



# Handcrafter's Spin-Off



SHOW DATE: October 16th - 18th, 2009

Limited to THREE entries per farm / owner / entity, per breed type, per age division at time of shearing, per color designation.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY : JUNE 30, 2009 (Entry Deadline)

Entries must be a minimum of 2 oz. prime blanket fiber and shorn after October 5, 2008. Awards: Ribbons for 1st through 6th place, depending upon entries received. Entries will be on display at 2009 VAOBA ALPACA EXPO. This is an AOBA certified Spin Off and all AOBA rules will apply.

CLASSES: \*Age of alpaca at time of shearing.

| Huacaya | Suri | Age Divisions*           |
|---------|------|--------------------------|
| HA      | SA   | 6-12 months              |
| HB      | SB   | 1st birthday - 24 months |
| HC      | SC   | 2nd birthday - 36 months |
| HD      | SD   | 3rd birthday - 60 months |
| HE      | SE   | 5th birthday and older   |

CLASS DIVISIONS: Classes to be divided into major color groups - white, fawn, brown, black, grey, indefinite and multi, if possible. Class may be divided further into specific color designations (i.e., Light Fawn) with appropriate number of entries. Colors with fewer than 4 entries will be combined and judged by Light, Dark, Grey and Mixed or by the age division rather than by major color group. Final determination of class divisions and entry colors will be made by the show superintendent.

ENTRY MUST INCLUDE: Entry Form, minimum of 2 ounces of prime blanket fiber, (see note below on fiber submitted), Photocopy of ARI Registration Certificate (no pending registrations will be accepted), a completed entry tag and a color photograph of the alpaca producing the fiber entry, (no larger than 4" x 6"). Entries must be entered by the current owner, farm or member of entity as shown on the ARI Registration Certificate. All entries that are not from the current owner must submit an Owner of Record form with a signature from the current owner of the alpaca as shown on the ARI Registration Certificate, if applicable. Please do not fold the ARI Registration Certificate or photograph - these will be on display with the judged fiber and skein.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS: Entries are limited to three samples per breed type / color designation / age division at time of shearing ( per farm / owner / entity).

ENTRY FORM: Please complete all fields except those reserved for office use.

SUBMITTED FIBER: Two ounces of prime blanket fiber shall be submitted in a clear, unmarked gallon-size zip lock bag with the completed "VAOBA EXPO Handcrafter's Spin-Off Entry Tag" placed in the bag. DO NOT WRITE ON THE BAG. Fiber shall not be carded, combed, washed, trimmed or otherwise enhanced; however, it should be handpicked of debris and vegetable matter. Fiber with vegetable matter, contamination, or second cuts may be marked down accordingly. Do not send in any more than 3 oz. of fiber for your entry.

ANONYMITY: Fiber will be judged anonymously by entry number only, with no exhibitor information visible or available to the judge(s).

STAPLE LENGTH: Fiber must be at least 3" long. Fiber samples of less than the 3" minimum or longer than show rules allow shall be disqualified. Huacaya: No maximum length under 1st Birthday, with a maximum length of 8" for 1st Birthday and older. Suri: No maximum under 2nd Birthday, with a maximum of 9" for 2nd Birthday and older.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Judge(s) will prepare and spin a portion of the fiber. Scoring will be based on first impression, staple length, cleanliness, lack of second cuts, lack of guard hair, lock structure, luster (suris) or crimp, staple or architecture, brightness (huacayas), uniformity, fineness, ease of spinning, ease of preparation, handle and/or smoothness of fiber (softness), handfeel and softness of resulting yarn.

DISQUALIFICATION: Fiber that is unsound, felted, contains tender breaks, mats, excessive debris will be discounted accordingly but will NOT be disqualified. Points may be deducted for failure to submit at least 2 ounces of fiber for proper sampling and judging. However, fiber submitted and fiber samples exhibiting parasitic infestation or fiber not meeting the 3" minimum or exceeding the maximum lengths shall be disqualified. The reason for disqualification shall be recorded on the score card and the Judge's Worksheet.

ENTRY RETURNS: You may pick up your entries and awards after 1 p.m. on Sunday. If you are requesting your entries to be returned via mail, please include a \$7.00 shipping fee with your entries. (Farms submitting more than 5 entries for return by mail please send an additional \$7.00.)

SEND FIBER ENTRY: Mail the Spin-Off Entry Form (please keep a copy for your records), Fiber, ARI Registration Certificate Copy and Photo to:

**2009 VAOBA EXPO Spin-Off**  
c/o Patty Fuller  
2621 Mt. Tabor Road  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Mail Check and Copy of Registration, (make checks payable to VAOBA ALPACA EXPO, non U.S. farms please send a cashier's check) to:

**2009 VAOBA EXPO**  
Sue Ives  
6500 Macedonai Road  
Woodford, VA 22580

If you need any additional help or information please contact Patty Fuller at 540.953.0439 or email at [alpacas@poplarhill.com](mailto:alpacas@poplarhill.com).