Ownership Form

ILR DNA Analysis Information Packet

ILR Locator Website Reservation Form

ILR Lost Document Replacement Request

ILR Registration Forms

ILR Registration Instructions Overview

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/Policies.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/agent.htm

www.lamaregistry.com/mmbr_lst.htm

www.lamaregistry.com/bi.htm

www.lamaregistry.com/coown.htm

www.lamaregistry.com/bt.htm

www.lamaregistry.com/locater_res2.htm

www.lamaregistry.com/lostdoc.htm

www.lamaregistry.com/reg_choice.htm

www.lamaregistry.com/reg_inst.htm

Informational Aids

Comparing Forage Selection & Evaluating Trampling

Impacts of Horse & Llamas in Wilderness

and Backcountry Meadow - Heidi A. Schantz

Hiker, Horse and Llama Trampling Effects on Native

Vegetation in Montana, USA D.N. Cole / D.R. Spildie

"I Want a Llama Booklet"

"I Want a Llama Flyer" (master to be copied)

Influence of Llama, Horse, and Foot Traffic on Soil

Erosion from Established Recreation Trails in

Western Montana - Wm. A. Patterson IV

Information Pamphlet #2 - Guard Llamas

Information Pamphlet #3 - Llama Facts for New Owners

Information Pamphlet #4 - Llama Medical Management

Information Pamphlet #5 - Llama Housing and Fencing

Information Pamphlet #6 - Feeding Camelids

Information Pamphlet #7 - Llama Herd Management

Information Pamphlet #8 - "So You Want to Be a

Llama Mama"

Information Pamphlet #9 - Llama Wool

Information Pamphlet #10 - Packing with Llamas

Information Pamphlet #11 - Heat Stress in Llamas

Llama Cookbook - (not available online)

Registry Book Vol. 1

The Social Impacts and Management of Llamas as

Recreation Packstock - Kari K. Smith

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_impact1.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_impact2.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/iwal.htm

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/iwal_flyer.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_impact.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_guardllamas.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_newowners.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_medmanagement.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_housing.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_feeding.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_herdmanagement.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_mama.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_llamawool.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_packing.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/ip_heatstress.pdf

www.lamaregistry.com/login2.php3

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The following llama owners invite you to contact them concerning your upcoming llama purchase. The states and provinces and the owners within each state and province are listed alphabetically. Please remember that this is dated material. If you have difficulty contacting a particular owner using the information printed below, contact the ILR office.

