



MINNESOTA ALPACA EXPO

April 9 (check-in), 10, 11, 2010
Owatonna, Minnesota

**** IMPORTANT RULES & SHOW INFORMATION **** **MANDATORY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

You must bring TWO COPIES of a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) from your vet that has been obtained within 30 days of the last day of the show, and which includes the following, for each alpaca who enters the building:

1. Full ARI registered name
2. Microchip number
3. Evidence of a negative PCR or VI for **BVDV**, (no time limit) for any alpacas entering The Four Seasons Centre. This required BVDV test is in addition to the general health Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. For questions regarding transport requirements, call the state of Minnesota at 651-296-2942.

Please allow you and your vet plenty of time to get these tests done, as *no exceptions* can be made. Every alpaca must be free of infectious diseases and should have been wormed one week prior to the show.

Any alpaca showing evidence of disease or illness will be asked to leave immediately.

~ **Direct all inquiries to Lislie Draeger, Halter Show Superintendent, at 507-357-2349** ~

The initial Alpaca vet/compliance check will take place at ring side.

Health Papers are required for this vet inspection!

Two veterinarians from the University of MN will be on premises performing check-in & compliance check-in on Friday, and one will be on-call throughout the show. On-Call services will be billed directly to Breeder for any services performed, and such services are the sole responsibility of the individual breeder.

Halter, Fleece & Fiber Arts, & Photo Contest Entries available online. For general public Fiber Arts & Photo contest can be mailed in or on line

Prior to the show you will receive a confirmation email from the Show Superintendent with specific check-in instructions.

CHECK-IN:

Check in times are; Friday, April 9th, from 11 am to 7 pm. Compliance checking will begin at 2:00 p.m.

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure their alpacas are compliance checked by 7 pm Friday.

All alpacas will be compliance checked (color, fiber length) immediately after check in on Friday. After compliance checking, the halter superintendent will then give you your registration packets that contain your entry numbers.

The building will be locked down at 9 pm each night and open again at 7 am. Electricity will be available in all stalls.

The Centre is handicap-accessible and also has on-site lighted parking.

Animals will be unloaded only at the south entrance of the Centre, and vehicles must be moved from the area immediately after unloading you will have **30 minutes to unload**. Be kind and move to exhibitor parking to allow others to unload. Signs posted

See the Map & Accommodations page for directions to the Centre.

STALLING: To reserve stall space at the Expo you must enter and exhibit at least one alpaca in the show.

* All alpacas entered and exhibited must be stalled inside the facility.

* Cost: \$135 – (Limit 5, includes farm display & stalls included with sponsorship)

Stall assignments will be assigned on a first come- first served basis upon payment in full. If you need to be placed next to another farm, for any reason, ****BOTH farms must clearly state that on their Registration forms. This cannot be done the day of check in.**

Our stalls are 9' x 9' on concrete. Cardboard bedding is provided. **No other substitutions can be used on flooring other than mats.** Three (3) animals per stall are permitted, but if you are bringing very large adults such as herdsires, please consider limiting to 2 per stall. Due to fire codes, **straw is not permitted**. If you wish to have additional flooring, we suggest the plastic mesh mats available at alpaca suppliers. Bare concrete is not allowed in the stalls.

FARM DISPLAYS: Limit of 1 and it is included in the 5 Stall Max allowance

Farm display stalls are available for the same price as an animal stall (\$135), and are limited to one per farm.

*****We will be offering a 4X5' area of 1 stall to vendor/product display. Please be responsible. No other offers or if you exceed the 4X5' vendor/display of product we will not be able to offer this in the future. EXAMPLE: if you order 5 stalls you will only be able to use 4X5' of one of those stalls. Not 25% of all 5 stalls. If you have one stall and 3 alpacas you will have to order an extra stall for farm display and for 4X5' for product or only have 2 alpacas in that stall.** There are no substitutions to this rule.

Fire codes determine **NO FARM DISPLAYS SHALL BE SET UP OR EXTEND OUT INTO THE AISLES NO HAY BEDDING.**

Any questions regarding the facility set-up may be directed to Barn Managers, Brian Brown, 763-807-3205 lakelandalpacas@earthlink.net

VENDORS:

Vendor spaces are 10' x 10' with a fee of \$130 per space. Vendor space is very limited. Please contact us with any questions. Vendors must fill out the stalling Registration form and include it with their Vendor application. Please enclose appropriate payment, made payable to: Minnesota Alpaca Expo. See the Vendor application form for more information. Any vendor questions should be directed to the Vendor coordinator, Nancy Walz 651-583-2915 wrra@frontiernet.net

HALTER SHOW:

JUDGES: Amanda Vandebosch & Polly Michaelis

This is an AOBA Certified Halter Show and will be run in accordance with the 2010 AOBA Show Handbook.

A Halter Show Entry Form must be submitted. If an entrant is not a member of the AOBA Show Division a \$75 fee is charged per farm. The postmark deadline for entries is March 1st, 2010. We anticipate a large turnout and would encourage early entry.

