



MINNESOTA ALPACA EXPO

April 13th (check-in), 14th, 15th, 2012
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 that enters the building:

1. Full ARI registered name
2. Microchip number
3. Evidence of a negative PCR or (VI Prior to 1/1/2010) for **BVDV**, 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 & Costume youth/adult competition, Entries available online.

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

CHECK-IN:

Check in times is Friday, April 13th, from 11 am to 7 pm. Compliance checking will begin at arrival.

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 DISPLAY: 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 25% or 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.** There are no substitutions to this rule.

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

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

VENDORS:

Vendor spaces are 10' x 10' with a fee of \$130 per space. Vendor applications are downloadable in Adobe pdf format on the Expo website. 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: Jude Anderson & Tim Lavan

This is an AOBA Certified Halter Show and will be run in accordance with the 2012 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, 2012. We anticipate a large turn out 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.alpacashows.com, Apps & Forms.

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 6th place, Judges Choice when met requirements, in Halter classes. 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. PULIC HOURS ARE FROM 9 AM TO 3PM ON SUNDAY. PLEASE DO NOT CHECK OUT UNTIL AFTER 3PM.

All halter show questions may be directed to **Lislie Draeger, Halter Superintendent**, at 507-357-2349 or creeksbendalpacas@yahoo.com

FLEECE SHOW

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

A Level II AOBA Certified Fleece Show will be held, following the fleece show rules as stated in the 2012 AOBA Show Handbook. Entry is made using the Fleece Show Entry Form. The deadline for online registration is March 1, 2012 and mailed in fleece must be postmarked by March 21st and received by March 28, 2012. Fleece may also be brought to the Four Seasons Centre between 9 am and 11pm on Thursday, April 12th. The fleeces will be judged on Friday am. This is not open to the public 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 almost \$35,000.00 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 is Country Inn & Suites, 507-455-9295, located across the street from AmericInn. Please mention "Alpacas" to receive your discount on blocked rooms.

Our 2nd Host hotel is the AmericInn, 507-455-1142 which is located just a few minutes from the Four Seasons Centre. 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, 2012

An event photographer; Chuck Bond of AAA Photographics will be available on Saturday and Sunday for all photos. All Champion/Reserve & 1st place Production classes & Youth/Adult Costume contest 1st place winner will receive a complimentary photo on CD.

*Meet & Greet will be Sponsored by Upper Midwest Alpacas UMA and will be serving from 11am to 8 pm "Free" to the exhibitors during set on Friday 13th, 2012. Be sure to stop in the ring side building concessions, near check in.

A banquet will be held on Saturday 6:30pm at The Four Seasons Centre by Torey's with cash bar. See Registration Form for prices. Food and drink concessions will be available Saturday and Sunday during halter competition. No Liquor is allowed in the Four Seasons during Banquet on Saturday from 6pm to end of banquet other than provided by Torsey's. No pets, no alcohol and no smoking are allowed in the Four Seasons Centre.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 1ST, 2012

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