



Camelid Project



Monthly Lesson Plan
January 2023



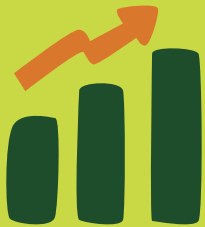
Upcoming Deadlines

- ✓ **February 1st** – Re-enrollment deadline
- ✓ **April 1st** – New member enrollment deadline



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:



- E Record Books:** Download the 2023 Livestock Recordbook and add "llama/alpaca" to front page
- Hands On:** Members should evaluate their llama/alpaca housing for any weak or hazardous materials. (Resource Handbook pg. 79)
- Knowledge:** Members should learn how to evaluate their camelid's body condition score so they know if they are dropping weight through winter. (Resource Handbook pg. 49)
- Other:** Update your calendar with 2023 Animal Project Dates

2023 Animal Project Dates



Opportunities

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

- **January 6-7** – National Western Stock Show – llama/alpaca shows
- **February 15** – Project 101 Virtual





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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: "Getting The Message"

- Learn how to recognize camelid body language.

Individual: "Alpaca Body Parts Diagram"

- This activity page can be completed by members at home and will help to review/learn the body parts of their camelid.

*activities from Alpaca Owners Association Inc. Leaders Manual



Fun Fact

In Peru, some llamas have their ears pierced and tassels added. This may be done to identify ownership, gender or to help with fly prevention.



Timely Tips to Share

Camelids may increase mineral consumption in winter when their diet is made up of hay rather than fresh pasture. Make sure to offer free choice minerals.



Resources



- The following & more can be found on the ADCO 4-H Llama/Alpaca Project Webpage: <http://adams4h.org/4-h-llama-alpaca-projects/>
 - 2023 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 5 GETTING THE MESSAGE

Project Skill: Recognizing alpaca body language

Life Skills: Learning by observing communication

Leaders: For more information see:

Llama Handling and Training - the TTeam Approach (Book) by
Marty McGee

TTeam (Video) by Marty McGee

Articles on Training listed in bibliography, page 38

DO: Observe one alpaca for at least ten minutes at several different times during one day. Record some of the different behaviors you observe. Watch quietly and try not to attract the alpaca to you. Also record any herd behaviors you witness.

- ✓ Body movements
- ✓ How it eats
- ✓ Sounds it makes
- ✓ Attitude
- ✓ Personality clues
- ✓ Does it get any exercise?
- ✓ Response to insects
- ✓ Response to humans
- ✓ Does it groom itself?
- ✓ Expressions of love or friendship

HERD BEHAVIORS:

Who is Boss?

Is there a pecking order?

Greetings

Relating to one another

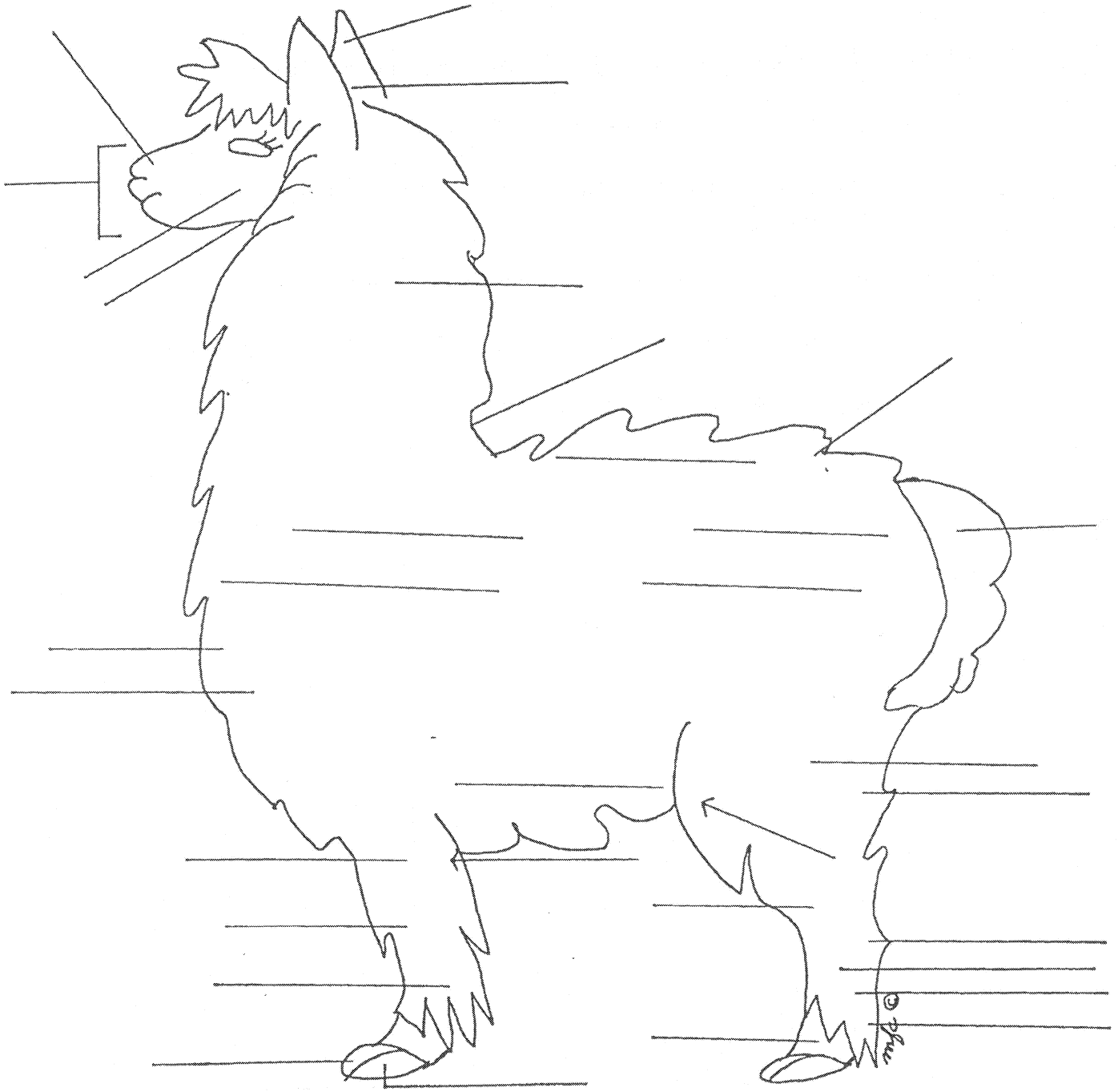
REFLECT: What did the alpacas say through their body language?
What did you find most interesting?

APPLY: What would happen if you couldn't read an alpaca's body language?
How might a person who cannot speak communicate with an alpaca?

INTERMEDIATE: How can you use what you learned about body language to be a better friend or more helpful to people or animals?

ADVANCED: Read a book about animal behavior and write a report or discuss with your leader what you learned.

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