

National Champions' Alpaca Show  
2 Oz. Sample Show Information and Rules

Deb Yeagle - Judge

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

Fiber Entry: Minimum of 2 ounces alpaca prime blanket fiber shorn between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 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.

Entry Fee: \$20 per 2 ounce sample entered.

Awards: Rosette ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place. Ribbons for Champion & Reserve Champion Huacaya and Suri Samples will be awarded if there are at least 8 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 Sample Show Superintendent.

Age Divisions: Classes to be divided into 5 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: 2 ounces of prime blanket fiber must be submitted in a clear, unmarked, gallon size zip lock bag with the completed Sample Entry Tag, placed inside the bag with the fiber. Please do not write on the zip lock 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 under 12 months of age at the time of shearing. For alpacas over 12 months of age at the time of shearing, fleece samples with more than 7 inches growth for Huacaya or 14 inches for Suri are not eligible for entry.

Disqualification: The Judge may disqualify a sample 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 score card. Points may be deducted for failure to submit at least 2 ounces of fiber.

Judging Criteria: Fleece Samples are evaluated using similar criteria as for Shorn Fleece. 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.

Entries will be judged in advance of the show and will be displayed throughout the show. Fleece sample entries may be picked up at the show after 3:00pm on Sunday, October 2, 2011.