

Florida Alpaca & Llama Association Inc.

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Letter from the President

Hello FALA members,

The HEAT is on! I have recently spoken to a lot of new Florida alpaca and llama farms starting their Camelid journeys. Our FALA board and membership welcomes you and we are happy to help and answer questions.

Be vigilant, watch your animals and learn their routines. If they seem off, make sure they are not overheating. If you wait, it may be too late! I personally have JumpStart on hand and provide it to any alpaca or llama not acting like themselves. I cannot stress enough the importance of proper animal management to "Beat the Heat! Please remember to always provide plenty of water, shade, shelter, and fans for your animals. If they need shearing, please find a shearer or try it yourself! Hose down their legs and bellies only if it is really hot and they don't have access to a wading pool or sprinkler! If you can add electrolytes to their water, please do!

Reminder: our FALA Alpaca/Llama Educational Seminar is on Saturday, July 20, from 8am-4pm at The Realtor Association of Citrus County, 714 S Scarboro Ave, Lecanto, FL. Our special guest speaker is Dr. Eduardo Arroyo, a Camelid expert from the University of Florida. We also have Nicole Taylor, a fiber expert speaking; tips from our ALSA Judge on the difference between showing alpacas and llamas, Vet Tech tips on how to prepare for Vet visits, a fiber project and more! It is free if you are a FALA member or \$25 for non-FALA members which includes this year's membership. Please see the flyer for more details and RSVP right away to ensure a spot. As in the past, this seminar allows for a lot of sharing of information from farms, totaling well over 100 years of experience. If you are a new alpaca and/or llama farmer, I highly recommend joining us!

Reminder if you haven't paid your 2024 yearly \$25 FALA dues, please do so! If you know of other farms that are currently not FALA members, please share our information with them. If you wish to purchase lunch it is \$10. They can go to <http://www.falainc.com> to sign up.

We truly have a jam-packed calendar for the remainder of the year and into next year. We are very happy to announce our second show of the year, **The FALA FALL Alpaca and Llama Show on Saturday and Sunday, October 26th and 27.** More details coming soon!

September - FALA Meeting - Sunday, September 15, location TBD Social - 1pm, Meeting - 2:00pm

October - FALA Fall Fun Show - October 26 & 27, 8am- 5pm. New two-day alpaca and llama show at the **Hernando Fairgrounds,** Brooksville, FL

November - FALA Annual Meeting, Picnic, and Llama Trek Sunday, November 10th - Withlacoochee River Park, Dade City, FL
January 26th, 2025 – 4th Annual Florida Winter Classic Alpaca and Llama Show at Florida Classic Park, Brooksville, FL.

With the hot summer months in full swing, PLEASE be safe! Shear, shade, water, and fans!

John Previte
FALA President

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LLAMA & ALPACA EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

JULY 20, 2024

8AM - 4PM

WHERE THE REALTOR ASSOCIATION OF CITRUS COUNTY

714 S SCARBORO AVE, LECANTO, FL 34461

***WE HOPE YOU JOIN US FOR THIS FUN
EDUCATIONAL EVENT!***

SPEAKER

Dr Arroyo

Breeding Management in Camelids

ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME

Vet Tech Tips

**Prepping before a
Vet**

**How a Judge scores
Alpacas vs. Llamas
from Nose to Toes**

**How to look at
FAMACHA the right
way**

**Spirit Fiber Works
Nicole Taylor**

Crockpot Fiber Dying

**Bring your own clean
fiber to dye or White
roving available for
purchase \$8 per oz**

REGISTRATION	NAME	COST	ATTENDING
Non-members		\$25	
FALA Members		FREE	
Lunch additional cost \$10.00		\$10	
*Dietary restriction			

Checks to be made out to FALA – DEADLINE JULY 13, 2024

Mail Complete Form and payment to:

Mary Rose Collins 4211 S. Old Floral City Rd., Inverness, FL 34450



FALA Fall Show
2-day ALPACA / LLAMA SHOW
October 26th & 27th, 2024
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

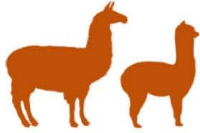


We are excited to announce a new two-day, **Alpaca and Llama Show** at the **Hernando Fairgrounds** in **Brooksville, Florida**. We welcome all first time, novice and experienced exhibitors. We will have Halter, Obstacle, Pack, Public Relations classes and a Camelid Costume contest.

Join us for a fun, educational, rewarding day!
Visit www.falainc.com/FF24 for more details.