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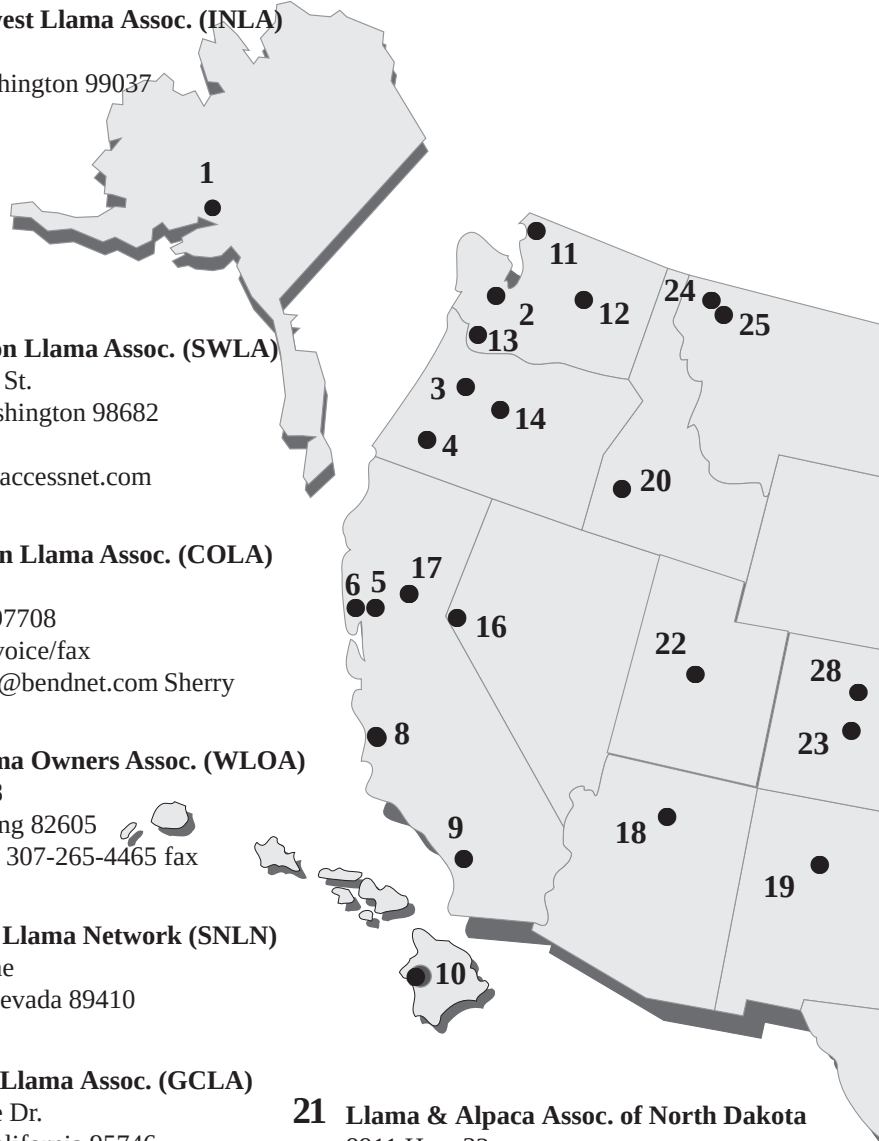
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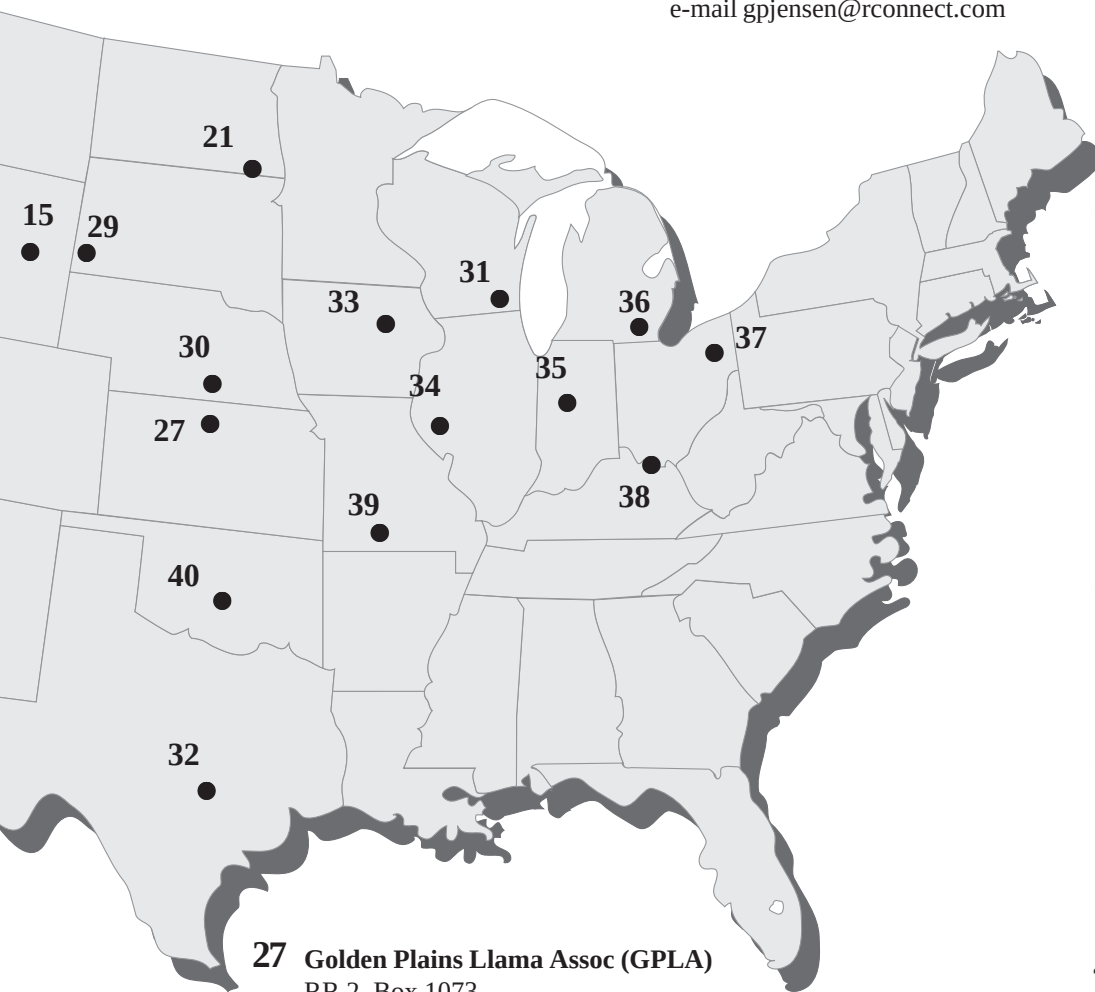
