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SUSTAINABLE & ECO FRIENDLY

A GREAT ADDITION TO ANY FARM

With highly efficient digestive systems, padded feet and easy-going natures, alpacas are renowned for their low impact on the environment and on farm infrastructure.

Alpacas require only ~ 2% of their body weight daily in feed to produce upwards of 2kg of fleece annually. There is minimal waste, as all parts of the alpaca fleece can be used to produce end products without the use of harsh dyes or chemicals. You will be hard pressed to find a better manure for your crops, with alpaca dung offering an easy to collect and use enrichment for your soil.

Alpacas are easy to train and handle, and are becoming increasingly popular for agritourism and use in therapeutic settings. As hardy and highly adaptable animals without some of the common health concerns of other livestock, you can get many years of enjoyment from your alpaca.



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ALPACA

FACTS

FAST FACTS

- **There are 22 basic recognized alpaca colours & numerous patterns**
- They come in two coat types: Suri & Huacaya
- **Can produce 6 grades of fleece, ranging from <18 to ≤30 microns, with most falling between 20–26 microns**
- Alpaca fibre has a smooth scale structure, often making it feel smoother than wool of the same micron.
- **Alpacas produce 1 cria a year, with an average 11.5 mo gestation**
- As induced ovulators, alpacas can be bred year round (which means males must be housed separate from females when not being used for breeding)
- **Alpaca fibre is moisture wicking, has great thermal properties, and is flame resistant**
- Alpacas produce no lanolin, so no harsh chemicals or scouring is needed to process fleece

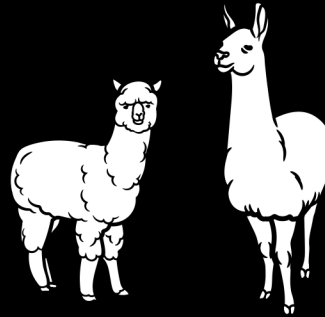
IS THAT A LLAMA?

ALPACAS VS LLAMAS

OFTEN CONFUSED FOR ONE ANOTHER, HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR IDENTIFYING YOUR NEW CAMELID FRIEND:

Weight

100–200lbs vs 250–500lbs



Height (At withers)

32–39" tall vs 47–57" tall

Tailset

Low vs high

Topline

Slightly Rounded vs Straight

Ears

Spear shaped vs Banana shaped

Coat Type

Single coat vs Double coat

Most Common Uses

Fibre vs Packing

Domesticated From

Vicuña vs Guanaco

MYTH

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FACTS

Myth: Alpacas spit at people

Fact: While all alpacas are capable of spitting, they often only spit at each other or things that scare them, rarely at people.

Myth: Alpacas make great pets

Fact: We all agree alpacas can be wonderful pets, but if they are not housed in herd settings with other alpacas they can become ill from stress and develop dangerous behavioural problems.

Myth: Alpacas in the wild aren't sheared every year

Fact: Alpacas are a 100% domestic species, selectively bred to produce fibre that continually grows without shedding. They must be shorn annually to stay healthy.

Myth: Alpacas make great guards

Fact: Alpacas are not big enough to protect livestock against predators larger than foxes, and are equally vulnerable to dog, coyote, wolf, bear and other large predator attack.