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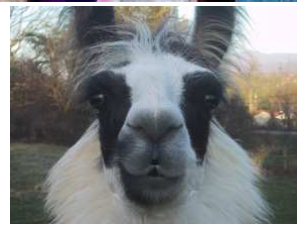


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# 2007 Annual Report

Dear Friends, Volunteers, and Supporters of SELR:

We are pleased to share with you our Seventh Annual Report for calendar year 2007. Southeast Llama Rescue, Inc. experienced a transformation during the past year, with the complete decentralization of llama foster care from our former main facility in Mars Hill, NC, to foster homes and foster centers across the region. The board of advisors, coordinators, and volunteers of SELR weathered adversities as changing situations prompted new directions and approaches to llama rescue.

61 llamas and 9 alpacas were accepted into the care of SELR and 58 llamas were adopted to new homes. 12 llamas went to a sanctuary in Texas. A report on the relocation may be found on page 7. SELR left our former facility at Mountin' Hopes Therapeutic Riding Facility after several years of housing llamas and alpacas there. We wish to thank the Board and staff at Mountin' Hopes for their support and we wish them well as they move forward with their NARHA Accreditation.

SSLA (Southern States Llama Association) generously offered free one-year membership to new SELR adopters. GALA (Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association) held a fall fundraiser that brought over \$7,350.00 to SELR. SELR was represented across the southeast, Midwest, and mid-Atlantic states at fairs, shows, and other events by our dedicated volunteers.

SELR lost a friend with the passing of Kristin Hopkins, also known as K'North. Kris was a dedicated volunteer and animal advocate.

SELR thanks you for your support. We are looking forward to next year and the opportunities it will bring!

Our best regards,  
2008 SELR Board of Directors:

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| * Lynette Melton, Chair          | * George Brandon  |
| * Deb Logan, Vice Chair          | * Helen Carpenter |
| * Melissa Perryman,<br>Secretary | * Pat Cothran     |
| * Nancy Sottosanti,<br>Treasurer | * Susan Gawarecki |
| * Chris Adams                    | * Chris Stull     |
|                                  | * Julie Weir      |
|                                  | * Ricky Zachow    |

**Cover Photos:** *Center:* Cory Wilde & Noches *Clockwise from Upper Left:* 9 surrendered alpacas; Kris Paige & McCloud; Vatsana /Nancy Sottosanti; Copperbright & other llamas/ Julie Weir; Sammy/Pat Cothran; Linda Brier & Mack; Helen Moore & Floyd; Cory Wilde & llamas at Mountin' Hopes; Kim Melton & Young Man; Pat Cothran & Teeter



SELR Logo created by Paige McGrath

## General Information

Southeast Llama Rescue, Inc. (SELR) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, incorporated in North Carolina, and covering most states south of New York to the Mississippi River, as well as most of the southwest and parts of the Midwest.

SELR assists llama owners by providing information and finding local "mentors" to help with basic care. In situations where the owners are not interested in keeping the llamas, we take them in. In abuse cases we sometimes work with local law enforcement and animal control authorities. SELR also works closely with Indian Creek Llama Sanctuary, Northeast Llama Rescue, Southwest Llama Rescue, and LANA Llama Lifeline.

SELR is funded by private donations and adoption fees. It is governed by a Board that presently consists of members from the states of Georgia, Illinois, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

SELR has experience rehabilitating llamas that have been labeled with Berserk Male Syndrome or Aberrant Behavior Syndrome, as well as llamas that are fearful or have been mishandled or over-handled early in life and now exhibit aggressive tendencies or other unwelcome behaviors. SELR may be able to

provide some assistance to llama and alpaca owners in determining the extent to which the behavior can be modified.

