

PART 20. (APPENDIX G) HELPFUL TIPS – ARE YOU SHOW READY?

Definition of Show Ready: An alpaca or its fleece that is presented for show in optimal condition.

Section 1. For Exhibitors: Are You Show Ready?

- A. Several months prior to your first show:
1. Ensure ample time to ARI register your alpaca by submitting a blood sample for DNA testing.
 2. Ensure ample time to test for BVDV using the PCR test. Only one test in an alpaca's lifetime is required for show entry. BVDV testing is required on all alpacas that enter any AOBA Certified show venue. A negative VI (Virus Isolation) test for BVDV performed prior to January 1, 2010 is acceptable for show entry.
- B. Within 30 days prior to the last day of the show:
1. Schedule a vet visit. Your veterinarian must complete the CVI form for all of your alpacas going to the show. The CVI must be dated within 30 days prior to the last day of the show. Be sure that any tests that are required by the state in which the show is held have been performed and noted on the CVI along with a permit number if required by the host state of entry. Your veterinarian must also note on the CVI that each alpaca has been tested BVDV "negative" or BVDV "not detected" using the PCR test. The BVDV "negative" or BVDV "not detected" test results must be written on the CVI with the date of the test, the initials of the lab that performed the test, and the testing method (PCR).
 2. Insert or recheck microchip for each alpaca
 3. Re-verify gender, and that each show entry is anatomically correct in its reproductive parts
 4. Check the general health of each alpaca, weigh or assess body score
 5. Re-verify ARI registration of each alpaca
 6. Check under the tail area for evidence of any abnormal discharges; clean/trim if needed
 7. Trim toenails, if needed
- C. Leaving for the show:
1. Recheck presence of microchip for each alpaca
 2. Re-verify gender, and that each show entry is anatomically correct in its reproductive parts
 3. Recheck the general health of each alpaca
 4. Recheck and clean/trim under tail area if needed
 5. Ensure that you take the necessary paperwork with you to the show:
 - a. Copies of ARI certificates for all alpacas taken to the show. Some shows require an additional copy for Show Superintendent records at check-in, and it is always a good idea to retain one copy in your own show folder.
 - b. Original CVI and one photocopy for Show Superintendent's permanent records.

- c. Copies of all of your show registration entry forms in your show folder (for your records only)
 - d. Vet letter (if applicable) to be given to Show Superintendent
- D. At the show:
- 1. Veterinary check-in:
 - a. Be prepared to provide a copy of the CVI (and ARI Certificate, if required by the show)
 - b. Assist with microchip verification on all alpacas
 - 2. Show registration:
 - a. Be prepared to provide any missing documentation
 - b. Provide Vet letter, if applicable
 - c. Hand over paperwork from veterinary check, if needed
 - 3. Compliance checking:
 - a. Ensure that all entries go through compliance checking
 - b. Verify age, gender and number of months of fleece growth for each show entry with compliance checker and on the exhibitor placard/armband
 - c. Verify correct color class
 - 4. Turn in your previously prepared fleeces along with the completed Fleece Entry Tag to the Fleece Show area before the deadline.
 - 5. Morning of the show:
 - a. Verify that each show entry is listed correctly in the proper class in the show book
 - 6. At ringside:
 - a. Have your show entry at the gate area prior to the last call for your class

Section 2. Is Your Alpaca Show Ready?

- A. Selection of your alpacas for show purposes requires attention to all of the following. Show entries should:
- 1. Be trained to halter, including walking on a loose lead.
 - 2. Stand easily for hands-on inspection.
 - 3. Have a history of good health.
 - 4. If juveniles, be weaned appropriately well in advance of the show.
 - 5. Exhibit a good body condition appropriate to size and weight for its age.
 - 6. Be free from evidence of disease or injury.
 - 7. Exhibit natural pasture condition which may include evidence of a natural dust line throughout the fleece.

Section 3. Is Your Fleece Show Ready?

- A. Selection of fleeces for show purposes requires attention to all of the following. Fleeces should:
- 1. Be appropriately skirted.
 - 2. Be free of parasites.
 - 3. Show good health, soundness and is free of tender breaks.

4. Be presented in natural pasture condition which may include evidence of a natural dust line throughout the fleece.
5. Still exhibit good organization and overall structure, even if shown multiple times.

