



**Australian
Alpaca
Association Ltd**

Victorian Western Region

ALPACA FEST 2008

21-22 June 2008

**National Equestrian Centre
K Road
WERRIBEE PARK**

**Judge – Kylie Martin
Fleece Judge – Peter Kennedy**

**** ENTRIES CLOSE: 5 pm on 30 MAY 2007 ****
(Hand delivery to the RGM on June 1 is the ONLY exception)

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Notes on Alpaca Fest 2008, the Victorian Western Region's Premier Event.

Animal and fleece show classes include huacaya and suri.

To help us accommodate the larger number of entries expected this year, please indicate your penning requirements on the entry form. For example, are you exhibiting on behalf of several stud names? Do you prefer to pen your animals in groups rather than separately?

Early arrival (Friday 20 June between 3 and 7pm) is fine if you advise the Convenor of your expected time of arrival.

We will attempt to arrange inspections on arrival.

Due to increasing space restrictions and in line with the requirements of the National and similar requirements in other Regions, sanctions will be imposed on exhibitors who fail to exhibit animals entered, if an acceptable explanation is not provided to the Show Committee via the Convenor.

Fleeces must be lodged with the Fleece Steward by 8am on Saturday 21 June. Arrangements have been made for all fleece entries to be tested using an OFDA 2000 - which will be a first for a Regional Show!

Judging of huacayas will start on Saturday 21 June at 9:30 am sharp. Judging of suris will start at 10 am on Sunday 22 June. There will be no Exhibitors' meeting – changes to the program will be advised on the noticeboard.

In addition to the Show program, we are encouraging a vibrant trade involvement by offering trade pens and discounted trade stands. Provided there is sufficient space the trade pens will be interspersed with the show pens on the arena floor. The trade stands are located on the concourse overlooking the arena. We expect craft and spinning demonstrations will again be included.

There will be an Alpaca Fest issue of *The WRAG* Newsletter with a full-colour advertising supplement. This will be distributed at Alpaca Fest and at all subsequent Western Region Shows – so good value for advertisers.

Prices are as follows:

Half page \$80 Quarter page \$50 Business card (eighth page) \$30. All full colour.

Please send copy direct to the Editor: jephcott@primus.com.au

Cheques should be made payable to:

**Australian Alpaca Association Ltd
Western Vic Region**

The show ring will again be located centrally this year to help focus activity within the pavilion and ease the marshalling efforts of exhibitors. To that end walkways must be kept clear! No personal items (eg. chairs, displays, etc) will be permitted in the walkways.

Following last year's success, the venue of the Alpaca Fest Dinner will again be the Werribee RSL, where we can enjoy a three-course meal in the warmth of their facilities. Children (under 12) will be catered for with their own menu (just select and pay on the night – we simply need to know numbers to ensure adequate seating is arranged).

The Wyndham Information Centre has advised a new internet facility. This may provide answers to your questions about accommodation and local facilities. The website address is www.visitwyndham.com.au

We look forward to your participation in Alpaca Fest 2008 and encourage you to submit your entries now!
See you on 21 June.

Conditions of Entry

This Show will be conducted under the Rules of the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd. as set out in the current AAA Ltd. Showing Rules Manual.

All exhibitors should read the conditions (1 -4) on the entry form and ensure that they can comply with those conditions before signing the entry form, particularly noting the condition dealing with animal health. A separate health declaration will be provided for signature and return with the entry form. Failure to sign the entry form will render all alpacas of an exhibitor ineligible to be exhibited. Please note that only the registered owner of an exhibit, or his/her authorised agent may sign an entry form. The registered owner of an exhibit in the case of an entire animal must be a financial member of the AAA Ltd. It is not a requirement for exhibitors of wethers to be financial members of the AAA Ltd.

Alpacas travelling interstate must comply with that State's Department of Industry requirements.

Period of Exhibition

Alpacas must be penned by 8 am on Saturday 21 June 2008 at the Equestrian Centre, Werribee and may not be removed from the Showgrounds until 3.30 pm on Sunday 22 June 2008.

