



THE PACA POST

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A Big THANK YOU to the Community for Making Our Annual Shearing a Great Success!

On Saturday, April 6 we had our annual Shearing Event! It was a busy day for all, and we welcomed approximately 250 guests to the farm to view how we shear our animals, with tour buses running every half hour, along with morning and afternoon shearing tour/hayrides.



Getting the Hayride Ready for Guests!

The staff started getting ready at 6:00 a.m. and by the time the first bus of guests arrived, the shearer and his two helpers had found their rhythm and sheared our 14 mamas-to-be. Overall, we sheared our entire herd of 82 alpaca.

We estimate our harvest this year to be somewhere between 750 and 1,000 pounds of fiber. Needless to say, our alpacas are ready for the heat of summer—just in time too, given the rise in temperature and humidity since shearing day.



The Blanket Coming Off in One Luxurious Piece!

In addition to getting sheared, each alpaca had their lower teeth and nails trimmed, and received their yearly inoculation—all in a matter of approximately 15 minutes per alpaca!

Our alpacas were not the only ones, getting into the swing of things. Mandingo one of our barn cats, got his spring lion cut the night before shearing day. Jack, our guard llama, got his new “fiber-do” a week later. Now everyone is rocking a new stylish look at Fox Wire Farm of Toano!



Mandingo Strutting His Stuff, and Jack “Allowing” the Shearers to Do Their Thing.



Before and After!

A big shout out goes to our volunteers, who provided tremendous support to keep the process moving. We could not have done it without you! ■

April Boutique Highlights!

Stock up on socks! This month our E-newsletter special coupon allows you to buy as many Alpaca Print Socks as you want with \$1.50 off each pair! These stylish socks are a fun way to keep your feet warm and comfortable. They come infused with natural aloe vera and jojoba oil to continually nourish and moisturize your feet, while providing natural medicinal nutrients and anti-microbial and anti-inflammatory agents during wear.



Our Alpaca Print Socks are made of 55% alpaca, 28% acrylic, 15% nylon, and 2% spandex, and come in a variety of fun colors to match your entire wardrobe! Make sure you indulge yourself by buying more than one pair!

Also in April, we are celebrating one of this year's biggest fashion trends: PASTEL COLORS! Pastels are feminine hues that can be partnered with almost any color, including neutrals, to provide a classic or trendy style statement.



The Berenice Cardigan

Our beautifully made Berenice Cardigan (*shown top left*) is absolutely stunning while being comfortable and lightweight enough to wear during the warmer seasons of Spring and Summer. The open-front design is very chic no matter the time of year. The Berenice Cardigan is made of 50% alpaca and 50% acrylic.



The Gabriella Sweater

The elegant and distinctive look of our Gabriella Sweater (*shown bottom left*) is rich in delicately patterned details—a lovely and versatile addition to your wardrobe! The Gabriella is made of 50% alpaca and 50% acrylic.

Alpaca Bunny Sale

Don't miss our Easter weekend sale, April 19-21 on alpaca apparel, accessories, toys, and housewares! Remember to pick up a dozen Easter eggs, straight from our hens in a variety of colors! ■

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Congratulations Aurion and Seastar!

March 30 and 31, Laura Hineman, co-owner at Fox Wire Farm of Toano, took Aurion and Seastar on the road again for another show. The Heart of Virginia Alpaca Show in Lexington, Virginia is an annual event we participate in with our young alpaca.

We're happy to report Aurion brought home Fourth in the White Juvenile Male Halter Competition. Seastar placed Third in the White Juvenile Walking Fleece Competition. Way to go, kids! ■



Aurion (left), Seastar (center). Seastar Brought Home the White Ribbon and Aurion Brought Home the Pink.

National Attention for Fox Wire Farm Alpacas!

In early April, representatives from the James City County Office of Economic Development came out to film footage that will be incorporated into an advertisement to be shown on the Golf Channel later this Spring during the Pure Silk Championship. The ad spot will promote all the wonderful things to do in our area, and we're very grateful to have been included! ■



E-Newsletter Questions or Comments?

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