*The mission of SELR is to protect the quality of life and improve the well being of abused, neglected, unwanted, and behaviorally unmanageable llamas through prevention, education, intervention, placement, and lifelong care.*

When SELR gains possession of animals, they are vetted, gelded if male, and placed in pre-screened adoptive or foster homes. Females are placed with a non-breeding contract. Llamas with behavior problems go to our foster homes that are experienced with aggressive behaviors, as space is available in these homes, and are evaluated and rehabilitated. Likewise, special needs llamas go to foster homes with special care experience. Mentors check on all adopted llamas at least annually. If for any reason the adoptive home can no longer care for the llamas, they must be returned to SELR.

### *Mailing Address and Contributions:*

#### **SELR**

678 Mill Creek Road  
Luray, Virginia 22835

*Contributions may also be made by using the PayPal link on our website.*

#### **Website:**

[www.southeastllamarescue.org](http://www.southeastllamarescue.org)

#### **E-mail:**

[Llamaquestions@southeastllamarescue.org](mailto:Llamaquestions@southeastllamarescue.org)

## Community Outreach

A number of our dedicated volunteers represented SELR at various venues in 2007. On April 18, the **Llama Leaders of Effingham, IL** visited the farm & foster center of Julie Weir, SELR BoA & Adoption Coordinator, for the Illinois Llama Association Spring Conference. Led by JoAnn Ring, the attendees made & donated 15 lead ropes to SELR.

In May, Lynette Melton, SELR BoA Chair, joined Helen Moore, author of *Trek with Floyd*, at **Johnson Farm in Mills River, NC** to present a book review and provide information about SELR. May also brought a SELR "Meet and Greet" with foster llamas at the shop of Elaine Autrey in Albertville, AL.

In June, Pat Cothran, SELR BoA & Adoption Coordinator, took SELR foster llamas to the **Tractor Supply Adoption Fair** in Asheville, NC. Kim and Lynette Melton volunteered at the event, too. Starr Cash designed and provided SELR t-shirts for the volunteers (photo below).



Pat Cothran and her nephew Cory took two llamas to the summer camp at **Eliada Home for Children** in July.

Deb Logan, SELR BoA Vice Chair & Adoption Coordinator, set up a SELR booth at the **NC Mountain State Fair** in Fletcher, NC, on September 8-9. Lynette and Kim Melton, Linda Brier, and Alvin Bean worked as SELR representatives. Starr Cash contributed to the day by designing and providing SELR t-shirts for volunteers.



Norman Moore & Floyd

On October 13-14, Deb Logan manned a booth at the **Georgia National Fair** in Perry, GA, and ran the SELR and SSLA raffles. The same Saturday, SELR volunteers Kim and Lynette Melton, Starr Cash, and Elizabeth and Bailey Strub joined Helen Moore, author of *Trek with Floyd*, at the **Western NC Nature Center's Hey Day** (photo above). Helen and her husband Norman brought their llamas Floyd and Marlin, and donated a portion of their book sales to SELR. Kristen Janson, illustrator of the book, and her son Jason assisted at the event.

Lynette and Kim Melton, Pat Cothran and her nephew Cory, Sunny and Bob Eckhart, and Starr Cash worked at the SELR booth at the **SAFF** show on October 27-28.

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## Community Outreach Continued

On November 2-4, Sean Day, Adoption Coordinator, hosted a SELR table at the **North American Llama and Alpaca Show** in Louisville, KY.

On November 6-9, Nancy Sottosanti, SELR BoA and Treasurer, had a booth and conducted a presentation about llama rescue and SELR at the **GALA (Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association) Conference** in Harrisburg, PA.

Adoption Coordinator Helen Carpenter had a SELR booth at the annual picnic & fundraiser for **Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary**.

In November, Nancy Sottosanti and her llamas were featured in a television news story for **WHSV-TV** about how Goodsearch helps charities such as SELR.

Ricky and Roman, two SELR foster llamas, spent the summer as llama emissaries at the **Pisgah Girl Scout Camp** in Brevard, NC (photo below).



A number of other SELR volunteers participated in public events with llamas serving as diplomats to the

community. These included the Atlanta Festival of Trees Parade, and Christmas Parades in Inverness, FL; Dallas, GA; and Oak Ridge, TN.