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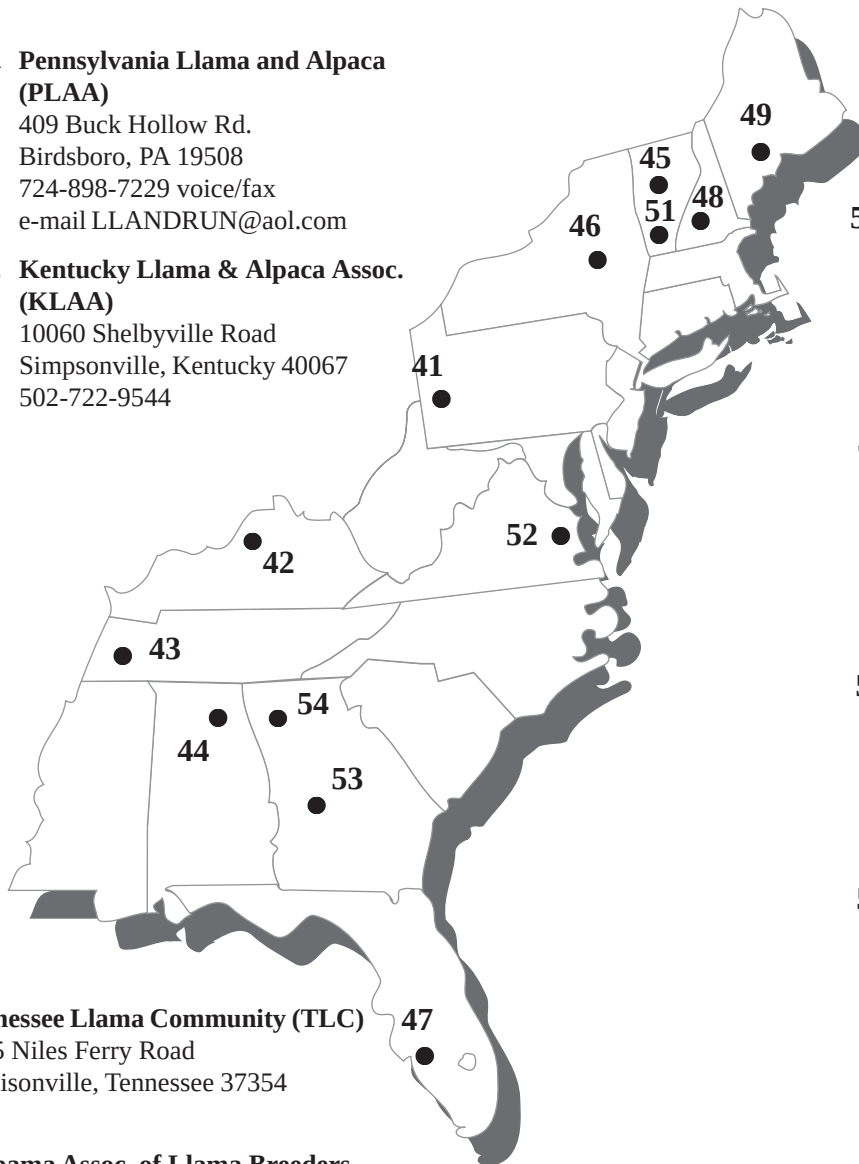
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Requirements