Preparation of Exhibits and Cleanliness of Stalls

Exhibitors must keep the stalls allotted to their animals clean, and give proper attention to their stock throughout the Show. Exhibitors must provide their own feed, and feed and water containers.

Advertising

A4 Folders attached to the front of the animal pen are permitted for promotional and sales material otherwise no advertising or notices (except with the permission of Chief Steward) are permitted on or in any stalls or buildings. Sale signs are not permitted. Stud names are permitted, but must be contained to the bounds of the pen and to a height of 1500 mm. Display of Show ribbons awarded at a Show held at another venue is prohibited.

A handler shall be deemed to be incorrectly attired if his/her dress or the animal being led displays any information capable of being construed as advertising for any stud.

Companion animals and dogs

Special permission to bring a companion alpaca must be obtained from the Convenor or Chief Steward before submitting the entry form, otherwise no companion alpacas will be permitted. No dogs are permitted into the precinct where Show animals are being penned or shown in the ring. Guide Dogs are exempt.

Inspection of Exhibits

All alpacas must be registered with the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd. and carry an approved brass tag showing the alpaca's IAR number. Wethers may be registered or unregistered alpaca. No wether may have any visible genetic faults or visible physical disfigurement.

No animal shall be eligible for exhibition if it is not entire (except for wethers). All genitalia shall be complete, properly formed and proportioned for normal reproduction.

The Convenor, with the consultation of the Show Committee of a Show conducted under Association Rules, shall appoint a person, or persons, as a qualified inspector, or inspectors, who shall inspect all alpacas for genetic faults, colour class and IAR number and visible physical disfigurement.

NOTE: If there is no IAR tag present in the ear of an animal exhibit, official Association confirmation must be provided by the owner to the Chief Steward that the ear tag has been recently lost and that a new tag has been ordered and paid for. Replacement tag orders and payments must be lodged with the National Office a minimum of one week before the date of the show. Failure to present such advice at inspection will result in disqualification of the animal.

The Inspector or Chief Steward will classify all entries for age, sex and colour and has the power to transfer an exhibit to the class which, in his/her opinion, it should have been entered. The Chief Steward will combine or split classes as he/she sees fit.

The inspection of all alpacas will start at 8 am on Saturday 21 June 2008.

Alpacas not in their allocated pens and available for inspection at the official time may be disqualified by the Chief Steward. Exhibitors must be in attendance at the time of the inspection and will be required to assist.

Exhibits of huacayas must carry a minimum fleece length of 50 mm and a recommended maximum length not exceeding 130 mm. The minimum fleece length for suris is 75 mm and fleece length will be assessed by the Judge.

Exhibits shall not have fleece of a different colour to that of the blanket removed from an animal to a level below that of the blanket fleece.

Any alpaca found to have lice infestation must be removed from the showgrounds immediately along with any other alpacas present that belong to the same exhibitor.

Judging

A competitor may not discuss with the Judge their alpacas or proposed exhibits before or during the Show judging.

The Judge's decision shall be final. He/she may choose not to award a prize or prizes in a class.

All attendants leading stock in the judging ring or parade shall wear a white coat over long trousers or long skirts, with clean dress shoes or boots. (This attire may be varied by the Show Convenor for special events).

The Chief Steward may disqualify an exhibitor for incorrect attire.

All exhibitors shall, on the day of the Show, obtain their pen position and animal exhibit card numbers from the Shed Steward. The animal exhibit number card of the exhibit must be worn and clearly displayed by the handler whilst in the show ring. The age of the alpaca, in months, will be displayed on the card.

All handlers showing animals must be competent in the handling of their exhibit, or removal from the ring may be requested by the Judge. It is recommended that small children not exhibit large animals that they cannot control.

All exhibitors must place their animals in the pens allotted by the Show Stewards and must not be moved or removed except by order of the Chief Steward.

Fleeces

All fleeces being exhibited (including wether fleeces) must be the bona fide property of an AAA Ltd. financial member. All fleeces being shown must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

Only one fleece that has been shorn in the 18 months before the Show may be shown from any one animal. It is recommended that fleeces be placed in bags, made of satin or similar material, or heavy duty plastic. Plastic garbage bags should be avoided.

