



THE PACA POST

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Announcing Our First Fall Cria!

Halloween was a special day for us at the farm with the arrival of our first Fall cria. Names such as Boo and Casper jokingly were bandied about by staff; however, in keeping with our *Game of Thrones* naming tradition for cria born on the farm, Laura and John christened him White Walker! How perfect is that?

White Walker is a white Huacaya male, born at 11:30 a.m. on October 31, weighing in at 10 pounds. His dam is Ygritte and his sire is Jefferson at the Breeze.

Mom and cria both are doing well. Everyone at the farm agrees that getting a cria for Halloween is MUCH better than candy! Can hardly wait for the rest to arrive! ■



Left: White Walker takes a nap. Being born is hard work! Right: Mama Ygritte looks awfully proud of what she did, and she should be!

It's Show Time!

Every year, Laura Hineman, co-owner of Fox Wire Farm of Toano, participates in a variety of alpaca shows in Virginia and surrounding states. She will be headed to the Virginia Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association's (VAOBA) Alpaca Expo & Fall Derby, November 16-17 in Fredericksburg, Virginia with some of our lovely ladies and gents.

As if there's not enough to keep us busy at the farm, why in the world would we bother to add to our to-do list going to an alpaca show? The primary reason is to expand our standing as a top-notch provider of quality alpacas and fleece.

We do have an excellent reputation with regard to our farm's overall quality and the care with which we raise our herd. Several of our alpaca are award-winning animals, and we continue to build on our status in the industry by participating in shows.



Last year's big win at VAOBA!

Attending these shows also provides a valuable opportunity to develop relationships with other alpaca farmers, learning from each other's successes and challenges—something critical in any industry. Opportunities to take various classes and promote our farm and boutique also are prevalent.

How exactly is an alpaca judged? As with any animal competition, alpaca are typically separated into breed (i.e., Huacaya and Suri), gender, color, and age groups when exhibited. Full Fleece Halter Competition judges all aspects of the fleece, in addition to the animal's conformation. Walking Fleece Competition focuses entirely on the fleece, without regard to the animal's conformation. When evaluating the animal's fleece, points are awarded for uniformity of micron, length, and color; crimp and type/density; brightness; absence of guard hair; and absence of impurities, stains, and fleece damage.

Here's a catch unlike what one might see in other animal shows: We can't wash or brush our alpacas before showing! Grooming is limited to blowing dirt, hay, and grass off! Obviously, brushing would destroy the crimp of the alpaca's fleece, which is a sought-after characteristic of quality fiber. Leading up to the show, we can only hope the chosen will behave themselves and not roll in too much dirt or get into a major spitfest!

We'll update you next month on the outcome. Wish us luck! ■

The Holidays are Upon Us!

Don't leave your shopping to the last minute! New fashions, accessories, blankets, and toys have arrived at the Boutique just in time for holiday shopping. If you are a Christmas ornament collector, we have a unique selection from which to choose to decorate your tree.

Make sure you drop by and pick up something special for your friends and family and YOURSELF! Starting this month and continuing through December, we're honoring weekly coupons on special items. Don't let them go to waste! (*cont'd. on back*)

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In honor of Veterans Day, November 11, all active and retired military who present their Military ID Card, will receive 5% off all in-store purchases, excluding farm tours and farm products. Thank you for your service!

If you visit us on Black Friday, November 29, the first 10 customers, spending \$100 or more on store merchandise (tax not included) will receive a FREE mini llama keychain!

Also, we're continuing our \$3.50/dozen duck egg special, and if you buy two packages of our sausage, you get a third free while supplies last! ■

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