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Calpaca President's Message

As I write this message, I realize this is the last message I will be writing as President of Calpaca. Wow....the time flew by. I have learned a lot in this role, so bear with me while I take a little walk down memory lane.

In four short years I have seen this industry become less about "The Huggable Investment" and more focused on fiber. I have seen us becoming much more educated in the science of EPD's and what it can do for our herds. I have seen show's growing smaller but the caliber of the alpacas showing have become much higher.

In the last four years Calpaca has gone through its own changes. We've got our new website which allows us to compete with ranches all over the U.S. in marketing. We are connected by our Google Group and Calpaca has its own Facebook page. By using analytics we can see how many people are looking at us and learning about alpacas. During my term we have gone "Green" by putting the Connection on-line and provided the membership with one hard copy which includes the Membership Directory. Yes, whether we wanted to or not we have become connected in the alpaca industry.

We have seen ARI and AOBA merge into one, AOA, and become a driving force in education and solidarity for our industry.

Calpaca, even in lean years still contributes to the U.C. Davis Camelid Symposium every year. We are reaping the benefits it provides for us with education and more camelid veterinarians. We have provided the Camelid Medicine Club a way to keep connected with alpaca events and ranches by providing them membership in our Calpaca Student Membership Club.

Calpaca has worked hard to provide timely speakers at our quarterly membership meetings to help us make better informed decisions in our alpaca businesses.

I am proud of what the Board of Directors has accomplished in the last four years, and I can't wait to see what the next four years will bring. It has truly been an honor to be on the Calpaca BOD's and I am sure the new Calpaca BOD's will bring even more new and fresh ideas to the membership in years to come.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of it.

Laurie Findlay, Calpaca President

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Upcoming Calpaca Events

2014

November 8, Membership meeting—Heart and Soul Spinnery, Karen Ball and Russell Ratti

2015

January 17 & 18, UC Davis Camelid Symposium—

February 14, Membership meeting—Alpacas All Around

April 11-12—California Classic Roundup

May

August—Alpacas of Marin

For current member events check: <http://www.calpaca.org/events/>

PROCLAMATION

Here Ye.....Here Ye.....On this very day October 18, 2014....

WHERE AS, every year Joyce Judy steps up to volunteer and support our many shows and events...

WHERE AS, Joyce Judy has been our PROMOTER OF FIBER, FIBER FIBER!!!!

WHERE AS, Joyce Judy has always kept our place in our meetings, reminded us of things forgotten and whole heartedly encouraged us to “not only think outside the box... but throw the box away”!!!!....

WHERE AS, Joyce Judy has elected to move to another State to help, mentor and guide the good people of Oregon.....

NOW THEREFORE, Laurie Findlay, on behalf of CALPACA does hereby proclaim today is “Joyce Judy Day” as she is certainly a “Golden Girl” in our eyes!!!



Promoting Alpacas and the Alpaca Industry

Featured Ranch: Sierra Rose Alpacas

Cynthia Khulmann submitted this information about what they did for National Alpaca Farm Days.

People liked having a schedule of events posted on my website, so they knew when to show up for a particular interest. I had a few classes, and those were a hit – felting soap, from fiber to fashion talk and demo, herd handling and haltering demo, etc.

What worked:

- Having a Schedule of Events posted on website, and at “Check in” spot on ranch
- Having a friend get every group of guests to sign in our Ranch Visitor Guest Book (“Check in” spot), and get them to enter a drawing to win a prize: alpaca socks, yarn, or paca poo (for the gardener). I collect their info this way and they must fill out info completely to win.
- Having games that the adults and kids can work on together. “Did you know” sheet about alpacas, and the answers are posted around the ranch. They fill in the blanks and return it to Cria Corner for prize (preferred prize is candy...). Halloween treats come in handy.
- We have several games here too. We have a Cria Corner where kids can draw, play games, get rewards for other games they play that are setup on the ranch.
- We also had some fun things like tic tac tow (see picture) using pumpkins. Easy and cute!
- We placed lots of Signs around the ranch to make it obvious where to enter (so they sign in), where to park, where store is, etc.
- Education: We have poster boards of the shearing process, and what we do with the fleece: fiber to fashion.



- Invited a few interested in buying alpacas to assist in herding demonstrations. Shows how easy alpacas are to work with.