Exhibitors, when submitting fleeces at the Show, must attach to the fleece the number supplied for that class (no names).

Huacaya Sections and Class Numbers

Note: Huacaya 12 months and older must be shorn regularly so that no more than 15 months fleece is carried at the time of showing.

Huacaya Junior Ages Classes Sections 1 & 2 may be split in two if there are 15 or more entries in any one colour class. That division becomes: 6 to under 9 months, and 9 to under 12 months.

Section 1:

Junior 6 to under 12 Months Female

- 101 White
- 102 Fawn - Light
- 103 Fawn - Medium/Dark
- 104 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
- 105 Grey/Roan
- 106 Black

Champion Junior Female

Reserve Champion Junior Female

Section 2:

Junior 6 to under 12 Months Male

- 201 White
- 202 Fawn - Light
- 203 Fawn - Medium/Dark
- 204 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
- 205 Grey/Roan
- 206 Black

Champion Junior Male

Reserve Champion Junior Male

Section 3:

Intermediate 12 to under 18 Months Female

- 301 White
- 302 Fawn - Light
- 303 Fawn - Medium/Dark
- 304 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
- 305 Grey/Roan
- 306 Black

Champion Intermediate Female

Reserve Champion Intermediate Female

Section 4:

Intermediate 12 to under 18 Months Male

- 401 White
- 402 Fawn - Light
- 403 Fawn - Medium/Dark
- 404 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
- 405 Grey/Roan
- 406 Black

Champion Intermediate Male

Reserve Champion Intermediate Male

Section 5:

Adult 18 to under 30 Months Female

- 501 White
- 502 Fawn - Light
- 503 Fawn - Medium/Dark
- 504 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
- 505 Grey/Roan
- 506 Black

Champion Adult Female

Reserve Champion Adult Female

Section 6:

Adult 18 to under 30 Months Male

- 601 White
- 602 Fawn - Light
- 603 Fawn - Medium/Dark
- 604 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
- 605 Grey/Roan
- 606 Black

Champion Adult Male

Reserve Champion Adult Male

Section 7:

Senior 30 to under 48 Months Female

- 701 White
- 702 Fawn - Light
- 703 Fawn - Medium/Dark
- 704 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
- 705 Grey/Roan
- 706 Black

Champion Senior Female

Reserve Champion Senior Female

Section 8:

Senior 30 to under 48 Months Male

- 801 White
- 802 Fawn - Light
- 803 Fawn - Medium/Dark
- 804 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
- 805 Grey/Roan
- 806 Black

Champion Senior Male

Reserve Champion Senior Male

Section 9:

Mature 48 Months & Over Female

- 901 White
- 902 Fawn - Light
- 903 Fawn - Medium/Dark
- 904 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
- 905 Grey/Roan
- 906 Black

Champion Mature Female

Reserve Champion Mature Female

Section 10:

Mature 48 Months & Over Male

- 1001 White
- 1002 Fawn - Light
- 1003 Fawn - Medium/Dark

1004 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark 1005
Grey/Roan
1006 Black
Champion Mature Male
Reserve Champion Mature Male

FANCY CLASSES AND CLASS NUMBERS

Section 11:
Junior 6 to under 12 Months Female & Male
1101 Female & Male

Section 12:
Intermediate 12 to under 18 Months Female & Male
1201 Female & Male

Section 13: Adult 18 Months & Over
1301 Female & Male

Best Fancy - Not eligible for Supreme Champion Huacaya.

WETHER CLASSES AND CLASS NUMBERS

Section 14: Wether Classes
1401 6 to under 18 Months
1402 Over 18 Months

Best Wether - Not eligible for Supreme Champion Huacaya.

Supreme Champion Huacaya

Section 15:
Sire's Progeny
1501 Three progeny, by the one sire

Section 16: Fleece

FH1 Skirted Fleece:

- alpaca 6 to under 12 months
- FH1(a) white
- FH1(b) fawn: light, medium, dark
- FH1(c) brown: light, medium, dark
- FH1(d) grey/roan
- FH1(e) black.

