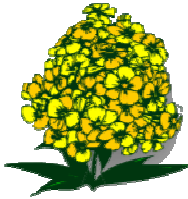


SeAA News And Notes

April 2008



Welcome Spring

Southern Select Event Notes

The dedicated effort expended in planning and executing the 2008 Southern Select Alpaca Show in Shelbyville paid off. We extend our gratitude to event chair Kay Kemp for her usual skill in organizing a show that continues to grow in magnitude. In spite of a soggy beginning, a total of 543 alpacas checked in representing all states belonging to the SeAA as well as many belonging to affiliates. Of those alpacas entered in Southern Select events, 333 were huacayas and 90 suris. In addition there were 89 spin off entries and 23 performance entries. For a full listing of class results, visit the Southern Select web site: www.SouthernSelectAlpacaShow.org

Thanks to all participants who joined us for our yearly show. Thanks, as well, to those in charge of the various activities and all the volunteers who dug in to help. Likewise, thanks to Dr. Norm Evans for his participation and show superintendent,

Peg Stevens, for her attention to detail. Needless to say, we also appreciate the judges for lending their learned expertise to the show. Southern Select continues to grow in attendance as well as recognition throughout the alpaca community.

Live Herd Sire Auction Breaks Record

Charlotte Goldston, who did a superb job of coordinating the live herd sire auction and blue grass music entertainment for 2008 Southern Select, proclaimed the auction a huge success with a total of \$34,100 raised. We owe much gratitude to the donors who made this possible with a large and well known line-up of herd sires. It was certainly a winning situation for those who bid on the breedings and got great deals for some top of the line herd sires. Indeed, it was a very enjoyable evening for all who attended the barbeque dinner, followed by some good old down home bluegrass music provided by the very talented Ronnie Reno, and culminating in the herd sire auction itself. Thanks to Charlotte and her committee for seeing to a relaxing and profitable evening.

SeAA

Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 9

Fairyland Club

Lookout Mountain, GA

Get involved with **your**
affiliate. Be there!



Shearing for Show

It's shearing season once again. Most of us who don't do our own shearing schedule well in advance for a shearer to collect those precious fleeces before the heat of summer is upon us. This year consider shearing for show. Skirt those fleeces well and tuck them away until next year. We'd like to see an increase in the number of fleeces shown at Southern Select 2009. As you know, the fee for showing a fleece is nominal and the reward can be great. A ribbon for fleece is an excellent way to get your farm and your quality of fiber recognized.

Happy Shearing.

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New Membership Category for SeAA

According to SeAA president Larry Dietsch, an audit performed by AOBA on each of the affiliates resulted in a new membership category for SeAA. The audit was performed to determine compliance with AOBA requirements. SeAA was not in compliance with the

regulation that voting members of SeAA must be Farm Members of AOBA. Consequently, SeAA now offers a Premium level for Associates who wish to have **most** of the benefits of membership, but may not want to be a farm member of AOBA at this time. The Regular level for Associate members is still available and Associate members may be from any state. For a detailed list of member benefits visit the SeAA web site: www.sealpaca.org.

Southern Select Store

Articles placed in the store at Southern Select showcased some fantastic alpaca fiber creations. We're always proud to display the end product that makes the alpaca industry what it is. The store was quite busy both days, which made it profitable as well as a useful tool in presenting our gorgeous alpaca fiber. Thanks for the wonderful help we had from a number of our members. Although the items were many and varied, we can always use more. Make that part of your show experience at Southern Select 2009. Look for more information on placing items in the store in our next newsletter.

Education Committee Going Strong

The Education Committee continues to provide excellent learning opportunities for association members. This group is hard at work to bring quality seminars within our reach. The next seminar, scheduled for July 2008, will be held at Auburn University. The featured speaker is the renowned Dr. Ahmed Tibary DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACT. The topic of this seminar is "Fertility and Reproductive Disorders of the South American Camelids." Expectations are high for a large turn-out of both veterinarians and alpaca breeders. Registration is available on line. Contact Education Committee chair, Caroline Mixon, at GaAlpacas@aol.com for complete information including the day's schedule of activities and driving directions.

Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine

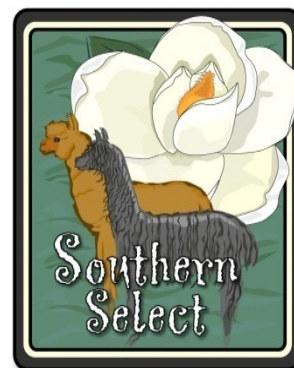
Large Animal Hospital

Auburn Alabama

July 26, 2008

9:00 AM- 6 PM

This has been a good fiscal year for the SeAA education opportunities, and this July will top them all.



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SeAA Events 2008-2009

- ❖ August 9, 2008: Annual meeting: Fairyland Club, Lookout Mountain, Georgia
- ❖ October 14-16, 2008: The Alpaca Pavillion at Sunbelt Expo, Moultrie, Georgia
- ❖ March 7-8, 2009: Southern Select Alpaca Show, Calsonic Arena, Shelbyville, Tennessee

Make plans to be part of the upcoming SeAA events. Your active participation benefits the association and aids the growth of the alpaca industry as well.

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