



New England Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association Needs You!

Alpaca breeders in the New England and New York area are currently facing a shortage of veterinarians to help us care for our herds.

We are hoping to provide you and your colleagues with the opportunity to learn more about this hardy, easily managed animal. There are over 225 alpaca breeders in New England. That amounts to a herd of over 4000 alpacas in our six states. These animals are hardy and we, as breeders, work hard to keep ourselves educated about the care of our animals. Veterinarians are a critical part of every farm's success.

The New England Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association seeks to address this shortage by providing a hands-on one-day conference for our vets to enhance their knowledge and experience about alpacas. We hope if you are not seeing alpacas as patients now, you will consider doing so in the future. Our industry is growing and New England is contributing to the improvement of the national herd.

On Saturday, January 14th, this conference will be held at Acorn Alpaca Ranch in Millis, MA. This location is easily accessible by interstate. The farm has a comfortable conference room with access to many alpacas for hands-on teaching. The conference speaker will be Dr. David G. Pugh. Dr. Pugh has held faculty positions at the University of Georgia (Assistant Professor) and Auburn University (Professor of Theriogenology), and was the owner of a multi-person large animal practice in the greater Atlanta, Georgia area for five years. He is the author of more than 640 publications with approximately 100 in refereed journals, 57 book chapters, one textbook, and is the recipient of five teaching awards and three national awards. Although retired from his academic career, Dr. Pugh is still a consulting veterinarian for Fort Dodge Animal Health, serves on one of the Nutrient Requirement Committee's of the National Academy of Science, and is President-elect of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition.

Six hours of continuing education credits have been applied for and are pending in the New England States that have such a requirement. The price of the seminar is \$100. The conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be coffee and doughnuts at the 8:30 check-in and lunch will be provided.

If you have any questions, please visit our web site at: www.neaoba.org or call Pattey Bleecker at (860) 669-8026.

We're looking forward to seeing you.

Pattey Bleecker

Topics and Schedule

These three continuous seminars will cover most of the pertinent topics dealing with reproductive medicine in New World Camelids (alpacas and llamas).

9:00 to 12:00 Herd Health and Reproduction (lecture and visual presentation)

The Herd Health portion of this program will cover vaccination protocols, nutrition and feeding practices, parasite control, and general reproductive health.

12:00 to 1:00 Lunch

1:00 to 2:30 Pregnancy and problems (lecture and visual presentation)

The Pregnancy and Problems portion of this seminar will be a discussion of care of the pregnant alpaca, with emphasis on prevention of abortion and the delivery of a healthy cria. A computer slide show will be used in the presentation.

2:30 to 4:30 Ultrasound demonstrations on alpacas: Equipment, transrectal examination, ultrasound of ovaries and uterus, pregnancy diagnosis and ultrasound of the testis

There will be a wet lab following the didactic portion of this seminar, where instruction on ultrasonic evaluation of the female and male alpaca reproductive tract will be provided.



Health & Reproductive Issues of the Alpaca Seminar Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Phone _____ Vet or Breeder? _____

The fee for the seminar is \$100, which includes lunch.

Please make checks payable to NEAOBA.

Mail to: Pattey Bleecker, Saltaire Alpacas, 105 Old Post Rd, Clinton, CT 06413

Directions to Acorn Alpaca Ranch in Millis, Massachusetts

From The West: Take the Mass Turnpike (I-90) to I-495. South on I-495 to the third exit (Exit 19), Rt.109, Medway/Milford. Left on Rt.109 (East) thru Medway, approx. 5 miles to signal light at Holliston Street. Continue on Rt.109 East approx. 1.5 miles to the next signal light (sometimes blinking) and Turn Right. This is Hammond Street and there is a Veterinary Hospital/Car Wash on your left and a Family Fun Center on your right. Go ¼ mile to end of street. Make a Right onto Farm Street. Go 100' and Bear Left onto Acorn Street. Acorn Alpaca Ranch, 99 Acorn Street, is ½ mile on the right. Look for a three rail fence and sign.

From the North: Follow I-495 to the third exit south of the Mass Turnpike (Exit 19), Rt.109, Medway/Milford. Left on Rt.109 (East) thru Medway, approx. 5 miles to signal light at Holliston Street. Continue on Rt.109 East approx. 1.5 miles to the next signal light (sometimes blinking) and Turn Right. This is Hammond Street and there is a Veterinary Hospital/Car Wash on your left and a Family Fun Center on your right. Go ¼ mile to end of street. Make a Right onto Farm Street. Go 100' and Bear Left onto Acorn Street. Acorn Alpaca Ranch, 99 Acorn Street, is ½ mile on the right. Look for a three rail fence and sign.

From the South: Follow I-495 to Exit 17, Rt.140, Franklin. Go Right onto Rt.140 South to the third signal light. Go Left onto Beaver Street. Go ¾ mile to the second signal light (next to large Church on left) and go Left onto Lincoln. Take Lincoln to the end (approx. 5 miles) and turn Right onto Village Street. After 1.5 miles look for Himelfarb Rd. on the right. Make a Left onto Acorn St. (road changes name at Village and sign for Acorn is not visible on approach). Acorn Alpaca Ranch, 99 Acorn Street, is ½ mile on the left.

From Boston: Follow Rt.109 West to Rt.115 in Millis. Continue on Rt.109 West approx 1.5 miles to the second signal light (sometimes blinking) and Turn Left. This is Hammond Street and there is a Veterinary Hospital/Car Wash on your right and a Family Fun Center on your left. Go ¼ mile to end of street. Make a Right onto Farm Street. Go 100' and Bear Left onto Acorn Street. Acorn Alpaca Ranch, 99 Acorn Street, is ½ mile on the right. Look for a three rail fence and sign.

