

New Zealand Llama Association

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Dear Member, (Llama Owner)

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As discussed at the AGM and in the autumn magazine, we have been building a database to record information about the NZ llama population.

What?

The attached form allows you to record all the info about each llama.

Why?

The first objective is to provide an information resource for all owners.

The creation of a registry is the next objective, with the ability to provide certificates for llamas, showing key genealogy information.

Although Alpaca is an available option it is not our objective to provide a database of or registry for alpaca's – but this info will be needed to accurately complete the picture on the NZ llama population bloodlines.

Why?

Please support this initiative – collectively we will benefit from this resource, and so will our llamas!

The key to this will be a critical mass of info – to put together as many as possible of the pieces of the jigsaw.

We will never have a better opportunity to capture this information, as valuable background is lost with each llama that dies and each detail that is forgotten.

How?

Fill in a form for each llama. If this form seems onerous and you have the info in another format eg ILR or ALR certs – let us know- we are happy to receive info in any form that is legible. We can also email an electronic version for those of you who would prefer to type than write.

Some of the information will be unknown and that is OK, please do endeavour to complete as many of the details as possible. Where you are unsure of a detail, a best guess is fine as long as you add a '?' to show that it is not an absolute. It would also help if you could fill a form in for any deceased animals you had in your care.

Where definitions have been required e.g. breeder name, we have conformed with the standard of the world's largest llama registry, the ILR. With this approach we maintain all the options of having reciprocal rights with international registries, should that be desired in the future.

When?

There is a deadline to collecting this info - beyond which a formal structure will mean that listing or registering your llama will have costs associated with it (your volunteers will have resigned!). Make the most of the free opportunity! This deadline has been set at 1st January 2005. Please return completed forms to Penny King 136 Horseman Rd Waitakere Auckland.

Help!

Should you have any questions, or if you are willing to help with this project – please email or call a member of your committee – that's what we're there for!

Regards Penny King,
Vice President NZLA & Database Coordinator

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GLOSSARY of Terms

Llama/Guanaco and Llama/Alpaca

The offspring of a crossbred llama when bred back to a 'pure' llama for 4 generations, will then be considered back to 'pure' and can be listed/registered as a llama.

Owner

Legal owner of the llama.

Owner Code

The Owner Code needs to be 4 or 5 letters and can be either an abbreviation of your farm name, initials or combination. If you do not submit one then one will be allocated to you. Some examples of Owner Codes: WCLF, RMLF, KARMA, PDLF

Lama Name

Any name beginning with a letter or digit and having 35 or fewer characters (including punctuation and spaces) is acceptable with the following conditions:

Names must differ by at least one letter from all other names in the Database.

Names may not include or refer to owner codes, breeder prefix, ranch names or personal names other than those of the breeder (owner of dam at mating).

Names must include Breeder Prefix if known.

Breeder

Owner of dam at mating/conception.

Breeder Prefix

Breeders are to register a Prefix to be used in the listed/registered name of a llama they bred. The Breeder Prefix is generally the breeder's farm name or abbreviation of.

The Breeder Prefix will use up some of the 35 characters allotted for each llama's name.

Prefixes that are shorter will give you more leeway in choosing the remainder of the name.

Some examples of Breeders' Prefixes: Windchime, Rangemore, Karma, Palmdale

Photographs

Regular Colour Print Photograph Requirements:

2 are requested (left side, right side),

4 recommended (left, right, front, back)

Colour

Full body shot of llama, close up

No other animals in photograph

No Polaroid, or photocopied photographs

Llama's name, owner name and owner code must be printed on back of each photograph.

Post to Penny King 136 Horseman Rd Waitakere Auckland.

Digital Requirements:

jpg format only

Colour

High quality setting

Preferably 100 kb or above.

E-mail to info@llama.org.nz

Please photocopy original or print from the website enough forms for all of your animals alive or deceased. More information and forms (PDF's) can be found on www.llama.org.nz