



2009 Mid-America Alpaca Show Information


It's important that you read through this information before going to the "Register" page!

MANDATORY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS


 **GOOD NEWS!** KANSAS NO LONGER REQUIRES A TB OR BRUCELLOSIS TEST FOR ANY ALPACAS ENTERING FROM ANOTHER STATE.


 You will need two copies of a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) that has been obtained within 30 days of the last day of the show. It must contain the following for each alpaca that enters the facility:

1. Full ARI Registered name
2. Microchip number
3. Negative results of a BVDV-PCR or VI test (no time limit). Direct all inquiries to Kim Tollers, Halter Show Superintendent, at 608-543-3754 or info@alpacaplanet.com.
4. For questions regarding transport requirements, call the state of Kansas at 785-296-2326.

 Please allow you and your vet plenty of time to get these tests and the negative results back, because no exceptions can be made. Every alpaca must be free of infectious disease, and veterinarians will be on premises assisting with check-in on Friday, and on-call throughout the show.

CHECK-IN AND STALLING

 Check-in times are Friday, October 30, 2009, from noon to 7:00 pm. The building will be locked down at 9 pm each night and open at 8:00 am.

 All alpacas will be compliance checked (color and fiber length) immediately after check-in on Friday. Full fleece and shorn classes will be held. After compliance checking, the halter superintendent will give you

your registration packets that contain your entry numbers. Do not leave Friday night without getting your registration packet!!!

📌 Stall assignments are on a first come, first serve basis, with preference given to sponsors. If you need to be placed next to another farm for any reason, BOTH farms must clearly state that during online registration. This cannot be done on the day of check-in. If you have special needs regarding stalling, note them in the comments section provided during online registration, and we will do our best to help you. Any questions regarding the facility set-up may be directed to Nancy Sines, at 785-547-6452, or sines@cedarhollowalpacas.com. We anticipate that stalls will sell out again this year before the deadline, and **no refunds for stalls will be given after sell-out**. Your registration is not complete and your stalls will not be held unless full payment is received.

📌 Our stalls are 8' x 10' on very hard packed dirt. The price for farm display or animal stalls is \$135 each. There can be a maximum of 3 alpacas per stall. Due to fire codes, straw is not permitted. If you wish to have additional flooring, we suggest the plastic mesh mats that are available at alpaca suppliers. Electricity is limited, but available for \$30 per farm, on a first come, first serve basis, payable in advance during the online registration process.

📌 Fire codes also determine that **NO FARM DISPLAYS CAN BE SET UP IN THE AISLES**. Farm displays are \$135 and limited to one per farm.

📌 Check-out will be after completion of the halter show on Sunday. **OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER EXHIBITORS, VENDORS, AND THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE COME TO VISIT YOUR ALPACAS, PLEASE DO NOT PLAN TO TEAR DOWN BEFORE THE SHOW IS COMPLETE.**

HALTER SHOW

📌 Halter entries are \$40 each, which includes the \$6 AOBA fee.

📌 Halter Judges for this year's Level III halter show will be Stephanie Glyptis for all females and Kathy Klay for all males. Both will be judging the optional classes on Saturday afternoon. This is an AOBA Certified Halter Show and will be run in accordance with the 2009 AOBA Show Handbook. It is mandatory that each

registrant sign an Exhibitors Disclosure Form that must be mailed in with your registration fees. We will show you how during the online registration process.

📣 Suri owners, please note the following change in length for yearlings:

11.d.1) Yearling Suri 3” – 11” (Must have been shorn within 380 days of the 1st day of scheduled judging): Minimum of 3 inches and maximum of 11 inches on the blanket, neck, and legs.

2) Yearling Suri 3” – No Maximum (Not previously shorn or Previously shorn beyond 380 days): Minimum of 3 inches and no maximum on the blanket, neck and legs.

📣 All halter show questions may be directed to Kim Tollers, Halter Superintendent, at 608-543-3754 or info@alpacaplanet.com. **The deadline for entries is October 12; however, we anticipate a sell out again this year, and would encourage early entry.**

📣 In order to facilitate fewer class changes at check-in, exhibitors are urged to compare the alpaca's mid-blanket fleece to the ARI Color Chart and choose the correct color for your alpaca. Remember that the color listed on your ARI Certificate may not be the color your alpaca is today.

📣 It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to be aware of 2009 AOBA Show Book rules. See the 2009 show book for complete details, or go to the AOBA Show website at www.alpacashows.com.

📣 There will be a mandatory exhibitors meeting on Saturday morning at 8:00am.

📣 No alpaca substitutions will be allowed from the original entry form unless an alpaca becomes ill and permission is obtained from the Halter Superintendent. Permission must be obtained prior to arriving at the show.