- Must own a llama registered with the ILR
- Must be 18 years of age or older

Benefits

- Opportunity to vote in the ILR election
- Opportunity to serve on ILR committees
- Use of ILR logo on personal advertising etc.
- Receipt of electronic or faxed ILRe-port
- FREE online web searches of ILR animal data - (25 for \$25 searches for owners without membership)

Registration Fees

- \$5 discount on basic registration fee
- \$5 discount on basic transfer fee

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- First Class ILReport
- Online *ILR Locator* - fees as outlined online
- I Want A Llama* Publication - fees as outlined in publication
- Other ILR events as they come up

ASSOCIATE

Requirements

- Interest in being involved with the ILR but currently do not have llamas registered with the ILR

Benefits

- Same as regular member except cannot vote or serve on ILR committees

YOUTH ASSOCIATE

Requirements

- Interest in being involved with the ILR but not yet 18 years of age

Benefits

- Same as regular member except cannot vote or serve on ILR committees

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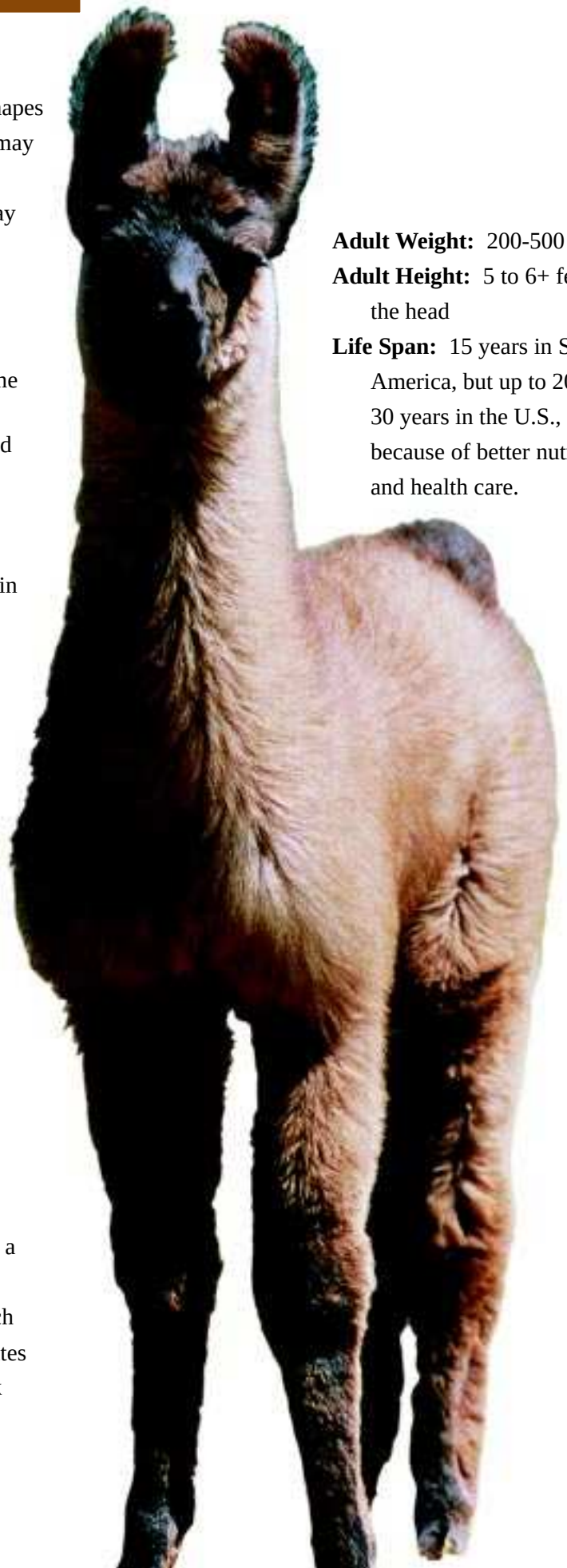
Physical Characteristics and Traits

Body Type and Color: Llamas come in many different shapes and sizes. The color, length and texture of their wool may vary greatly. Wool may be white, cream, light brown, medium brown, reddish brown, dark brown, black, gray brown and silver gray. Body patterning may be solid, marked, spotted, shaded or pinto. Llamas are clean animals and have very little body odor.

Care & Feeding: The harsh Andean environment made the llama a hardy, quick, athletic animal capable of self protection and remarkably disease resistant. They need basic shelter from wind, rain, cold and heat. Llamas, being very sophisticated, are communal dung heap users, which means that they all use the same manure pile, a habit that minimizes the human labor involved in caring for them. Llamas are browsers and eat grasses. Because of their efficient digestive systems, they are relatively economical to feed. Feed costs average 50 cents a day. They can be fed as much good grass hay and/or pasture as they want. Fresh water should be available at all times.