- Did not let kids in too much with the alpacas this year. Not quite as fun for them, but a relief for us.

- Had a few other artist vendors here.

- Making sure all inventory items were marked with price. Including sales tax in the

price of item.

- Having a credit card device (Pay Anywhere or Square up)!!
- Be ready the night before – all set up and ready to go.

Did not work:

- Could always use more knowledgeable helpers.
- Can't be in 4 places at one time – so I ran the store, Howard managed the alpaca events. Good Friends who know alpacas, helped out tremendously!



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EPDs

THEY'RE HEEERE

By: SHEILA SCROGGINS

Don't be left behind, the industry is rapidly changing.

An EPD is an Expected Progeny Difference (EPD). It has been my experience that when you ask an alpaca breeder if their alpacas have been EPD tested and what are their herdsire's values, I usually get a look of utter astonishment. They have of course, heard of EPDs, but seem to be confounded by the thought that someone might ask. I doubt if a person was shopping for a bovine stud they would get the same response from a breeder.

Alpaca Registry, Inc., (ARI) and Ideal Alpaca Community (IAC) have recently joined together for the good of the alpaca industry and will have one registry for EPD determination and dissemination. As a new owner and breeder, I was looking for a means to gauge and guide my breeding. We knew we were starting out with improved and unimproved stock and what would get us to a better herd quickly. I learned early it was EPDs. Our business breeding practices became predicated on EPDs, so the news of this merger was good news for us.

As a Nurse Practitioner all choices for diagnosis and treatment of disease is driven by what we call the gold standard. This kind of decision making tool is not unique to medicine. The gold standard provides the practitioner with a means to an end that is tried and tested. The gold standard is the diagnostic that gives you the most information, the most reliability of information, at the least cost. Just like in medicine, the gold standard in all livestock breeding is the Expected Progeny Difference.

"EPD is a measure of the expected differences in performance of a sire's progeny when compared to the average progeny of all sires evaluated within the same breed. This prediction is based on actual performance, progeny performance and relatives' performance. (1) The bovine industry has somewhere around 18 EPDs for cattle. They have EPDs on such things as meat marbling with fat, carcass weight, and dam pelvis diameter. I include this information for you to see just how much breed information is possible with EPD calculations and ultimately EPD determination for a given species. It also tells us that it is possible to change or develop new EPDs as long as they are heritable traits.

EPD's are nothing new. They have been around in other livestock species since the 1970s. I believe that in order to understand EPDs in the alpaca industry we should look to the bovine industry. The bovine industry has a long history of tried and tested practice with EPDs. The EPD processes between the two industries are identical, only the animal traits vary. This allows us to look at Bovine EPDs and extrapolate their years of usage to the Alpaca. The goal of an EPD for any industry is to determine the likelihood of a desired trait or conversely the likelihood of an undesirable trait in the offspring of either a male or female we are choosing to breed. In other words it is a statistic gamble where your expectations are significantly statistically higher with one breeding animal over another.

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FIRE!

Recently going through a fire brought some experiences and helpful tips on wildland fires to mind I thought I would share with you. The fire we went through was called the Sand Fire. Named because it started in an area named Sandridge. All fires are named and when you want to look up a fire incident, it is best to know what the name of the fire is you are looking for. This fire was started by a vehicle just doing a simple quick U turn in a road through a small area of dry grass4,240 acres burned, 20 homes lost, 47 outbuildings. Started 7/25 100% contained 8/2.



These are tips I found helpful in an extremely emotional and stressful time:

Know the difference between Voluntary Evacuation and Mandatory Evacuation –

Voluntary – you have time to have your friends with trailers come and get your animals and get them to a safe place of your choice.

Mandatory Evacuation – You will be given a specific time in which you may get your animals out 1 time with the help of Large Animal Services or authorized personnel. You will most likely not be allowed back in your property once you have left. You will not have a choice on where your animals go and you will be under pressure to get them out.

You will not be allowed to stay on your property unless you have a swimming pool and a 5 gallon bucket to put over your head when you are in the pool. You will be asked by the sheriff or firefighters who your next of kin is.

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El Dorado County Watch – Find a facebook page of this kind for your area

Up to date news on fire, animal evacuation, people evacuation, maps, etc.

Website – Cal Fire – (find your local State Fire Website)

www.fire.ca.gov

Up to date on fire activity. Usually updated in AM and PM.

