

## Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc.

501(c)3 organization EIN #**20-1580766**

### Application: Llama / Alpaca Adoption or Foster

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Thank you for considering the adoption or fostering of an animal from Southwest Llama rescue. The process for doing so is relatively painless and the rewards are tremendous. **Please note that as a rescue organization, SWLR has a non-breeding policy.**

#### Homes to provide:

- a minimum of ½ an acre exercise space for 2 llamas or 3-4 alpacas, or a minimum of one acre for every 4 llamas or 8 alpacas.
- maintain a properly fitted halter and lead for each llama/alpaca
- a safe, well maintained fence
- shelter from inclement weather
- catchment area for care with chute recommended
- hay and supplements and mineral salt
- routine care including vaccinations, worming, shearing and toe-nail trimming
- veterinary care as needed

**SWLR's adoption fee is \$200.00 for the initial animal, but check for current information. SWLR provides:**

- CDT vaccination
- worming as appropriate
- ongoing support, information and help through local mentors

SWLR does not place solitary animals, with the exception of specific situations where llamas with a proven disposition to work as guardians for sheep, goats or other appropriate livestock are placed.

***As a rescue organization, SWLR has a non breeding policy. Males may be gelded before adoption and fighting teeth blunted. Females adopted out with a non-breeding contract. Females need to be protected from exposure to intact males. Please do not ask us to suspend this policy – it is embedded in our charter and non-compliance could cause us to lose our non profit status.***

SWLR is committed to the lifelong care of every camelid that passes through our gates. Adoptive homes must return animals to SWLR that they no longer want or cannot care for, and must permit periodic inspection of the animals and facilities by a mentor or peer reviewer. If new to camelids, the adopter needs to find a mentor who will teach them how to shear, trim toenails, give injections, necessary worming and help out with emergencies. In many cases, we can find a mentor to help you.

#### Procedure to adopt or foster:

1. Complete the adoption / foster home application form and forward to the appropriate adoption coordinator for your state. See [www.Southwestllamarescue.org](http://www.Southwestllamarescue.org) for list of Coordinators by state. Or you may scan and email to [SouthwestLlamaRescue@yahoo.com](mailto:SouthwestLlamaRescue@yahoo.com).

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2. Once your form has been received, an adoption coordinator will contact you to discuss the details of your completed application and schedule the required farm check to ensure you are properly positioned for managing camelids.

3. A mentor will be appointed for you unless you have one already or are an experienced owner. The mentor will visit to discuss llama care and inspect your facilities. For new owners, your mentor will be 'your new best friend' as you join the world of llama owners. They will be there to answer your questions and assist with advice as needed.

4. Your adoption coordinator will go over the list of available llamas with you and assist in choosing one that should be agreeable. The SWLR web site as well as the Facebook page are great tools to review available animals posted by state although not all animals may be pictured as situations change so rapidly. The majority of SWLR llamas are in foster care at various farms across numerous states, although some animals are retained at the surrendering farm until they can be placed. We will attempt to minimize transport requirements as much as possible so it is wise to restrict your search to neighboring states when browsing the available animals.

For an adoption: Once a llama or alpaca has been chosen and your facilities inspected and approved, transportation will be arranged. On delivery, the final adoption form will be signed with payment of the adoption fee unless monthly payments have been arranged in advance. There is a 30 day refund policy of adoption fee or you may select another animal if for your initial choice doesn't work out for any reason.

For a fostering situation: Once a llama or alpaca has been chosen and your facilities inspected and approved, transportation will be arranged. On delivery, the Agreement to Foster form will be signed. From that point, you assume responsibility for day to day care for that animal. SWLR is responsible for any major medical expenses that arise, but the Adoption Coordinator (or another SWLR representative) should be consulted before action is taken to incur any significant expense. As with adoption, if the animal does not work out for any reason, we arrange transport back to one of our approved facilities and negotiate a replacement if that is desired.

We actively seek permanent homes for llamas or alpacas housed in foster home situations, but the foster home has right of first refusal if someone expresses an interest in adoption of animals in their care.

5. Your facilities may be inspected periodically by an agent of SWLR while you have a SWLR rescue. The facility checklist and llama care checklist will be filled out and signed and kept on file. If the facility does not pass inspection, identified issues will be documented and a plan will be detailed, with a deadline for necessary improvements. A re-inspection will occur on the deadline to ensure the plan has been carried out. If the plan has not been completed, but progress has been made, the inspecting agent may grant an extension, documenting the circumstances and new deadline. If the facility cannot be maintained appropriately, the animals in their care will be removed and returned to intake.

Please complete the following information and either email it to [SouthwestLlamaRescue@yahoo.com](mailto:SouthwestLlamaRescue@yahoo.com) or mail it (via the postal service) to the adoption coordinator for your area. We will contact you as soon as your application has been processed. Your information and privacy will be respected and will not be provided to ANYONE except in reference to llama or alpaca rescue.

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#### Contact Information:

Please complete the following information and forward to the Adoption Coordinator designated for your state. If a Coordinator is not listed for your area, send to the individual listed for any neighboring state. Or scan and email to SouthwestLlamaRescue@yahoo.com.

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|-------------|--|------|--|
| Name        |  | Date |  |
| Address:    |  |      |  |
| Home Phone: |  |      |  |
| Work Phone: |  |      |  |
| Cell Phone: |  |      |  |
| E-Mail:     |  |      |  |

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| Primary Interest: | <input type="checkbox"/> Llama <input type="checkbox"/> Alpaca <input type="checkbox"/> Either |
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| Describe your experience with livestock if any. |  |
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| Describe your experience with llamas/alpacas, if any.                                   |   |
| What is your interest in having llamas/alpacas?<br><br>Check as many as are applicable. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet <input type="checkbox"/> Packing <input type="checkbox"/> Fiber <input type="checkbox"/> Showing <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> Therapy animal<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Guardian If guardian, what type of animals will the guardian be penned with?<br>_____<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____<br>(Please list) |

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| Exact Location where animals will be housed:<br>(please note if they will be boarded) |  |
| Number of fenced acres accessible to the animals:                                     |  |
| Other species which will share pasture/shelter with camelids ( <i>Type/number</i> )   |  |

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| Type & height of fencing       |  |
| Type/size of available shelter |  |

#### **Mentor Information:**

Although we will work with you to ensure you have as much information as possible regarding caring for camelids, a nearby mentor who can provide experienced guidance is always an asset. If you do not presently know of anyone who has llamas or alpacas, we will attempt to find someone willing to enter into a mentoring-type relationship.

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| I need help finding a mentor near me:  | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| I already have a mentor/peer within one hour's drive: <i>(Please complete information below)</i> |  |
| Mentor/Peer Name:  |  |
| Address  |  |
| Home Phone:  |  |
| Work Phone:  |  |
| E-mail Address:  |  |
| Mentor's llama or alpaca related experience:   |  |

#### **Veterinarian Information:**

A large animal vet is essential with a knowledge of camelid care. If you have not located a vet near you, please let us know and we will attempt to locate someone.

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| I need help finding a local vet who treats llamas and/or alpacas: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO                    |  |              |  |
| I have located this veterinarian who will treat llamas and make farm calls, or else I have a way to transport the llamas to this veterinarian |  |              |  |
| Vet / Clinic Name:  |  |              |  |
| Address   |  |              |  |
| Clinic/Bus. Phone:  |  | Other Phone: |  |
| E-mail Address:   |  |              |  |

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**Additional Comments / Questions:** *Include preferences regarding age, sex, ease of manageability, wool type, etc. Please include any information which will help us make the best match possible.*