



Florida Alpaca & Llama Association Inc.

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LATE SUMMER 2023

Letter from the President

Hello FALA members,

It certainly has been a challenging hot summer so far, but cooler weather is coming soon! Please continue doing all your best practices keeping your animals safe from the heat!

Water, Shelter, Fans, Repeat!

We had a fantastic, packed Educational Seminar in July with the amazing veterinarian, Dr. Martha Malicote from the University of Florida as our main speaker. We had a wonderful fiber project, a shearing, teeth, and nails demonstration, Vet Tech Tips for herd health, and a lot of informative roundtable conversations! Thanks to everyone who participated and attended.

Our **FALA Annual Meeting and Alpaca/Llama Hike** will be on Sunday, November 5 at Withlacoochee River Park, Dade City, FL. As always, we start the day with a trek through the woods with our alpacas and llamas, have our annual meeting, review election results and have a picnic. More details coming soon!

We are very excited about our 3rd annual **Florida Winter Classic show**, which will be on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Florida Classic Park again.

If you have never shown an animal before, this is a great way to get started. It is very inexpensive to show your animals at our show and we would love to welcome new participants! We are also looking for Gold and Silver Sponsors for our show and vendors.

We are excited to announce that Mazuri Feed will be one of our Gold Sponsors this year and will once again have a booth displaying their alpaca and llama products. If you have craft items, sign up to be a vendor and sell your products at our show. We already have four food trucks participating in this year's show, so come hungry and invite your friends! Admission is free to the public so spread the word!

All Show forms are located at <http://www.falainc.com/FWC24.html>

PLEASE be safe and keep your alpacas and llamas cool and get them ready for our show in January!

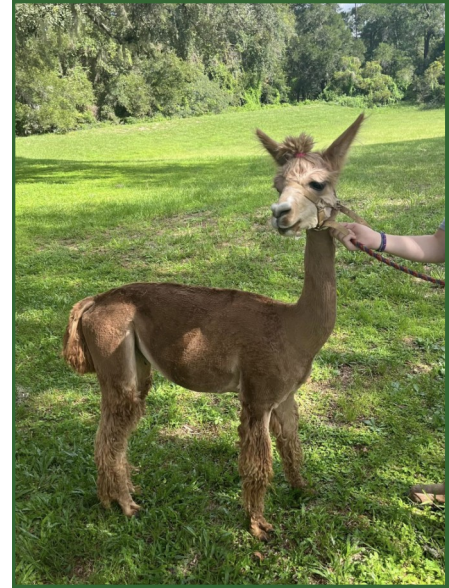
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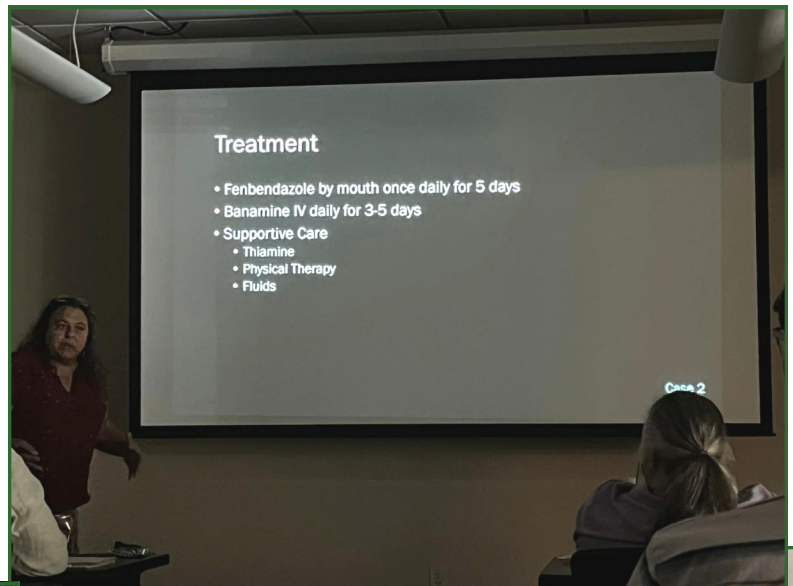
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2023 EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR



Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual FALA Education Seminar!