Spitting: Although llamas do not normally spit at humans, they may do so if they feel threatened or if they have been mishandled or abused. Like all members of the camelid family, llamas spit to maintain their pecking order in the herd, to protect the best eating spot, to discipline a youngster, or to reject unwanted advances from an amorous male. The green material is simply regurgitated cud and, while it does have an odor, it does no harm.

Communication: A llama commonly makes three noises: a hum (called praying in Peru), a shrill alarm whinny (a warning of predators), and orgling (a loud gargle which males make when breeding). A llama also communicates with body language - the position of its tail, ears, neck and body posture.



Adult Weight: 200-500 lbs.

Adult Height: 5 to 6+ feet at the head

Life Span: 15 years in South America, but up to 20 to 30 years in the U.S., because of better nutrition and health care.

Fiber: Llama fiber is hollow, so it is lighter and warmer than sheep wool. Since it does not contain lanolin, many people who are allergic to sheep wool can wear clothing made from llama wool.

Reproduction: Females do not have a heat cycle but are induced ovulators (copulation causing ovulation), meaning that llamas can be bred and produce babies at any time of the year. Females may be bred at 12-24 months of age and males become fertile between 2-3 years of age. Average gestation is 350 days with a single baby normally delivered from a standing mother without assistance, usually during the daylight hours. Successful twinning is rare. A newborn llama (cria) averages 20-35 pounds at birth and is weaned at about 5 months of age.

Herd Animal: Llamas are highly social animals and need the companionship of other llamas. Some have been kept successfully with a companion goat, horse or donkey, but llamas are happiest with another of their own kind.

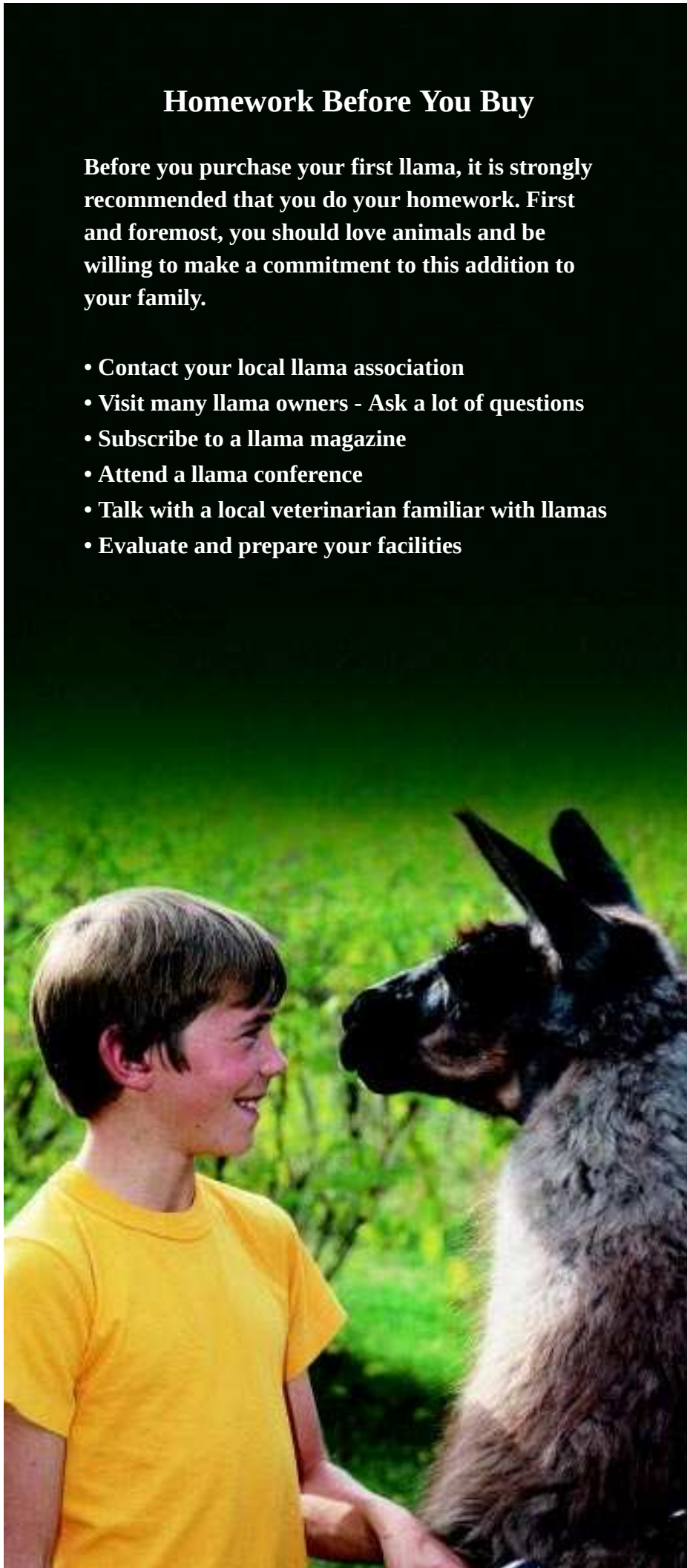
Price: Prices vary depending on the region of the country, quality, pedigree, and training. A wise buyer visits several farms or ranches before buying.

