

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS' ALPACA SHOW

Shorn Fleece Show information and rules

Judge: Anthony Stachowski, DVM

FIBER ENTRY: Prime fiber only, defined as blanket area, shorn between June 10, 2009 and June 10, 2011. Entry must be made in the name of the alpaca and owner as matched to the ARI registration papers or "Permission to Show" forms.

FLEECE SUBMISSION: Fleeces are to be brought to Lake Metroparks Farmpark, Woolfest 2011, National Champions' Alpaca Show on Thursday, June 23, 9 am to 9 pm, or Friday, June 24, 9 am to 7 pm.

ENTRY FEE: \$20 per shorn fleece entered.

COMPETITION LIMITS: Entries are limited to three fleeces per farm/owner/partnership, per breed type, per age division at time of shearing, per color designation.

AWARDS: Rosette ribbons for first through sixth place. Ribbons for Champion & Reserve Champion Huacaya and Suri Fleeces will be awarded if there are at least eight entries in the fleece type division.

CLASS DIVISIONS: Classes to be divided into color groups: white, light, fawn, brown, black, grey, multi, if possible. Classes may be divided further into specific color designations with appropriate number of entries. Colors with less than four entries may be combined and judged by light, dark and mixed, or by the age division. Final determination of class divisions and entry colors will be made by the Fleece Show Superintendent.

AGE DIVISIONS: Classes to be divided into five age groups: 5 to 12 months, 12 to 24 months, 24 to 36 months, 36 to 60 months, and 60 months and older at time of shearing.

SUBMITTED FIBER: Prime blanket fleece, full and intact, skirted and displayed cut side out and submitted in a clear, unmarked, ziplock bag with the completed Shorn Fleece Entry Tag, placed inside the bag with the fiber. Please do not write on the ziplock bag or insert any owner identification in the bag. Fiber shall not be carded, combed, washed or otherwise enhanced; however, it should be handpicked of debris and vegetable matter. Fiber will be judged by entry number only.

SAMPLE LENGTH: Minimum fleece length to be 3" with no maximum for alpacas younger than 12 months of age at the time of shearing. For alpacas older than 12 months of age at the time of shearing, fleece samples with more than 7" growth for Huacaya or 14" for Suri are not eligible for entry.

DISQUALIFICATION: The judge may disqualify a fleece that is unsound, contains tender breaks, mats, excessive debris, parasites, fails to meet minimum length or exceeds maximum length, or fails to follow entry rules. The reason for disqualification must be recorded on the scorecard.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Shorn fleece entries are evaluated as follows: style-fineness, handle, brightness or luster; uniformity-micron, length, color; character-staple formation, crimp, density of staple in Huacaya; lock formation/uniformity and independence, density of lock in Suri; preparation, lack of skirting impurities and guard hair, tensile strength and condition; and density, annualized weight.

Fleece entries may be picked up at Farmpark Arena 1 to 3 pm on Sunday, June 26, 2011.