Special thanks to Angel Rodriguez, Sarah Strautmann and Dr. Martha Mallicote from University of Florida! The fiber project was a huge success as well. A packed room enjoyed a lot of learning and sharing! Our alpaca models got their hair, teeth and nails done and participated in our Vet tech tips as well. Two handsome cool dudes!





FALA Winter Classic

ALPACA / LLAMA SHOW
Saturday, January 27, 2024

Florida Classic Park
5360 Lockhart Rd
Brooksville, FL 34602

SPONSOR FORM

Our 3rd annual FALA Winter Classic is a one-day show for any FALA alpaca and llama ranches wishing to participate in Halter and Performance classes. Spectator admission is free.

We are excited to announce a Golden level sponsorship for this event. Previously we only offered the Silver Sponsorship, but with the Gold Sponsorship your organization receives additional recognition and benefits including a vendor spot, which is a \$25 value. This event will also have a sponsor table for your business cards or brochures to be displayed as well as our sponsor board. Our continued success is because of sponsors like you!

- **Gold Sponsor - \$100** - Your company name will be featured on all FWC advertisements, the FWC onsite Sponsor Board and FALA website.
You will also receive a vendor spot (\$25 value) and may showcase business cards and brochures at the sponsor table and company banners during the event.
- **Silver Sponsor - \$25** - Your company name will be added to the FWC onsite Sponsor Board and FALA website.
 - Show starts at 8:00 AM and ends at approximately 5:00 PM
 - Please make checks payable to **FALA Inc.**
 - Mail this form, the check and any business cards or flyers that you wish to be displayed at the event to **FALA 26093 Olympia Road, Brooksville FL 34601.**

Sponsor Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Business Type:

Ranch: _____ Veterinary: _____ Shearer: _____

Breeder: _____ Other: _____



FALA Membership is only \$25 for the entire year!

Become part of our *Caring and Sharing Camelid Community*.

Here are just some of our yearly events our members enjoy.



**Annual Florida Winter
Classic Fun Show!**
January 27, 2024



**Florida State Fair Sponsors
and Participation!**
February 15-18, 2024



Free Educational Seminar
July 22, 2023

- Herd Health
- Guest Speakers from UF
- Fiber Projects
- Agritourism
- Roundtable Discussions



Annual Meeting, Picnic and Alpaca / Llama hike!
November 5, 2023

Go to www.falainc.com to join our community!

Interesting Observation

After visiting the Iowa State Fair, Garrison Keilor (NPR radio personality and host of “A Prairie Home Companion” and author of “Lake Wobegon” and other related books), had this to say in his Sunday, August 24, 2008, St. Paul Pioneer Press Opinion section:

“....And then I wound up at an open-air brick pavilion for the llama judging. Llamas are gentle, dignified beasts, and here were four of them being shown by teenagers. The animals' military bearing, heads high, their stately gait, their dark soulful eyes – they looked as if they'd walked straight out of “Dr. Doolittle,” and it was sweet to see them being handled lovingly by teenagers. Pigs are something else – you can see how a person might need to whack a pig. But nobody would ever whack a llama. According to a poster, they [the llamas] are raised for 'fiber, showing, carting, guardians and companionship.' One girl stood by her llama and blew gently on its nose, and he looked lovingly into her eyes. A sort of conversation. If every teenager had his or her own llama, this would be a very different country.”



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2023 Calendar of Events

September 1-3 — Heart of Dixie Llama Show, Ringgold, GA

September 15-17 — White Lightning Llama Show, Hendersonville, NC

September 24 — FALA Meeting, Guardian Angel Alpacas, Brooksville, FL
Social - 1pm Meeting - 2pm

September 23-24 — National Alpaca Farm Days



★ Need to re-home a llama or alpaca? Contact Claudia Hammack, llamachick@yahoo.com

★ Youth interested in showing a llama or alpaca for FFA, 4-H, or for fun? Contact Tracy Weaver, lotsallamas@earthlink.net