FH2 Skirted Fleece:

- alpaca 12 to under 18 months
- FH2(a) white
- FH2(b) fawn: light, medium, dark
- FH2(c) brown: light, medium, dark
- FH2(d) grey/roan
- FH2(e) black

FH3 Skirted Fleece:

- alpaca 18 to under 30 months
- FH3(a) white
- FH3(b) fawn: light, medium, dark
- FH3(c) brown: light, medium, dark
- FH3(d) grey/roan
- FH3(e) black

FH4 Skirted Fleece:

- alpaca 30 to under 48 months
- FH4(a) white
- FH4(b) fawn: light, medium, dark
- FH4(c) brown: light, medium, dark
- FH4(d) grey/roan
- FH4(e) black

FH5 Skirted Fleece:

48 to under 60 months

FH6 Skirted Fleece:

60 months and over

Champion Huacaya Fleece

Reserve Champion Huacaya Fleece

Note: Classes may be split or joined to the most suitable age/colour if numbers warrant and if three or fewer fleeces are in a class, the class may be joined.

Suri Sections and Class Numbers

Note: A suri must be shorn regularly so that no more than 24 months fleece is carried at the time of showing.

Section 20:

Junior 6 to under 12 Months Female

2001 White
2002 Fawn - Light/Medium/Dark
2003 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
2004 Grey/Roan
2005 Black

Champion Junior Female

Reserve Champion Junior Female

Section 21:

Junior 6 to under 12 Months Male

2101 White
2102 Fawn - Light/Medium/Dark
2103 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
2104 Grey/Roan
2105 Black *Champion*

Junior Male

Reserve Champion Junior Male

Section 22:

Intermediate 12 to under 18 Months Female

2201 White
2202 Fawn - Light/Medium/Dark
2203 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
2204 Grey/Roan
2205 Black

Champion Intermediate Female

Reserve Champion Intermediate Female

Section 23:

Intermediate 12 to under 18 Months Male

2301 White
2302 Fawn - Light/Medium/Dark
2303 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
2304 Grey/Roan
2305 Black

Champion Intermediate Male

Reserve Champion Intermediate Male

Section 24:

Adult 18 to under 24 Months Female

2401 White
2402 Fawn - Light/Medium/Dark
2403 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
2404 Grey/Roan
2405 Black

Champion Adult Female

Reserve Champion Adult Female

Section 25:

Adult 18 Months to under 24 Months Male

2501 White
2502 Fawn - Light/Medium/Dark
2503 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
2504 Grey/Roan
2505 Black

Champion Adult Male

Reserve Champion Adult Male

Section 26:

Senior 24 Months and Over Female

2601 White
2602 Fawn - Light/Medium/Dark
2603 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
2604 Grey/Roan
2605 Black

Champion Senior Female

Reserve Champion Senior Female

Section 27:

Senior 24 Months and Over Male

2701 White
2702 Fawn - Light/Medium/Dark
2703 Brown - Light/Medium/Dark
2704 Grey/Roan
2705 Black

Champion Senior Male

Reserve Champion Senior Male

Supreme Champion Suri

Section 28: Sire's Progeny

2801 Three progeny, by the one sire

Note: Classes may be split or joined to the most suitable age/colour if numbers warrant. No suri is eligible to compete for Championships in Huacaya classes.

Section 29: Fleece

FS1 Skirted Fleece:
alpaca 9 to under 18 months
months

FS2 Skirted Fleece:
alpaca 18 to under 30

FS3 Skirted Fleece:
alpaca over 30 months

Only one fleece that has been shorn in the 18 months before the Show may be shown from any one animal.

Champion Suri Fleece

Reserve Champion Suri Fleece

Alpaca Fest 2008 Dinner at the Werribee RSL

(corner Synnot St and Cherry St, Werribee)

Enjoy a casual three-course dinner and catch up with your fellow alpaca breeders for news and gossip.

Dinner available from 6:30 on presentation of ticket.
(Tickets will be provided as you sign in.)

Soup, Main, Sweet - Cost: \$35 an adult, to be prepaid with show entry fees.

Children's Menu (under 12) available on the night.

Drinks can be purchased from the bar.

- but remember,

Don't Drink and Drive!