



HIDDEN GEM NEWS

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Interesting items

Most alpacas love treats. Shredded carrots, beets, and pumpkin are just a few things to try.

The best time to trim alpacas toe nails is after a few days of wet weather. The nails are softer and easier to cut through.

Check your older or thin alpacas on cold days for shivering. They may need a coat to keep them warm. In a pinch, an old blanket thrown over their backs can be just the thing.

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GAA Show results

The first Georgia Alpaca Association show, the Royal Alpaca Challenge, was held November 21-22. We were a sponsor of the show and took 4 of our alpacas – Trinity, Serafina, Romeo's Juliet, and Ember. The show appeared to be a success with over 335 alpacas entered and some positive comments were heard. The weather for the first day of the show was perfect, but it turned cold and rainy for the second day. We met some new people and for the most part, enjoyed ourselves. The worst part of the show occurred when our son Brian lost his Nintendo DS and it was never found.

As for the show results, Trinity took 5th place, Serafina - 3rd place, Juliet- 2nd place, and Ember – 4th place. We would like to thank the

judges for their comments and will use their comments for guidance in future breedings and determining show entries. Also, many thanks to Wendy Stone for showing our Juliet. You did great and you both looked fantastic! At this time, we believe that we will participate in this show next year.



Happy Holidays

Yes, once again it is the holiday season. We at Hidden Gem Ranch want to wish all of our customers, friends, and newsletter readers a very happy holiday season. May you give and/or receive alpaca products. If you are in need of some last minute gifts, we have a few items remaining in our store. These items include finger puppets, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, purses, and bird houses. Prices range from \$3 to \$30. Just send an email or give us a call and we can describe and/or email you a photo. We accept PayPal and can wrap and ship if needed.

Upcoming activities

Southern Select show
March 6-7, 2010

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Mid winter blues

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Happening at the Ranch

Since the last issue we have participated in the GAA show (lead story), attended the TAA (Tennessee Alpaca Association) annual meeting on Dec. 5, and aged another year (both Dennis & Melissa had birthdays). This month we will be taking time to enjoy the holiday season with our families. We will also begin to prepare our taxes and make plans for next year.

Featured alpaca(s)

This month's featured alpacas are the 4 that we took to the GAA show.



Photos from top left going clockwise. Ember, Juliet, Trinity, and Serafina. Descriptions and additional information can be found on our website.

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