Reverse 911 – register both your home phone (land line) and your cell phone so that you may be called and notified of an evacuation. Get it registered through Cal Fire website.

Locate and become a member of the Large Animal Rescue in your area.

Those of us affected by the fire.....clean out your gutters, water down your gutters, get your generator ready for backup power so you have water if you are a stay and hold, ensure you have defensible space 100-500 feet without undergrowth which could lead to a crown fire. If you have a quad with a 15 gallon sprayer fill it with water, get it fueled and be ready for spot fires, carry a shovel and hoe. Finally, get your water hoses attached at multiple points around your house.

Know ahead of time how many trailers it takes to move your alpacas. Halters lead ropes for enough alpacas? Or will you be herding them into trailers? Do a staged dry run.

A simple plastic water bottle with water in it, a piece of glass in dry brush can cause a wildland fire.

Laurie Findlay

Alpacas of El Dorado

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EPD's for female alpacas are as relevant as those for males. However, a female will be bred approximately 1 to 12 times in a lifespan, but a herdsire can be bred hundreds of times. His contribution to the genetic pool is much greater than that of the female simply because of his numbers of progeny compared to a female. Hence the herdsire EPD has more significance and influence on the genetic pool and therefore his progeny.

EPDs allow a breeder to make breeding decisions based the probability of a positive genetic trait which then leads to a more rapid improvement with each generation for development of that trait. Say for instance you want more density of fiber in your offspring A sire with an EPD trait for density is your choice. When that offspring is born you breed again to a sire with this same EPD trait or better for density determined from EPD studies. In the second generation you have more density and so on. You could breed to a beautiful expensive sire with incredible density and could get a cria with more dense fiber. But you could also, if you used EPDs as your criteria for breeding, choose the sire that is half the stud fee and yet get twice the density. In other words, the EPD is sort of an insurance policy where you are more likely to get what you want and are less likely to take an expensive gamble.

But we must be cautious in breeding for singular traits. Breeding for one trait can cause a big gamble in other traits. Generally, as we breed for finer and finer fiber, the genetics for animal size changes. Animals with finer fiber are smaller, since birth weight is a highly heritable trait. (4) No one trait stands on its own genetically. We will encounter with genetic engineering, the outcome of unintended consequences if we a hyper focus on one singular trait. Therefore, multiple trait EPDs should be considered above singular traits in our decisions with whom we breed.

Accuracies associated with EPDs grow with the size of the sample of animals being tested. This leads us to our next two assumptions about EPDs and that is that all animals should be tested regardless of their quality and all progeny should be tested. The larger the pool of genetic trait information, the more accurate the resultant EPD will become. If only the good animals are tested the average or mean becomes skewed. The EPD on a young alpaca will initially be based on the alpaca's relatives and is therefore going to be less reliable than if this alpaca had progeny being tested.(2) This reduces the accuracy for this particular alpaca's EPD until he or she adds progeny data into the calculation. So, a given alpaca's EPD could change over time. (2).

The next step for our industry in trait testing is to combine DNA testing with EPD testing. The two combined together will improve significantly the accuracy of EPDs.(2) DNA testing is an inevitability in the alpaca livestock trade just as was EPD testing, it will simply come down to how long we will do business outside the gold standards of practice of all other livestock businesses. Kevin DeHaan, technical services director, of IGENITY® states that, "It is very important for all producers to start understanding the potential benefit of the inclusion of DNA information in EPDs," he further says. "It comes down to mitigating risk and picking animals that truly are superior at a younger age."(2)

This now brings us to a discussion of where to go from here. If you have not already guessed, getting every alpaca tested, will come with a price. It is going to weed out animals or pedigrees that are poor performers in EPDs. If you are the owner who has been promoting an animal and making money, your taking a risk if you get the animal tested and it turns out he is a beautiful but his EPDs are not. This is the conundrum for all alpaca breeders. If you're a small breeder and are building a herd, EPD's seem a reasonable premise upon which to choose your foundation. If you are well

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established with an existing foundation it does not sound so enticing. If you have chosen a pedigree you are integrating into your herd, the “EPD on these pedigrees will show what you are really putting into your herd and give you a basis for making changes.” This quote succinctly states this conundrum by Fred Knop in his article “Do your EPD Homework”. (3) Knop further advises bovine bull purchaser to have as a goal of top EPDs in every category. In other words your EPD trait choice in a sire should be multiple trait improvement and should enhance what you already have in the breeding female. (3) So when you think about it, whether you’re a large breeder or small breeder, we are all coming from the same place with this new breeding tool. One breeder is building the other is rebuilding.

