

The New Hampshire Llama Association

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Llama Facts

- 1) Llamas are intelligent, curious, social, gentle, companionable, patient, independent, calm, quiet and shy.
- 2) Llamas eat hay, grain, and a salt and mineral supplement.
- 3) Llamas have a soft fiber which can be combed out or shorn and used for spinning into yarn and thread to make sweaters, scarves, hats, mittens, rugs, and many other items.
- 4) Llamas live for about 20 years.
- 5) Llamas weight 18-35 pounds at birth.
- 6) Llamas make good pack animals and can carry 80-100 pounds when in shape.
- 7) Llamas weigh 250-500 pounds when full grown. They are full grown at 4-5 years of age.
- 8) Llamas have one baby at a time, called a “cria”, and the usual gestation is 11.5 months. Crias are weaned at about 6 months of age.
- 9) Female llamas are first bred at about 12-24 months of age. They are induced ovulators (females produce an egg 24-36 hours after breeding) and they can be bred at any time of the year. Male llamas are first bred at 2-3 years of age.
- 10) Llamas are a modified ruminant, having 3 stomach compartments, and chew their cud.
- 11) Llama manure is practically odorless and is good for gardens and plants.
- 12) Llamas are not vicious. They do not bite or kick at people and can be handled by almost anyone, including small children.
- 13) Llamas come in all colors, sizes, and fiber lengths. There is a llama for anyone!
- 14) Llamas spit to warn off other llamas from their food or for dominance in the pecking order of their herd. They rarely spit at people, those that do usually have been mishandled or mistreated.
- 15) Llamas can tolerate most climates quite well. They originated from South America in the Andes Mountains.
- 16) The four species related to camels in South America are the llama, alpaca, guanaco, and vicuna. The llama was domesticated from the wild guanaco and used for packing. The alpaca was domesticated from the wild vicuna and was bred to become a superior fiber-producing animal.

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Uses For Llamas



Breeding
Children To Play With
Companionship
Dressing Up For A Costume Party
Driving A Cart
Education
Entertainment At Parties
Fiber Production
Getting To Meet Your Neighbors
Golf Caddies
Guard Animals For Sheep And Goat Herds
Jogging Partners
Marathons
Obstacle Courses
Packing
Parades
Pets
Photographing And Drawing
Profit
Riding (Children Only!)
Showing
Taking For A Ride In A Van
Therapy
Training
Trimming Your Lawn
Visiting Nursing Homes And Schools
Walking Partners
Watching