****In order to facilitate fewer class changes at check-in, exhibitors are urged to compare their alpacas' mid-blanket fleece to the ARI color chart and choose the CORRECT class number from the supplied class listing.**

Remember that the color listed on your ARI Certificate may not be the color your alpaca is today.

Each entry MUST include a copy of the ARI Registration Certificate, and Owner of Record to Show Form, if applicable.

There will be a mandatory exhibitor's meeting on Saturday morning at 8:00, followed by a short instruction of showing procedure.

No animal substitutions will be allowed from the original entry form, unless an animal becomes ill and permission is obtained from the Show Superintendent. Permission must be obtained prior to arriving at the show.

Those showing animals that are financed or have not yet transferred the ARI Registration Certificate must have a Record of Owner to Show form signed by the owner that is listed on the ARI Certificate. This form is downloadable from www.MinnesotaAlpacaExpo.com & www.alpacashows.com, Apps & Forms.

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 6th place in each halter class. Production classes, that is Get of Sire, Produce of Dam, Bred and Owned, Best of Three will be held. Please read your AOBA showbook for the rules for entering these classes.

All alpacas shall be presented to the judge wearing a plain halter and lead line. Handler's attire should be conservative, neat and appropriate. Ranch names or alpaca names may not be displayed on the exhibitor during the class.

Check out will be after the completion of the halter show on Sunday. OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER EXHIBITORS, VENDORS AND THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE COME TO VISIT YOUR ALPACAS PLEASE DO NOT PLAN TO TEAR DOWN BEFORE THE SHOW IS COMPLETE or by 3PM.

All halter show questions may be directed to **Lislie Draeger, Halter Superintendent**, at (612)483-1166 or creeksbendalpacas@yahoo.com

FLEECE SHOW

***** PLEASE READ "FLEECE SHOW IMPORTANT RULES & SHOW INFORMATION" FOR COMPLETE ENTRY DETAILS *****

A Level I AOBA Certified Fleece Show will be held, following the fleece show rules as stated in the 2010 AOBA Show Handbook. Entry is made using the Fleece Show Entry Form. The deadline for online registration is March 1, 2010 and mailed in fleece must be postmarked by March 21st and received by March 28, 2010. Fleece may also be brought to the Four Seasons Centre between 11 am and 6 pm on Thursday, April 8th and Friday April 9th, by 11:00 am. The fleeces will be judged on Friday and displayed to the public on Saturday and Sunday.

Questions regarding fleece entries can be directed to: **Judy Riess, Fleece Superintendent**, at 763-753-0357, or rumrivalpacas@comcast.net

SILENT AUCTION

Donations are being accepted for the Minnesota Alpaca Expo Silent Auction. Proceeds will benefit Alpaca Research.

We are proud to be able to generate funds for this worthy cause. All Donations to date have raised \$18,585.00 to benefit the health of Alpacas while at the University of Minnesota.

We appreciate the generous support of the donors and anticipate generous support from those bidding to win!

To donate, or if you have questions about the Silent Auction, please contact: **Brian Brown**; lakelandalpacas@earthlink.net 763-807-3205

LODGING

Our host hotel is the Country Inn & Suites, **507-455-9295**, which is located just a few minutes from the Four Seasons Centre. Please mention "Alpacas" to receive your discount on blocked rooms.

Our secondary host is AmericInn, **507-455-1142** located across the street from Country Inn. Please mention "Alpacas" to receive your discount on blocked rooms.

We have a block of rooms reserved, but they may go fast, so make your reservations soon. See our Map & Accommodation page for other lodging within miles of the Four Seasons Centre in Owatonna. **You will have to dial direct with the numbers provided to book your rooms that have been blocked for the MN Alpaca Expo.**

OTHER SHOW INFORMATION

Other questions may be directed to **Nancy Walz, Event Message Center** at 651-583-2915 or wrra@frontiernet.net

No refunds, substitutions or changes allowed after March 1st, 2010

An event photographer; AAA photographics will be available on Saturday and Sunday for all photos. All Champion/Reserve & 1st place Production classes & Simon Says 1st place winner will receive a complimentary photo on CD.

A banquet will be held on Saturday evening at The Four Seasons Centre by Torey's. See Registration Form for prices.

Food and drink concessions will be available Saturday and Sunday.

No pets, no alcohol and no smoking are allowed in the Four Seasons Centre.

Note for Refunds: No refunds will be given for changes/cancellations after the close of show registration (the last date registrations are being accepted or the show sells out, whichever is first). Partial refunds will be given out prior to the close of show registration minus a handling fee (\$150 per farm or \$10 per animal). No animal substitutions will be allowed from the original entry form, unless an animal becomes ill and permission is obtained from the Show Superintendent. Permission must be obtained prior to arriving at the show. There will be a \$10 change fee for each change made to your show registration after payment has been made.

Please send All mail in Fleeces to;

Rachel Boucher
18495 Goodwin Ave.
Hastings, MN 55033

Thanks for supporting the Minnesota Alpaca Expo. We look forward to seeing you here in Owatonna!