Breeders often say they can predict their herdsire’s breeding performance, and they usually can. Many herdsires will pass along good fiber to their offspring, because we have seen improvement in their progeny through observation of their cria. The question however belies, will that improvement translate to the next generation. That is the question that EPDs can answer in advance of a progeny for the breeder.

So what are those traits we want to build into our EPD database. The traits today, may not be the traits we look for in the future. But for sure, the bedrock of traits now and forever, will be the desired qualities of fiber. We can test for whatever trait is a desirable trait in the animal. The only requirement is that it must be a trait that has a high degree of heritability.(4) And as we know, heritability can vary significantly from one trait to another. In the alpaca industry we are in the infancy of understanding genetics and heritability of our livestock. All you have to do is look at the bovine industry to know how much we lack in knowledge of our species genetics. But then we don’t have entire university systems researching our species either.

EPDs are measured for Alpacas in deviations above or below the norm or average alpaca. So if you want to breed improvement into your herd the last thing you want is a breeding pair whose EPDs are average, and worse, a breeding pair whose traits are worse than the norm. We usually breed traits with only the herdsire in mind, and that is ok if you are looking to improve over the dam in one generation, but if you are breeding for excellence, then both partners EPDs should be considered. We would never have had the renowned racehorse Secretariat, had Penny Cheney chose the colt only with the consideration of the Stud’s prowess in speed. In fact, the quality that made Secretariat the champion he was, was the genetics for endurance he inherited from his mother.

But let’s talk about a species more close to home, sheep. The National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) is the clearinghouse for sheep EPDs, established in 1986. (6) If you look at the establishment of EPDs in sheep in 1986 you can see the mirror image of the state of EPDs in the alpaca industry today. Ideal Alpaca Community was instrument in the development of a statistically reliable sample with inclusion of alpaca trait data from a number of farms. (5) The entire purpose of this sampling was to create a statistically reliable pool of alpacas in enough numbers to produce reliability in a sample size. Simply stated, Ideal Alpaca has provided the industry a reliable average trait determination for a number of alpaca fiber traits in a statistically sound sample size of alpacas. Because of IAC’s historic work, we can now begin to measure EPDs in all registered alpacas.

In 2010 we made a giant step in our livestock industry with the inclusion of EPD testing and dissemination for all ARI members. But like all change, it can be painful to some, or a godsend

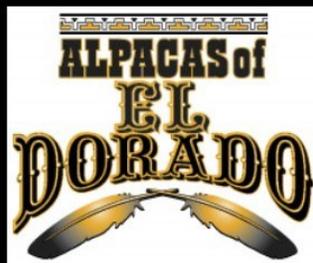
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What did not work

- Would like more fiber artists that know alpaca fiber to be here.
- Lots of time to put together!!
- Not scheduling ranch tours, but doing them whenever someone came in. Next year will do it on a preset schedule.
- Getting local media (newspapers) to support the event and do coverage.
- Having food for sale. Skipped it this year – too much. Did have lemonade and hot drinks available for free.

Thanks goodness we have friends and family who volunteer their weekends for this too, or we could not do it as we do. It is an encouraging event to participate in. We promote our ranch and everything alpaca, and have fun doing it.

