



THE PACA POST

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Jack Got Sheared Too!

Visitors to Fox Wire Farm of Toano have come to know and admire our guard llama Jack. Not only is he a noble presence and effective caretaker of our herd, he's a mighty fine-looking boy!

Many of the questions we get regularly during shearing season have to do with how we shear Jack and can folks come and see him get his yearly "fibercut".

Although Jack's shearing is not a public event, he is sheared every year around the same time as our alpacas. Jack's fiber is not as valuable as alpaca fiber. Although it has many of the same qualities in terms of warmth and moisture wicking, it does tend to be a bit coarser and is usually used for felting.

Those who have seen how an alpaca is sheared, wonder if we cable Jack in a prone position just like the alpacas. The answer is a resounding NO! Given his size and training, that would be quite the adventure! Jack is sheared standing up in a small stall that is big enough for him, the shearer, and the shearer's helper to move around in comfortably, quickly, and safely throughout the process. As you can see from the pictures, Jack is always the consummate professional, allowing the shearer and his helper to do what they have to do, as long as they're quick about it and don't take too much off the top!

This year we gave Jack a distinctive lion cut that complements both his personality and his physique. Jack's shearing took less than 30 minutes, and now he too is ready for the heat of our Tidewater summer! ■



PICTURE CAPTIONS

- 1) Jack's blanket being sheared off. Unlike when we shear alpacas, Jack's blanket is not taken off in one piece, but in several large sections.
- 2) Must get those back legs trimmed just right to impress the ladies. Actually, the leg fiber is kept to deter flies and also to provide protection should Jack engage with a canine.
- 3) The infamous nail trim that gives Jack his fighting advantage.
- 4) Jack awaiting his "fibercut".
- 5) Our beloved Jack after his shearing. OOO-lah-lah!

May Boutique Highlights and Sales!

This month's coupon is for the Essential Magic Sweater in our most popular color, blue mélangé! The Essential can be worn as a shrug, a cardigan, a hoodie, or with a shawl collar! All these features are rolled into one with this versatile garment. Definitely, a "must have" for any stylish wardrobe!



The Essential Magic Sweater (left and above), shown in blue mélangé, is 50% alpaca, 50% acrylic and is one size fits most figures.



The Eclipse, shown left and above in wine/black, is also available in blue/black, and natural/black. This sweater is 50% alpaca, 50% acrylic.

Another fashion highlight for May is our popular reversible Eclipse Cardigan. As the name suggests, you can transition your style from a day in the office to a night on the town. Contrasting crewel embroidery of blossoms and vines contrast elegantly in an array of subtle hues. The garment features a single neckline clasp with an open front.

Don't forget! We also are running our annual Mother's Day Sale, May 3-12, and our Memorial Day Sale, May 25-27. Plenty of reasons to stop by this month, shop, and save! ■

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MAY E-Newsletter
COUPON

**\$99.99 ESSENTIAL MAGIC SWEATER
in Blue Mélangé Only
(Normally \$159.99)**

Good thru MAY 2019

*Cut Out and Redeem at Store
Not Applicable to On-Line Purchases • Cannot Be Used with Other Discounts*

**Store & Boutique Schedule and
Tour Times Changing**

Starting Monday, May 13, Fox Wire Farm Store & Boutique will once again be open on Mondays and return back to our regular schedule of closing only on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Our daily hours of operation will continue to be 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We are also changing our tour schedule. We are no longer offering an 11:30 a.m. tour and will run tours only starting either at 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. All tours are by reservation only and will run on an as-needed basis.

For additional information about our store & boutique or tours, please visit our website at www.foxwirefarmalpacas.com. If you haven't taken a tour of the farm yet, this is a great time of year to do so before the heat of summer begins! ■

**The Nightsong Chronicles: Life at Fox Wire Farm
from a Young Alpaca's Perspective**

If you haven't heard, Nightsong, our youngest alpaca born last season has decided to become a career paca and has started a blog!

Nightsong says she expects to provide firsthand insight into what it's like to be a young alpaca, but also wants to invite guests from the other stables, pastures, pens, and coops to provide a broader view of life at Fox Wire Farm. She summed it up eloquently by stating with a twinkle in her eye, "Alpacas rule, but the rest are pretty cool, too!"



Check out her blog at www.foxwirefarmalpacas.com/about-us/nightsong-chronicles/ and decide for yourself! ■

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