

Island Alpaca Neonatal Clinic

Registration Information



Saturday, May 13, 2017

Single registrant \$195 • Additional registrants from same farm just \$150 • Repeat Guests, \$100
Refer a friend or farm (whether you are participating or not) and receive an Online Gift-Shop Credit of \$25!

Dr. Cheryl DeWitt will guide you through this one day clinic. Included will be a two-hour session of “wet-lab” using uterine simulators to diagnose abnormal deliveries.* To view a video intro click [HERE](#).

Dr. Cheryl DeWitt, DVM is an associate veterinarian at Camelid Veterinary Services. She attended N.C. State University for graduate studies, and has worked for many years in camelid medicine. She has also been an active participant in Dr. Stephen Purdy's Nunoa Project in Peru, a program to establish self sustaining programs in the areas of: support for underprivileged children and herding families, veterinary assistance for livestock the Nuñoa area.

Prepare yourselves for Spring-time birthing season!

The Island Alpaca Neonatal Clinic is comprised of a morning of lecture with power-point presentations, and an afternoon of hands-on “wet lab” for each registrant. One course book per farm will be provided. The morning lecture will cover female reproduction/breeding; reproductive anatomy and physiology, breeding and pregnancy diagnosis options, gestational development, care of the pregnant dam, normal and abnormal criation and care of the newborn as well as the high- risk cria. The afternoon “wet-lab” using uterine simulators, will challenge registrants to diagnose the contents of the uterus, discuss a proposed delivery plan, identify and correct dystocias to deliver the cria safely. Emergency training and a lot of fun!

What is Dystocia?

The spring birthing season is a joyous occasion for all breeders. Is your first cria (baby alpaca) soon to be born on your farm? Are you ready and able to assist the dam in the event she has any difficulty? Be prepared!! We all look forward to this season with great anticipation. There is nothing like watching these wonderful little alpacas come into this world. They are sitting, standing and nursing within 4 hours of birth. This is the scenario we want to see with the birth of all our new crias. Do you know how to recognize if the dam is in distress and experiencing dystocia? Do you know how to reverse a uterine torsion? What causes uterine torsion? These questions and more will be answered during this clinic.

Summary of Topics included:

Reproductive cycle in the Female - Behavior Testing: When is the optimum time to breed? - How a Dam prepares for birth - Nutrition/Feeding during pregnancy - When to Vaccinate, worm the dam - Preparing for delivery - Three Stages of labor - Supplies to have on hand - Reproductive Emergencies, and Signs that ‘something may be wrong’ - What you can do during a mal-positioned birth - Post partum care - Care of the newborn cria and the premature crias - Vaccinations for crias - The importance of Colostrum - Lactation - Infertility Issues: Indications of problems in new crias such as choanal atresia (closed nasal passages), heart or lung problems, hypothermia, diarrhea, dehydration, limb deformities, hernia and more... Increase your confidence in learning to deal with emergency situations that may arise. The facts and simple techniques you learn at this clinic may help you save that valuable cria. Take the time now to learn before it's too

late. Will you be ready? Island Alpaca would love to help you prepare but offering this invaluable clinic!

* *Special note, actual cria cadavers are used to realistically simulate process.*

REGISTRATION FORM

Instructor: Cheryl DeWitt of Camelid Reproductive Services **Location:** Island Alpaca Co. of Martha's Vineyard, 1 Head of the Pond Road, Oak Bluffs, on the Martha's Vineyard.

Date & Time: Saturday, May 13, 2017, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Lodging: Discounted lodging is available for **Mansion House**, Vineyard Haven, MA – Mention “Island Alpaca Farm Clinic” for 10% discount. (Pool, hot-tub, sauna, fitness and breakfast is included)...*Just a 2-minute walk from the ferry and 2 miles by bus to Island Alpaca!* **Meals:** A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Transportation: Martha's Vineyard is conveniently located. Just 75 miles from Boston and Providence to the Woods Hole ferry terminal. Woods Hole is also accessible by **Peter Pan Bus Line**. From Woods Hole, take the **Steamship Authority** to Martha's Vineyard. Alternatively, one may travel by **Cape Air** to the Martha's Vineyard Airport. We are easily accessible from the Steamship Authority. No need to bring your car. Island Alpaca Farm is just 2-1/2 miles from the ferry/hotel. Island Alpaca will have a shuttle van from the 8:15 am ferry. Bus service available with Vineyard Transit from the ferry, bus #1 or by taxi. **Space for the seminar is very limited and is available on a first come basis. This seminar is very popular - please register early!**

Name(s): _____
Farm Name: _____ # of alpaca owned? _____ Male _____ Female _____ # Pregnant
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

(Please supply email for registration confirmation) How did you hear about us? Check all that apply _____ AOA
_____ NEOBA _____ Open Herd _____ Alpaca Street _____ Island Alpaca Email _____ Island Alpaca Website
_____ Friend (please name: _____) Other: _____

Reservation is made when payment is received in full and registration form is received. Cancellation Schedule: 100% of clinic fee refunded if cancelled prior to March 13, 2017. A credit of 50% of clinic fee can be applied to the following years class if cancelled on or before April 13, 2017 (non-transferable) No credit or refund for cancellation after April 13, 2017.

Signature: _____

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Please complete the form by mail and submit payment one of two ways:

1) Check or money order, (payable to Island Alpaca) Send to Island Alpaca Co., 1 Head of the Pond Road, Vineyard Haven, MA, 02568

2) Pay using your credit card online by clicking [HERE](#) or by calling our gift shop @ 508-693-5554, open daily 10 am to 4 pm. MasterCard, Visa, Discover Card and American Express accepted. (Please submit registration form by mail or scan and email to info@islandalpaca.com)

We look forward to seeing you at the farm for a day of learning and FUN!

