

# **ADOPTION PACKET**

## **OLYMPIC PENINSULA ALPACA RESCUE**

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Thank you for your interest in alpacas. Olympic Peninsula Alpaca Rescue (OPAR) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in Washington. Our endeavors are funded by donations, grants and adoption fees. This document provides the information and requirements for adoption or fostering a llama or alpaca from OPAR.

Steps to Adoption:

1. Review the Facility Requirements and Alpacas Care documents.
2. Locate an alpaca veterinarian in your area.
3. Complete and send the Adoption Application and Adoption Agreement to your assigned Adoption Coordinator.
4. A facility check will be arranged. Transportation issues may also be discussed at this time. (That is sometimes the most logistically difficult to arrange. If you can provide or hire transport, please do.)
5. Pay the adoption fee and welcome your alpaca home!

**WHAT DO YOU NEED TO ADOPT OR FOSTER LLAMAS or ALPACAS?**

Prior to placement, adopters must meet facility requirements and submit a completed Adoption Application. An OPAR Adoption Coordinator or member will conduct a facility check prior to placement. There is an adoption fee of \$500 per alpaca (\$750 llama).

**Pasture** • At least ½ acre for two llamas or 3 alpacas • Pasture must be clean and have enough space so llamas/alpacas do not stand or lie down in muck and mud • Enclosed with safe, five feet high, stable mesh or woven wire fencing in good repair (no barbed wire) • Free of hazards; i.e., abandoned farm machinery, "dump" areas with rusty metal, etc. • Free of poisonous plants • Llamas/alpacas cannot be pastured with horses or any other large animals • Animal dung must be removed weekly

**Shelter** • Shed with at least three sides facing out of prevailing wind • At least 30 square feet per llama/alpaca • Floor can be kept dry in wet, cold weather by bedding with straw, etc. • Shelter must have free access • Adequate shade

**Catch/Training Pen** • Made of sturdy materials • Not larger than 20 by 20 feet

**Truck/Trailer Optional** • Floor is well-maintained such that llamas' legs cannot fall through • No holes or rusty places that could entrap feet, legs, heads or otherwise cause injury • Hitch weld is secure, and

hitch has pin and safety chains • Doors latch securely • Enclosed so llamas cannot jump out • Tires have tread, including spare tire • Lights, signals and brake lights work

LLAMA CARE & FARM MAINTENANCE We've outlined the basic tasks required when caring for llamas.

Llama Care • Toenails: Check every 60 days and trim as needed (see pictures of overgrown nails!) • Shearing: Shear annually • Teeth: Cut males' fighting teeth at three years of age • Deworming: Annually or as needed by periodic fecal tests • Veterinarian: Provide when needed

Farm Maintenance • Feeding: Clean feeding area with enough of trough space per llama/alpaca • Water: Fresh, clean water available at all times. May need to be heated in winter. • Feed: Adequate supply of pasture or grass hay (moldy hay is not acceptable) • Supplements: - 8 ounces of llama/alpaca supplement per day per llama - Mineral salt (granular, not block preferred Stillwater Minerals)

ADOPTION AGREEMENT In consideration of the mutual promises by the parties hereto, which are expressly acknowledged as adequate by the parties, and in consideration of the adoption fee; if any, specified herein, OPAR. and the adopter agree as follows:

#### Term and Conditions

##### A. General

1. As used herein, the term 'Olympic Peninsula Alpaca Rescue' includes any authorized agent or agents thereof. As used herein, the term 'llama' or alpaca or 'llama or its cria' includes any cria of such llama adopted at the same time, the parent llama is adopted as well as any subsequently born cria of such llama.
2. OPAR, using ordinary standards of care shall not be responsible for injury to or death of the llama(s)/alpacas and any existing or subsequently born cria.
3. The adopter will hold harmless OPAR and its agents, in all respects and without limit from damages, loss, claims and injuries of any nature, to any person or property, including but not limited to the llamas or alpacas or future actions of the llamas/alpacas or any existing or subsequently born cria relating to or arising from the performance of this agreement.
4. This agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Washington.
5. This agreement represents the entire agreement between the OPAR and the adopter and supersedes all previous verbal and written agreements.
6. The parties agree that provision of safe, humane and medically appropriate food care and treatment are essential components of this agreement.

##### B. Conditions of Adoption

1. The adopter agrees to adopt the llama(s) /alpacas described in this agreement, and subject to the terms of this agreement for the adoption fee listed in this agreement. The adopter has 30 days from date of this agreement to cancel for a refund of adoption fee. Any expenses due to return are at the adopter's expense.

2.OPAR reserves the right to inspect the adopter's facilities and to cancel this agreement if, in the sole discretion of OPAR or its authorized agent, the adopter's facilities to house or care for the llama(s)/alpacas or conditions related to existing animals are unsatisfactory.

3. The adopter agrees to return the llama(s)/alpacas to OPAR at the adopter's expense, if for any reason they cannot care for, or no longer want them, and further agrees to not sell, give away, transfer or dispose of them in any other way.

4. The adopter will notify OPAR. of the llama(s)'s /alpacas death within 24 hours.

5. The adopter will allow an agent of OPAR to inspect the llama(s)/alpacas periodically, and expressly gives permission to OPAR or its authorized agent to contact the llama's /alpacas veterinarians, care givers or others with information pertaining to such llama/alpaca and to obtain any related records.

6. The adopter agrees to protect non-breeding females from exposure to intact males, and understands that failure to do so will result in the animals and any cria(s) returning immediately to the possession of OPAR.

7. The adopter assumes responsibility for the actions and future actions of the adopted llama/alpaca upon receipt of such animal.

I want to: **Adopt**/Foster Both

How many llamas would you like? \_\_\_\_

I would like to adopt/foster llamas because:

CONTACT: Name:

Street:

City:

State/Zip:

If different from above, address where llamas/alpacas will be housed:

Name:

Street

City State/Zip

Phone (hm):

Phone (wk):

Phone (cell):

Email:

FENCING: I have \_\_\_\_\_ acres safely fenced. Describe type and height of fencing:

SHELTER: Describe the shelter available (describe square footage, run-in or stalls, building type, etc.):

Phone (hm):

Phone (wk):

Phone (cell):

Email:

VET CARE: I have located a veterinarian who will treat animals.

Vet Name:

Street:

City:

State/Zip:

Phone1:

Phone2:

Email:

I agree to the terms outlined in the ADOPTION AGREEMENT.

Signature of Adoption/Foster Applicant