Hernando Fairgrounds
6436 Broad St
Brooksville, FL 34601



FALA FALL FUN SHOW

ALPACA / LLAMA SHOW

Saturday, October 26th, and
Sunday, October 27th, 2024



VENDOR/FOOD TRUCK FORM

The **FALA FALL FUN show** is a two day show for all **FALA Alpaca and Llama ranches** wishing to participate in Halter and Performance classes. The event will also feature vendors and food trucks. The event will be at the **Hernando County Fairgrounds 6436 Broad St. Brooksville, FL 34601. Spectator admission is free.**

- Gates open at 8:00, the show starts at 9:00 AM and ends at approximately 4:30 PM.
- The Vendor fee for a 10 x 10 area is only **\$25.00 per day**.
- We are limiting the number of food trucks to three with a variety of menus. All food trucks must be licensed and be insured in the state of Florida.

FOR CONSIDERATION, PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM BELOW AND EMAIL TO:

jprevite@verizon.net

Vendor / Food Truck Name _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Contact Name _____ Products Sold _____

- If approved, please make checks payable to **FALA Inc** and mail by September 1st to:
- **FALA - 26093 Olympia Road Brooksville, FL 34601**
- **NOTE – If you wish to pay by PayPal, there is an additional \$1 service / handling fee.**
Pay to jprevite@verizon.net.

DISCLAIMER: If approved for participation in the event, the undersigned has read, understands, and agrees to abide by the rules and regulations established **FALA FALL FUN SHOW** and understands that failure to do so may result in loss of assigned space and termination of participation.

By signing below, you agree that once participation fees are paid, there will be no refunds, if unable to participate at the event. You also agree to indemnify and hold harmless FALA Inc. and all their directors and volunteers from and against all liability (including personal injury, property damage and death) claims, suits, damages, costs, losses, and fees including attorney's fees arising out of or related to any activities because of participation in this event. **Electric power will not be provided at the event.**

Signature

Date



*The United Nations declared 2024 the International Year of Camelids (IYC 2024). The Year will highlight how camelids are key to the livelihoods of millions of households in hostile environments across over 90 countries, particularly Indigenous Peoples and local communities. From alpacas to Bactrian camels, dromedaries, guanacos, llamas, and vicuñas, camelids contribute to **food security, nutrition** and **economic growth** as well as holding a strong **cultural** and **social significance** for communities across the world.*

*Camelids play an important role in advancing the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) related to the fight against hunger, the eradication of extreme poverty, the empowerment of women and the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems. From providing milk, meat and fibre for communities to transport for products and people, and organic fertilizer, camelids thrive where other livestock species cannot survive.*

Camelids play a key role in the culture, economy, food security and livelihoods of communities in Andean

While looking for camelid articles, I came across the story on the next page about llama twins in Georgia. It's from Winter 2000 but still interesting.

ARE TWINS IMPOSSIBLE/ – NO!

By Patty Weems

At Paradise Pastures miracles happen everyday! Here at Paradise Pastures we have a set of twins. A boy llama who weighed 14 pounds and a little girl who weighed 10 pounds.

On September 28, 2000, Elena checked on the llamas and knew prospective mom June Bug was uncomfortable. At noon there was a baby on the ground. At the time she thought she would get everything done before the rest of us got home. That's when she saw Mom delivering the second baby, got on the radio and called for help. I was only a mile away, got there quickly and grabbed towels to dry the babies off. We rubbed them for quite some time to stimulate them.

Our little girl would not nurse from Mom, even with help, until well into the night and next day. My son Cody and I slept in the barn that night to watch her and make sure she was OK. I'm not sure she would have made it on her own. She became very lethargic with the cold and seemed to want to give up. We took a hair dryer and got her really warm and then she slept in between us in two sleeping bags to keep her warm. She would hum when she had to go to the bathroom and I would let her out and then put her back.

On Saturday morning the vet called and said that her IGG was only 100 so off we went for plasma. The Smalleys had plasma and met me at the vet's office, and showed us how to tube feed.

We tube fed her every four hours just like a real baby. She slept beside our bed on a pallet, hummed when she wanted out. She would run to the barn to potty and check out Mom and play for a few minutes. I picked her up to go back inside to bed.

We did not have cria coats, so improvised. Little Miracle spent a lot of time in the house but did get to laze in the sun, and be introduced to our baby donkey.

Who would have thought a llama would wake you up to go to the bathroom and eat. She is perfectly trained and we did nothing.

No one actually thought this 10-pound twin would make it, but she has done well. On November 3 she weighed 20 pounds. She isn't sleeping in the house anymore, but is still getting supplemental feedings until she finds the grain. These two are beautiful and full of life. Our Little Miracle runs just like the others even if she is last. It does look funny to see her in with all the other llamas. She looks like a little dwarf chasing after giants.



2024 Calendar of Events

July 20 — FALA Educational Seminar— 8:00am - 4:00pm

Citrus County Board of Realtors, 714 S Scarboro Ave., Lecanto, FL
See flyer and form on Page 2

September 15 — FALA Meeting, Location TBD

October 26 & 27 — FALA Fall Alpaca and Llama Show

See flyer on Page 3

★ 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

