



THE PACA POST

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Thanks for Subscribing and WELCOME!

We hope you enjoy this first edition of *The Paca Post*, Fox Wire Farm Alpaca's official E-newsletter. Each month, we will be sending out our E-newsletter with updates on all the fun happenings at our farm and at the Store & Boutique.

Highlights will include personality profiles on various animals, Cria Alerts to keep you up-to-date on our baby alpacas, Rainbow Bridge crossings, special tour offerings, upcoming Education Program classes and workshops, newly arrived fashion lines, and much, much more! Each month, you will also receive a coupon available ONLY to E-newsletter subscribers so you can take advantage of specials in our Store & Boutique. ■

Cria Alert!

Those who have visited the farm since July 2018 have met Aurion and Nightsong, our youngest alpacas at the farm. They have been best buddies since the beginning, living with their mamas down at the Maternity Barn. We've delighted in dressing them up for various holidays and having them star in our advertising campaign that runs in the Virginia Gazette, Daily Press, and The Williamsburg Magazine; however, all babies grow up.



Aurion and Nightsong spreading Alpaca Love in our February Valentine's Day ads.

Recently, Aurion was weaned and moved up to the Male Yearling Barn to live with Viserion, Yunkai, and Jack, our guard llama. He's adapting well and Jack is teaching him how to roll with the big boys.

Little Nightsong misses her buddy though, and she has decided to become a career cria to keep herself busy. *The Nightsong Chronicles*, her blog on our website, will be launching soon, so keep an eye out for that!

Speaking of crias, it's gonna be a BUSY breeding season at Fox Wire Farm, we have seven due this Spring, with the first arrival in early May, and another seven due in the Fall. ■

New Kids on the Farm

Seastar is a new arrival to the farm as of January. She was born last June, and in addition to being a beautiful little girl with luxurious white fleece, Seastar has a sweet disposition. Laura, our Alpaca Whisperer, fell in love with her the first time she saw her and knew Seastar would be a great addition to our herd.

Wanting her to have a smooth transition to the farm, Seastar was accompanied by her bestie, Wolfgang, to keep her company as she adjusts and makes new friends in the Female Yearling Barn. She's doing great, and Wolfie, until he returns home, is having the time of his life being spoiled by all his groupies as the only adolescent boy in the barn! ■



Wolfie (on left) has been refining his flirting skills... They seem to be working!

Seastar...What a beauty!



Aurion (second from left) seems to be a happy camper in the Male Yearling Barn with his new roomies, Viserion (front) and Yunkai (third from left). Jack, our noble guard llama, keeps an ever-watchful eye on the boys.

We've gone Quackers!

Due to popular demand, John went out and got ducks to satisfy our customers' requests for duck eggs. The ladies recently began to lay eggs and we now offer duck eggs at the store for \$7.00/dozen if you bring in a carton, or \$7.50/dozen without.



Can you pick out the drake?

Our ducks are a breed called White Layers and are known to be prolific producers. Currently, we have 11 hens and one drake. You can tell the drake by his curly tail and raspier quack.

Duck eggs are particularly popular with bakers due to the higher albumen content which makes pastries and cakes fluffier. Even though you can substitute one duck egg for one chicken egg when baking, the ratio is usually two duck eggs to three chicken eggs. The larger yolk also provides more protein and more of the Omega-3 fatty acids, which help promote heart health. Also, duck eggs have a thicker shell and stay fresher, longer.

If you've never tried duck eggs, come by the store and pick yourself up a dozen and try them out! Make sure you call first for availability as they are in high demand! ■

Fox Wire Farm Shearing 2019: April 6

We have a shearing date! Our 2019 Shearing will be Saturday, April 6.

Just like last year, we will be running one-hour shearing tours from the Fox Wire Store & Boutique to the farm so folks can witness how we harvest our fiber. Shearing tours are \$10/person, age 5 and up. We also will be adding two, three-hour tractor-pulled hayrides that will include the shearing and an overall farm tour for \$35/person, age 5 and up.

All tours are by reservation only, so call today 757.707.5052 to reserve your seat! ■

Rainbow Bridge Crossing: We'll Miss You Bo Bo

We're sad to report that we lost one of our Jersey steer this past month to a broken leg. Dear Bo Bo was brought to the farm as a calf, along with Jack, Phillip, Peter, and John. The boys originally came from a dairy farm run by Amish up in Pennsylvania. When first brought to the farm they had not been weaned, so we had to bottle feed them around the clock for eight weeks with the help of a sorority from William & Mary.

Bo Bo grew from a cutie pie into a gentle soul, who loved sweet mix and alfalfa cubes, especially when fed to him by kids on our tours.

Please join with us in celebrating his life with the belief that the pastures over the Rainbow Bridge are ever so sweet and green. ■



Baby Bo Bo and Big Boy Bo Bo

Store & Boutique Specials!

Here are just a couple items in our store that we think you'd love to add to your fashion collection. New fashions arrive weekly so come by and experience the softness and warmth of alpaca! ■



Our Women's Alpaca Poncho Cape (left) features an open-front design with pockets and a button closure at the neck. This flattering cape is sophisticated yet versatile, offering lightweight warmth and softness.

Our Fleece-Lined Men's Sweater (right) is 100% alpaca, keeping you warm, comfortable, and looking great!

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