



Camelid Project



Monthly Lesson Plan
March 2022



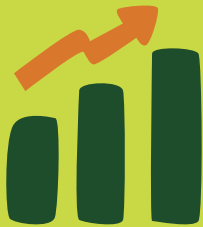
Upcoming Deadlines

- ✓ **ASAP** – Lease An Animal Agreements (if applicable) due to 4-H office for access to LAA Record Book
- ✓ **June 1st 2022:** Owned/leased and ID in 4HOnline



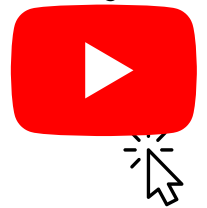
Project Progress

Suggest the following as things your members should work on or accomplish with their project this month. Follow up to see which they achieved:



1. **E Record Books:** Update their "Equipment/Supplies Inventory" (p. 3) & "Animal Inventory" and/or "Animal Purchase" pages (p. 4&6) **We are switching to the Livestock Record books (or LAA) this year so make sure members are aware – they will need to type in llama/alpaca on the front page where they mark species.
2. **Hands On:** Practice their showmanship skills – leading, setting, quadrants, backing.
3. **Knowledge:** Members should review types of shearing cuts and decide which they will use on their animal (pg 72 resource handbook or video)
4. **Other:** Brainstorm a topic for their Camelid educational poster and/or demonstration.
5. **Other:** Update your calendar with 2022 Animal Project Dates

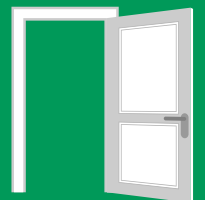
Shearing Video



Opportunities

See 4-H Calendars for full details & more recently added events

- **April 12** – Record Book workshop – virtual
- **April 30th** – ADCO Speech & Demonstration Contest



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Attached Activities

Use these suggested activities at club project meetings to increase member knowledge and keep members engaged in their project.

Group: Barns, Fences and Feeding

- Teach and explore housing and health requirements for camelids.

Individual: Llama Crossword Puzzle

- This activity page can be completed by members at home and will help to review/learn facts about camelids.



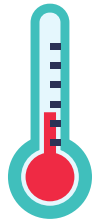
Fun Fact

Llamas can carry 20-25% of their body weight and can be used as pack animals when hiking or hunting.



Timely Tips to Share

Spring or early summer is the ideal time to shear camelids before the summer heat hits.



Resources



- The following & more can be found on the ADCO 4-H Llama/Alpaca Project Webpage: <http://adams4h.org/4-h-llama-alpaca-projects/>
 - 2022 Animal Project Save the Dates
 - Llama & Alpaca Resource Handbook (Ohio State)
 - E Record Books
 - Fourcast Newsletter Signup
 - Project Tipsheets
 - LAA Application



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MEETING 4 BARN, FENCES AND FEEDING

Project Skills: Exploring alpaca housing requirements and health requirements

Life Skills: Learning to learn
Planning and organizing
Communicating with others

Leaders: For more information see:
Fences, Barns, and Feeders (Video) by Barkman Animal Ent.
Caring for Llamas: A Health and Management Guide (Book) by Hoffman/Asmus
Camelid Nutrition (Article) by L. Johnson, DVM

DO: Tour of leader's barns and facilities
Point out special housing requirements and explain why
Demonstrate sanitary practices

KEYS TO DISEASE PREVENTION:

- ✓ Facilities kept clean
- ✓ Vaccination program
- ✓ Parasite control
- ✓ Balanced diet
- ✓ Fresh clean water
- ✓ Adequate housing and space
- ✓ Predator and rodent control
- ✓ Control of exposure to other species and new animals
- ✓ Body Condition Scoring

