



SOUTHEAST LLAMA RESCUE, INC

Application: Llama / Alpaca Adoption or Foster

Thank you for considering the adoption or fostering of an animal from Southeast Llama rescue. The process for doing so is relatively painless and the rewards are tremendous.

Homes Must Provide:

- a minimum of ½ an acre exercise space for 1 or 2 llamas or 3-4 alpacas, or a minimum of one acre for every 4 llamas or 8 alpacas.
- a safe, well maintained fence (minimum of 4 ft tall, preferably 5). Barbed wire is not acceptable except in very specific cases and must be approved as a unique circumstance.
- shelter from inclement weather with a minimum of 3 sides and adequate space for the number of animals it is anticipated to house
- hay and grain
- mineral salt
- routine care including vaccinations, de-worming, shearing and toe-nail trimming
- veterinary care as needed

SELR's adoption fee is \$300.00 per animal which includes:

- A properly fitted halter and lead (growing animals may need new halters eventually unless the one provided can be adjusted to a proper fit)
- Gelding & fighting teeth blunted for males
- Shearing if appropriate to the season
- CDT vaccination
- Worming as appropriate
- Ongoing support, information and help through local mentors

NOTE: transport is the responsibility of the adopter but we are happy to assist if we can manage it using our volunteer network. Volunteers are reimbursed at .50/mile. We will plan a route and present the cost for your approval before we initiate planning. If you approve, the cost will be reflected separately in the adoption contract and added into the total fees. Please be advised that we cannot always move animals the entire way to you but we'll work hard to help you determine alternatives if that's the case.

As a rescue organization, SELR has a non breeding policy. All males are gelded and females adopted out with a non-breeding contract. Please do not ask us to suspend this policy – it is embedded in our charter and non-compliance could cause us to lose our non profit status.

SELR is committed to the lifelong care of every camelid that passes through our gates. Adoptive homes must return animals to SELR that they no longer want or cannot care for, and must permit periodic inspection of the animals and facilities by a mentor or peer reviewer. If new to camelids, the adopter must find a mentor who will teach them how to shear, trim toenails, give injections, de-worm and help out with emergencies. In many cases, we can find a mentor to help you.



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Procedure to adopt or foster:

1. Complete the adoption / foster home application form and forward to the appropriate adoption coordinator for your state or Direct Message the SELR Facebook page.
See www.southeastllamarescue.org for the application form and a list of Coordinators by state.
2. Once your form has been received, an adoption coordinator will contact you to discuss the details of your completed application and schedule the required farm check to ensure you are properly positioned for managing camelids. If it's not possible for someone to be on premise, pictures accompanied by a phone interview will typically suffice.
3. A mentor will be appointed for you unless you have one already or are an experienced owner. For new owners, your mentor will be 'your new best friend' as you join the world of llama owners. They will be there to answer your questions and assist with advice as needed. You are also welcome to direct message the SELR Facebook page as all the Admins have a wealth of camelid experience.
4. Your adoption coordinator will go over the list of available llamas with you and assist in making the best possible match for you. The SELR Facebook page is a great tool to review available animals although not all animals may be pictured as situations change so rapidly. The majority of SELR llamas/alpacas are in foster care at various farms across numerous states, although some animals are retained at the surrendering farm until they can be placed. We will attempt to minimize transport requirements as much as possible so it is wise to restrict your search to neighboring states when browsing the available animals.

NOTE: SELR places animals in same sex pairs and always attempts to preserve bonded relationships. We do not typically place solitary animals, with the exception of specific situations where they will join an existing herd or llamas with a proven disposition to work as guardians for sheep, goats or other appropriate livestock are considered suitable for the applicants environment.

For an adoption: Once your animals have been selected and your facilities inspected and approved, transportation will be arranged if necessary. The adoption or foster contract will be sent for your review prior to delivery. Payment of designated fees is required on or before delivery. If for your initial choice doesn't work out. for any reason within the first 30 days we will refund adoption fees or you may select another animal.

