

**Great Western Alpaca Show**  
**April 30, May 1 & 2, 2010**  
**Sponsored by the Alpaca Breeders of the Rockies (ABR)**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. What exactly is the requirement for health checks?**

All animals transported to the show must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) completed not more than 30 days prior to the show. We suggest that your vet check the alpaca's ears for mites/ticks and treat if needed prior to the show. Ear check will be a part of the Veterinary Inspection at GWAS 2010 and treatment will be available at your own expense if problems are found. If ear ticks are found, those alpacas will be quarantined after treatment.

Bring a **photocopy** of your CVI that includes the alpaca's name, microchip number and the negative BVD status with a PCR test **to leave at vet check**. The BVDV "negative" or BVDV "not detected" test result must be written on the CVI along with the date of the test, the lab that performed the test and the testing method (PCR). **Attach copies of your ARI certificates to the copy of your CVI.** These will be retained by Show management. [AOBA rule]

In order to get your alpacas checked quickly, we will have 4 vets examining alpacas in the trailers in the Gate 7 area on the map. Once vet check is complete, you may proceed to the unloading area.

**2. Does that include animals not being shown?**

Yes, **ALL** animals coming into the barn must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection as listed in Item 1 including crias accompanying a dam and those in transit.

**3. I'm bringing several alpacas that I am not entering in the show, what forms do I need to bring them into the building?**

All alpacas entering the barn area must be registered with ARI, including crias accompanying a female and must have the Veterinary Certificate and BVD paperwork as outlined in Item 1.

**4. Alpaca check-in and registration is Thursday, April 29. Where do I go?**

Take I-70 to exit 275 (Brighton Blvd.) and go north on Brighton Blvd. Turn left into the National Western Complex at Gate 7 (Brighton Blvd. will continue to the right). All registrants with alpacas must enter the National Western Complex through Gate 7 (Thursday only). **IF** you have an RV or vehicle **not hauling alpacas**, you may enter through Gate 1. All alpacas must enter through Gate 7. Vendors may enter through Gate 2 (Wednesday afternoon and Thursday only). Alpaca check-in is from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Please contact Becky Zierer, 303-485-0475, if there is an emergency and you cannot make the 5:30 PM deadline. Need a detailed map of the complex area? Go to <http://www.alpacabreeders.org/gwas/2010/hotel.html>

We encourage exhibitors to set-up their displays on Wednesday, April 28, noon until 6 PM. However, no alpacas will be allowed to enter the barns until after vet check on Thursday, April 29. Volunteers for Thursday will be the first ones to go through vet check so if you are in line, please be patient.

**5. Will there be a photographer available?**

Yes, the information on where the photographer will be set-up and their price list will be available in the Registration Packet.

**6. Will additional bedding be available for purchase?**

Yes, additional bedding will be available. Information on the bedding will be available at Show Central in the west barn.

**7. Can we purchase additional parking passes?**

Each Exhibitor Farm/Ranch will receive one parking pass (good for the entire weekend) in their registration packet. Parking on Thursday is free. Additional parking passes may be purchased at Show Central for \$15.00. Regular parking around the National Western Complex is \$8 – \$15 per day (no in & out).

**8. Are reservations required for the Saturday Night Dinner?**

Yes, please contact Cindy, [cindy@hobertltd.com](mailto:cindy@hobertltd.com), (970) 586-5589, and let her know the number of tickets you need for dinner and then mail your check to ABR, P. O. Box 1965, Estes Park, CO 80517 or Cindy will take your credit card information. Enjoy dinner with your show friends, the Silent Auction, and other surprises!! Limit of 300, so sign up soon! Your dinner tickets will be included in the registration packet in the vinyl pouch of your name tag.

**9. Are exhibitors allowed to sell alpaca products from their stalls?**

No, unless someone purchases a Vendor Booth, they are not allowed to sell items from their booths. Our Vendors paid a premium price for their space and it is not fair to allow others to sell from their booths. Some of the Vendors will be set up in the barn area and others in the area between the barn and the arena. We also have vendors upstairs at the fourth annual Denver Fiber Fiesta. Contact Barb Dedecker, Denver Fiber Fiesta Coordinator, [barb@rapunzelsfarm.com](mailto:barb@rapunzelsfarm.com), for information.

**10. How will the show rings set-up?**

ABR's commitment to you is a well-run show that draws attention to alpacas and highlights the characteristics of alpaca fiber to the public. As such, one ring will be dedicated to Suri alpacas, one to Huacaya females and one to Huacaya males. You can be confident that your alpaca will be in the right ring for its class by following the posted class listings. The AOBA show order will be followed, starting with Black through White then Gray, Indefinite & Multi. Championships will be held in each color group immediately following the completion of that color group. It is anticipated that the Group Classes will be held on Sunday morning concurrently with the Performance Show. Please have enough handlers available during the entire show to cover your entries in 3 rings.

**11. How is the health of my alpacas protected during GWAS?**

We rely on all exhibitors to use their best judgment and bring only healthy alpacas to our show. Please leave any alpaca that is not absolutely healthy at home. Before entering the barn areas, all alpacas are checked in their trailers by a veterinarian wearing disposable gloves and booties. Alpacas that are found to be ill are quarantined in a separate area, cordoned off from other alpacas, until released by one of the show vets.

Good ventilation and cleanliness of pens are keys to keeping your alpacas healthy during any show. At GWAS, the ventilation fans will be kept at maximum at all times so that air circulation is maintained. The National Western Complex power washes the stalls with a Clorox solution and the floors are sprinkled with an enzyme cleaner and then swept. Water is from the City of Denver and does contain normal amounts of chlorine. You are welcome to bring your own fans and water to further ensure your alpacas comfort. Electricity is available at no charge. Our Health & Barn Requirements can be found at [http://www.alpacabreeders.org/gwas/2010/health\\_barnreq.html](http://www.alpacabreeders.org/gwas/2010/health_barnreq.html).

**12. How do I get extra badges?**

If you have people coming to the show that were not listed on the entry form, please contact Cindy, [cindy@hobertltd.com](mailto:cindy@hobertltd.com), before April 20 with the names and a badge will be made for them.

**13. Will there be shearing available?**

Yes, shearers will be available. Shearers are charged for a Vendor space and anyone who buys a space can shear. They will be located in the east barn. Payment will be contracted between you and the shearer.

**14. Are RV hook-ups available?**

RV hook-ups are available for electricity only. The spaces only have **30 amps**. Cost for a space is \$20.00 per night. Please make your check payable to ABR and send to P. O. Box 1965, Estes Park, CO 80517. There are a limited number of spaces still available so please send your check ASAP to ensure a space.

**15. What are the host hotel, their address, rate and last day to get the show rate?**

The host hotel for GWAS 2010 is the Embassy Suites Denver-Aurora, 4444 North Havana Street, Denver, CO 80239, 303-375-0400, room rate is \$89.00 per night, last date to reserve rooms at the \$89.00 rate is **March 31, 2010**.

**16. What is the last date for registration for the Great Western Alpaca Show?**

The on-line registration will be open thru midnight on **April 9, 2010**. Any changes after that day will incur a **\$10.00 fee for every change made**. All cancellations will be charged a \$50.00 fee and **refunds after April 9 will be at the discretion of the Show Management** after the end of the show.