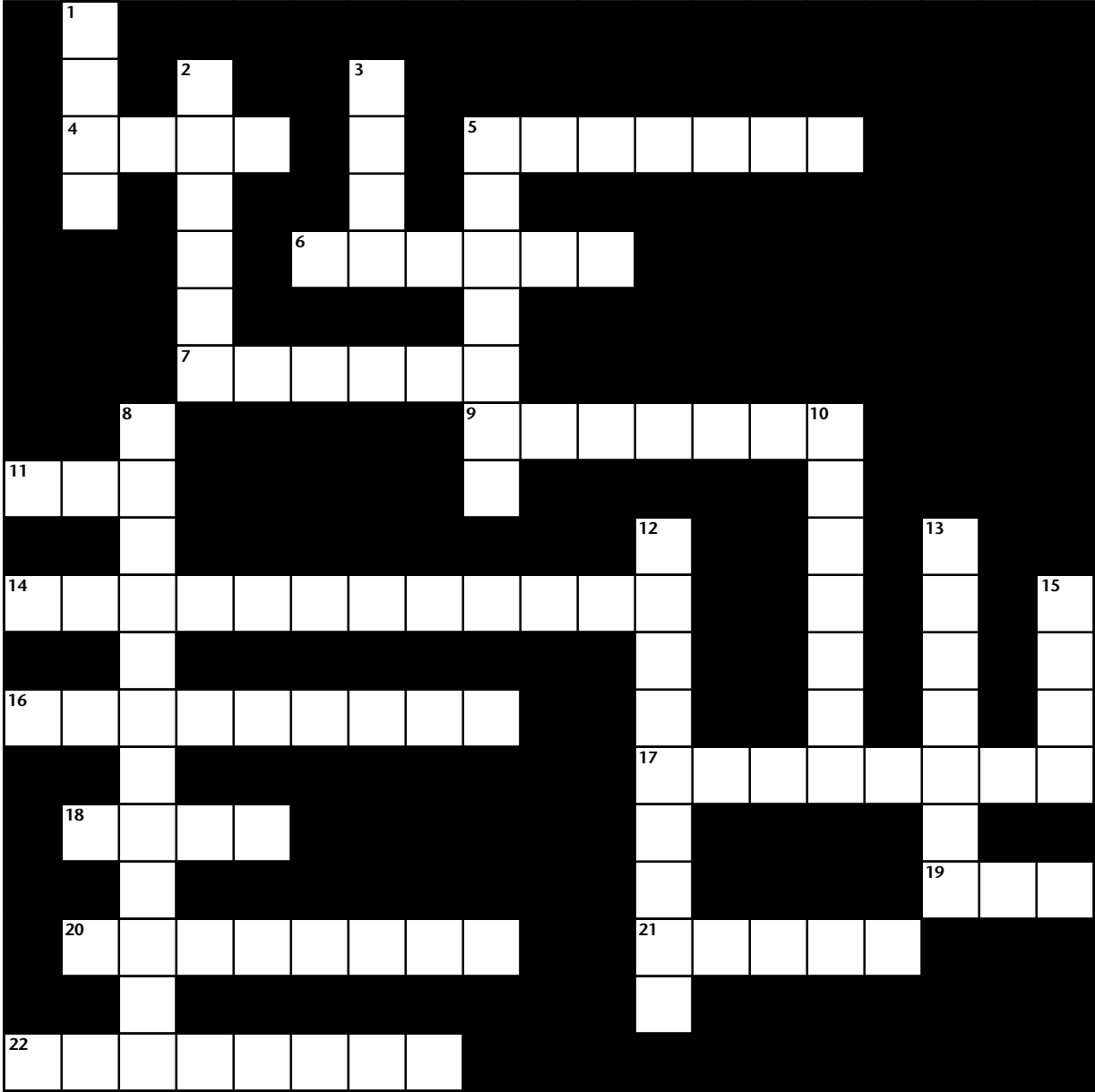
REFLECT: Share with your leader: What did you learn and why is it important?
What did you learn about alpaca housing? About alpaca feeding?

APPLY: Why is it important to know where to find answers?

INTERMEDIATE: Accompany the veterinarian for a day and see how he/she diagnoses and treats alpacas.

ADVANCED: Give a presentation on one alpaca disease which is a problem in your area.

MINI LEVEL CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES: MINI LEVEL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS CLUES

4. A baby llama.
5. A neutered llama.
6. A girl llama.
7. A camelid that is short and used primarily for its wool.
9. Llamas are members of this family.
11. How many toes on each foot does a llama have?
14. A person you should know and who you can call if a llama is sick.
16. Stiffer more coarse part of wool.
17. Animals that chew cud.
18. Approximately how long is a llama's gestation?
19. A sound a llama makes.
20. These kind of teeth should be trimmed or removed from a male llama.
21. The mountain range from which llamas originated in South America.
22. Lots of this will help a llama feel comfortable in a show ring. " _____ makes perfect!"

DOWN CLUES

1. The word that describes what a llama does when it carries a load.
2. Smaller South American wild camelid.
3. A boy llama.
5. The camelid from which llamas are domesticated.
8. Continent from which llamas originated.
10. Any animal that has been developed to help man.
12. The part of wool that is fine and primarily used for spinning.
13. A llama has three compartments in this.
15. The way a llama says, "Bug Off!"

WORD LIST: MINI LEVEL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ALPACA
ANDES
CAMELID
CRIA
DOMESTIC
FEMALE
FIGHTING
GELDING

GUANACO
GUARD HAIR
HUM
MALE
PACK
PRACTICE
RUMINANT
SOUTH AMERICA

SPIT
STOMACH
TWO
UNDERCOAT
VETERINARIAN
VICUNA
YEAR