Transportation: Llamas can be easily transported in a van or a covered pickup, as well as horse trailers. Llamas like to lie down during travelling and, therefore, should not be tied, as that could result in injury.

Homework Before You Buy

Before you purchase your first llama, it is strongly recommended that you do your homework. First and foremost, you should love animals and be willing to make a commitment to this addition to your family.

- **Contact your local llama association**
- **Visit many llama owners - Ask a lot of questions**
- **Subscribe to a llama magazine**
- **Attend a llama conference**
- **Talk with a local veterinarian familiar with llamas**
- **Evaluate and prepare your facilities**



The ILR is the largest accurate compilation of llama genealogical information in the world. The Registry is a not-for-profit corporation with the purpose of maintaining an official genealogical registry system and research services for owners of sub species of the genus llama: llama (*lama glama*), guanaco (*lama guanicoe*), vicuna (*lama vicugna*) and cross-bred. It can be compared to a large library, a valuable storehouse of information, whose job is to gather and maintain accurate genealogical records. The focus is always on the expansion and accuracy of the records. Alpacas (*lama pacos*) are registered under their own registry, The Alpaca Registry, Incorporated.

Why Register Your Llama?

All serious livestock breeders choose registered stock for their breeding programs. Most regional and national shows, sales and other events require that participating llamas be registered. Registered animals have enhanced value, as their pedigrees are recorded and more informed breeding choices can be made because their lineage can be traced.

Why Transfer Your Llama's Certificate?

The ownership of animals is closely monitored to insure accurate breeding records. The

Registry requires the signatures of the owner of the sire at the time of conception, and the owner of the dam both at the time of conception and at the birth of the cria. Not transferring an animal may result in confusion or difficulty in registering a cria.

What Services Does The Registry Provide? The most important service the Registry provides is the prompt and accurate documentation of lineage. In addition, the Registry is a research center for members wishing extended pedigree information on multiple generations, statistical data, herd lists, progeny lists, country of origin, age and color - invaluable tools in a breeding program. Statistical data provided by the ILR enables the entire llama community to monitor industry growth patterns.

Who Are The Registry Members? Anyone with a live, registered llama is eligible to become a member. If you have conducted business with the Registry in the current or previous calendar year, you are automatically a member. If you own a registered llama, but have not conducted business in the current or previous calendar year, a written notice of your wish to remain a member mailed to the ILR will continue your membership. Each member receives Registry mailings, which include ballots, surveys, and the ILReport (the ILR newsletter), as well as other

timely announcements. A membership directory is also available to current members.

How Large Is The Registry

Database? At the end of 1999, the Registry has records on over 140,000 llamas with over 20,000 owners in many countries world wide. Over 10,000 owners have conducted transactions with the ILR in the current or previous calendar year.

How Was The Registry

Created? The Registry was established in 1985 legally independent from all llama organizations.

Who Governs The Registry?

The ILR is governed by a

democratically elected five-member Board of Directors who each serve a five-year term, with one director being elected each year. Members help determine the Registry policies through their elected representatives.

The Mission of the International Lama Registry

- To gather, catalog, and maintain accurate records based on verifiable animal genealogy, color, individual identification, country of origin, and medical and breeding histories.
- To promote the value of registered llamas through education and services.
- To make gathered data available to members and researchers in an orderly, efficient and economical fashion.
- To provide other related member services in response to member needs.



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