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2nd Row: Delphi's Dozy Doats (Pending), Zeppelin's Rain Song (The Alpaca Group), NPA Zeta (North Plains Alpacas), Zeppelin's Uriah (Argenta Alpacas), Delphi's Mairzy Doats (MelHay Farm Alpacas)
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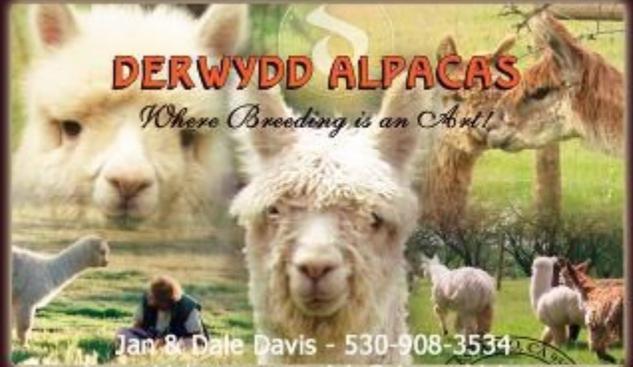
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WHERE THERE IS SMOKE...THERE IS FIRE! Alpacas of Somerset Farm proudly introduces our multiple color champion (five color/reserve color champions between them) Huacaya herdsires. **"Wisp of Smoke"** is a classic medium rose grey...with no spots! His sire is a multiple color champion producing color champions. **"Hot Stuff"** is black and HOT, HOT, HOT. His sire is a multiple color champion producing color champions. **ATTENTION SURI BREEDERS: "GVA Kootenay"** is a light fawn, 3/4 Accoyo, multiple blue ribbon winning Light Color Champion. His top knot sports a fashionable streak of mahogany. His fleece is fine, with a cool slick hand, locking that holds to the skin, with density and luster to burn.

For more information on these impressive young males visit www.alpacasofsomersetfarm.com then contact Dianna or Jack Jordan, 530-620-6033 to book your breedings.

El R Cash, an El R Luciano son, now standing at Macedo's Mini Acre. Cash is a harlequin grey boy, who's throwing lots of different colors. Offspring conformation and fleece characteristics are stunning as well. Other studs available as well. www.macedosminiacre.com or maureenmacedo@aol.com Larry's cell 209-648-2338

For Sale

Menagerie Hill Ranch announces our third annual Spring Alpaca Sale! We started in 2008 with five alpacas and are now at 32. It's time to make room for our spring cria. In breeding alpacas our goal is continuous improvement in fiber quality, while maintaining excellent conformation and producing vibrant color. Bloodlines include Peruvian Hemingway, Ppperuvian Yupanqui, Ppperuvian Auzengate, Snowmass Royal Promise, Ppperuvian Cahuide, Pperuvian Caligula, MSA Peruvian Brunello, Peruvian Grand Moreno, and more. Package prices are 20% off.

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The best 10 alpacas on our ranch for sale, \$10,000. Daniella, Handsome, Pershing, Tori, Noche and 5 more. Located 10 miles from Fresno. **Barb's Alpaca Ranch**, raising alpacas since 2002! 559-834-4934

Suri or Huacaya alpacas for sale, males and females. Plus, Derwydd Inti-Hatun offspring for sale at Macedo's Mini Acre. We're breeding for colorful patterns and these stunning dark brown "chip off the old block" kids need to go somewhere they can be used! Extremely reasonable pricing, especially if you take more than two! www.macedosminiacre.com or maureenmacedo@aol.com Larry's cell 209-648-2338

For Sale

Three Proven Dams looking for Mr. Studley - \$4,900

Light fawn ALR Inti's Chuqi, medium brown ALR Lilliana and white Morris Mill's Loganberry are in search of a handsome male for the purpose of producing awesome crias. All three are experienced and excellent moms who delivered and raised their fabulous crias without a problem. Buy them by November 15 and we will add unrelated, unproven 6 year old white ALR Peruvian Chasqui to the package. He's dense and fine and more than ready to pass on his genes. His AFD in 2013 was 21.5 with a 2014 shearing weight of 8 lbs. He carries black genes from his bay black dam, Ghiradella. For details on each animal go to <http://alpacaontheweb.com/Packages.asp>

Agisting

Menagerie Hill Ranch is a full service, family run ranch offering **agisting, consulting, sales, support and alpaca fiber products**. Our agisting service includes quality feed/water, routine husbandry, vaccinations and other care. Alpacas on a long term agisting plan receive free shearing. Owners are welcome to visit any time and we will help you learn how to care for your alpacas. Veterinary care, breeding, training and other services are extra. Standard rate \$3.50 per day. We are located in the English Hills area of Vacaville, close to Hwy 505.

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to others. I believe in the end, it will save this industry. Help us move out of this recession. Focus us toward a viable national fiber producing industry, and create a fiber market, with the finest natural fiber in the world. I also believe the show industry will continue to be prominent part of our industry. People will always want to see and grade fiber. Buyers or breeders will always want to breed to a winner, and who knows, maybe EPDs will come to be included in show placing criteria. Bovine and sheep industries both use EPDs and yet they both still have a thriving show industry.

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