For a fostering situation: The initial process is the same as for adoption but transportation will be arranged at our cost. Prior to delivery, the Agreement to Foster contract will be signed. The foster home assumes responsibility for day to day care for foster animals. SELR is responsible for any major medical expenses that arise, but the Adoption Coordinator should be consulted before action is taken to incur any significant expense. As with adoption, if the animal does not work out for any reason, we arrange transport back to one of our approved facilities and negotiate a replacement if that is feasible

We actively seek permanent homes for llamas or alpacas housed in foster home situations, but the foster home has right of first refusal if someone expresses an interest in the adoption of animals in their care.



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5. Your facilities may be inspected by an agent of SELR while you have a SELR rescue. If the facility does not pass inspection, identified issues will be documented and a remediation plan will be detailed, with a deadline for necessary improvements. A re-inspection will occur on the deadline to ensure the plan has been carried out. If the plan has not been completed, but progress has been made, the inspecting agent may grant an extension, documenting the circumstances and new deadline. If the facility cannot be maintained appropriately, the animals will be removed and returned to intake.

Please complete the following information and either e-mail it to the Adoption Coordinator for your area (info on our web site) or send it via Direct Message to the SELR Facebook page. We will contact you as soon as your application has been processed. Your information and privacy will be respected and will not be provided to ANYONE except in reference to llama or alpaca rescue.

Contact Information:

Name		Date	
Address:			
Home Phone:			
Work Phone:			
Cell Phone:			
E-Mail:			

Primary Interest:	<input type="checkbox"/> Llama <input type="checkbox"/> Alpaca <input type="checkbox"/> Either
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Do you have any experience with livestock? If yes, what is it?	
Do you have any experience with llamas or alpacas? If yes, what is it?	
What is your interest in having llamas/alpacas? Check as many as are applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pet <input type="checkbox"/> Packing <input type="checkbox"/> Fiber <input type="checkbox"/> Showing <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H <input type="checkbox"/> Therapy animal <input type="checkbox"/> Petting Zoo <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian If guardian, what type of animals will the guardian be penned with? <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>(Please list)</i> Reminder: Breeding is NOT an option!
Exact Location where animals will be housed: <small>(please note if they will be boarded)</small>	



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Number of fenced acres accessible to the animals:	
Number of camelids currently housed on the property	Llamas: Females: ____ Geldings ____ Intact Males ____ Alpacas: Females: ____ Geldings ____ Intact Males ____
Other species which will share pasture/shelter with camelids (<i>Type/number</i>)	
Type & height of fencing <i>* Note: barbed wire is not generally acceptable.</i>	
Type/size of available shelter <i>* Note: Must be a minimum of 3 sided with free access</i>	

Mentor Information:

Although we will work with you to ensure you have as much information as possible regarding caring for camelids, a nearby mentor who can provide experienced guidance is always an asset. If you do not presently know of anyone who has llamas or alpacas, we will attempt to find someone willing to enter into a mentoring-type relationship.

I need help finding a mentor near me:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<i>I already have a mentor/peer within one hour's drive: (Please complete information below)</i>	
Mentor/Peer Name:	
Address	
Phone Number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Line <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile
E-mail Address:	
Mentor's llama or alpaca related experience:	

Veterinarian Information:

A vet with camelid experience is essential. If you have not located a vet near you, please let us know and we will attempt to locate someone. A camelid is very different in many respects from other livestock so your small animal vet will probably not be knowledgeable in their care.

I need help finding a local vet who treats llamas and/or alpacas:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
I have located this veterinarian who will treat llamas and make farm calls, or else I have a way to transport the llamas to this veterinarian:	



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Veterinarian Information (Cont.):

Vet Name:			
Address			
Phone:		E-mail Address:	

Additional Comments / Questions: *Include preferences regarding age, sex, ease of manageability, wool type, etc. Please include any information which will help us make the best match possible.*

PLEASE NOTE: - *We do not adopt out animals who have exhibited any indications of aggression however animals will have differing levels of social skills and training. It is important for you to be clear in regards to expectations.*