📣 Those showing alpacas that are financed or have not yet transferred the ARI Registration Certificate must have a Owner of Record for Show Entry Form signed by the owner that is listed on the ARI Certificate. This form is downloadable from www.alpacashows.com, Apps and Forms, or ask us to send you a hard copy.

🏆 Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 6th place in each halter class. Optional group classes, that is, Get of Sire, Produce of Dam, etc. will be judged by both judges on Saturday afternoon. Please read your show book rules for entering these optional classes.

🏆 All alpacas shall be presented to the judge wearing a plain halter and lead line. Handler's attire should be conservative, neat, and appropriate. Ranch names or alpaca names may not be displayed on the exhibitor or the alpaca during the class.

FLEECE SHOW

🏆 Fleece show fees are \$36 per entry, which includes the \$6 AOBA fee. This year we are again offering a special incentive for fleece entries..... **If you register three fleeces, your fourth fleece registration is free!**

🏆 The Level II AOBA Certified Fleece show will be held following the fleece show rules as stated in the 2009 AOBA Show Handbook. Judging will be done between October 22-25, by AOBA Certified Fleece Judge Cheryl Gehly, and the fleeces will be displayed at the Expocentre Domer Arena October 31-November 1. The deadline for **registration** of fleeces is October 1st. Fleeces, whether mailed-in or hand delivered, must be **received** by Kathleen Wedel between September 1 and October 12. **The mailing address for fleece is:**

**Kathleen Wedel
Prairie's Edge Farm
24175 W 265th Street
Paola, KS 66071**

All fleece paperwork, except payments, should be placed in the box with the fleece and mailed to Kathleen.

🏆 **All PAYMENTS should be mailed to:
Nancy Sines, Treasurer
1022 36 Hwy West
Hiawatha, KS 66434**

- 🏠 It is mandatory that all registrants sign an Exhibitor Disclosure Form that must be mailed in with your registration fees. This is downloadable from the Register page of the website.
- 🏠 Questions regarding fleece entries should be directed to Kathleen Wedel, Fleece Superintendent, at 913-783-4589, or prairiesedge@mokancomm.net.

PHOTO CONTEST

- 🏠 Don't forget to enter those great alpaca photos in our Photo Contest. It's fun, it's inexpensive (\$10 per entry) and ribbons will be awarded for each class, as well as a Judges Choice Purple. **We have added a \$50 prize for the Judges choice Photo!!!!** This year we have also changed the categories to add a little more challenge. This would make a great class project! The Photo Entry Form, with instructions, is printable from the "Register" page of our website, www.midamerica-alcashow.com.

LODGING

- 🏠 Our host hotel is the CAPITOL PLAZA, which is located on the Expocentre campus and is also the site for the Saturday night banquet. We have a block of rooms reserved, but they always go fast, so make your reservations ASAP, by calling 785-431-7200. Be sure to mention that you are with the Mid-America Alpaca Show.

Other lodging within several miles of the Expocentre includes:

Ramada Inn—785-233-8981

Comfort Inn—785-273-5365

Super 8—785-273-5100

RV HOOKUPS

- 🏠 RV Hookups are available at the Expocentre in the south parking lot, and are handled **directly** by the Expocentre. Reservations may be made by contacting Expocentre Security at 785-291-5530.

SILENT AUCTION

- 🐑 Our annual silent auction is a direct benefit for the tax exempt not-for-profit Mid-America Alpaca Foundation. For more information about the Foundation, visit www.midamalpacafoundation.com. Please consider donating an item to this worthwhile endeavor. For more information about the silent auction, or to make a donation, contact Marcia Fish at 785-986-6733 or fish@holtonks.net.

OTHER SHOW INFORMATION

- 🐑 Other questions may be directed to Sonda Caffrey, Event Coordinator, at 913-884-5831, or honeycreekalpacas@earthlink.net.
- 🐑 For security reasons, please fill out and wear your name badge in the Domer Arena at all times when not showing.
- 🐑 An event photographer will be available Saturday and Sunday.
- 🐑 Our generous Friday Night Hospitality sponsors will again be providing beverages and a complimentary light meal.
- 🐑 Our Saturday evening begins with a complimentary “Meet and Greet” at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, on the Expocentre grounds. Tickets for the buffet dinner to follow are \$30 each for adults and \$15 for children, and can be purchased during the online registration process. The “Meet and Greet” starts at 6 PM, with the buffet dinner at 7 PM.
- 🐑 Food and drink concessions will be available at the Domer Arena from 8AM-5PM on Saturday and until noon on Sunday.
- 🐑 Smoking, alcohol, and pets are not permitted in the Domer Livestock Arena.
- 🐑 THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT SHOW. We are looking forward to our 6th annual show in Topeka. See you there!