



Alpaca Neonatal Clinic

Registration Form Below or Register on our Farm-Store Online
Saturday, April 14, 2012

Single registrant \$195 • Additional registrants from same farm just \$150
Repeat Guests, \$100



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.

Dr. Cheryl DeWitt, DVM is an associate veterinarian at [Camelid Veterinary Services](#). She attended North Carolina State University for graduate studies, then relocated to Ohio to work in camelid medicine. She has also been an active participant in Dr. Stephen Purdy's [Nuñoa 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, and tourism for the Nuñoa area.

Prepare yourselves for Springtime birthing season!

This 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 for you to take home.

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 malpositioned 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???



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, April 14, 2012, 9:30 am to 6 pm.

Lodging: Discounted lodging is available for [Mansion House](#), Vineyard Haven, MA – Mention “Island Alpaca Farm Clinic” for a 10% discount. (Pool, hot-tub, sauna, fitness center, and buffet breakfast is included) ...*just a two-minute walk from the ferry!* **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 also available with Vineyard Transit from the ferry, bus #1, or by taxi.

Spaces for the seminar are **limited** and are available on a first come basis. This seminar is very popular so please register early to avoid disappointment!

Name(s): _____

Farm Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ *(please supply email for registration confirmation)*

Reservation is made when payment is received in full.
Cancellation Schedule: Should you need to cancel, 50% of clinic fee refunded if cancelled up to March 1, 2012. 25% of clinic fee is refunded within two weeks of clinic date.

Signature: _____

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Please complete the form and forward with payment (check or money order) payable to Island Alpaca
Send to Island Alpaca Co., 1 Head of the Pond Road, Vineyard Haven, MA, 02568 NEW THIS YEAR: Pay using your credit card [online at our gift shop](#): MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express accepted.

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