Sheri Monger & Liliane Grant

SELR volunteers contributed articles to several llama publications. Susan Gawarecki, SELR BoA, wrote an informative piece for the ***Southern States Llama Association Journal***. Pat Cothran and her llamas were featured in an article about SELR in the ***Laurel of Asheville Magazine***. L'illette Vasquez of Southwest Llama Rescue (SWLR) contributed an article about llama rescue stories to the ***International Camelid Quarterly***.

Special recognition goes to Bob Huss, who enriches the SELR community with his stories and support.

## Committees

SELR Committees in 2007 were the Adoptions Committee, By-Laws Committee, Elections Committee, Fundraising Committee, and Newsletter Committee. Their activities are reflected throughout this report.

## Fundraising

The **Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association (GALA)** hosted a grand fundraising event at their annual conference on November 10-11, 2007. GALA members contributed handcrafted ornaments for the Christmas Trees Auction to benefit SELR. SELR volunteers provided ornaments for one of the auction trees. Tom Knisely of The Mannings donated an alpaca fiber shawl that was made during the conference to benefit SELR as well. A total of \$7,352.94 was raised for SELR!



LAFF Felters Group at GALA Fundraiser

Deb Logan held raffles at the **North Carolina Mountain State Fair**, and the **Georgia National Fair** in the fall. The **June Tractor Supply Adoption Fair** in Asheville, NC, and the **October Hey Day at the WNC Nature Center** also brought in donations for SELR.

A travel trailer donated by Shay Stratford and Tom Wilson was sold to benefit SELR in the amount of \$3,000.00. A spa donated by JoAnn Close and Austin Morrisey brought in \$3,500.00.

SELR earned income through sales of



GALA Fundraiser

**CafePress** items, partnership with **iGive.com**, and by the participation of supporters using **Goodsearch.com**, an internet search engine

that donates money to the charity its users designate. SELR set up an account with **Missionfish**, which enables users of Ebay to designate a portion of their sale to a charity. SELR supporters also signed their **Food Lion MVP** cards to benefit SELR. Additionally, SELR supporters set up accounts with **Suntrust Bank** and designated the \$100 charity donation to SELR.

The Hall Family of **Posey This is It Llamas** in VA contributed donations from their annual open house. 2007 was the second year that the Hall Family supported SELR in this way.

Several artisans contributed a portion of their sales to SELR. Joe and Pat Girolamo of **Heavenly Scent Candles** donated money from the sale of their llama candles. Linda Vantresco of **Shymali Llamas** donated jewelry and a portion of the sales of her llama jewelry and llama tapestries. **The Unique Goat Studio** donated items and a percentage from sales of llama ornaments.

## Internal Development

SELR underwent drastic changes during 2007. The first part of the year brought the relocation of all adoptable llamas from the Mars Hill, NC facility to foster homes and centers across the region. Several llamas with health issues went to Indian Creek Llama Sanctuary. In September, 12 llamas deemed unadoptable due to behavior problems moved to a 1,500 acre sanctuary in Texas. While they will receive health care and shearing as needed, their contact with humans will be lessened. These llamas develop stress-related health problems while in proximity to humans, so the greater freedom of their new environment is expected to be beneficial to them. The remaining ABS llamas that require more hands-on care will move to private foster care in January 2008.

Our **Foster Centers** continued to serve as homes for groups of llamas. Foster Centers were located in Alabama, Arizona, Illinois, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

The new and improved **SELR website** was launched on March 31, thanks to the efforts of Tracy Snell and Deb Logan. The website continues to expand and serve our community.

*The Llama Rescue Review*, SELR's quarterly e-newsletter, reached an increasing number of subscribers. The e-newsletter, published by

Melissa Perryman and Flo Matheson, features stories and photos contributed by SELR volunteers and members of the llama community.

**Wichita's Fund** provides financial assistance to individuals when they request help with things such as major veterinary bills. In 2007, the fund provided financial assistance to an alpaca owner whose alpaca, Mercedes, needed veterinary care for a seizure disorder at the University of Ohio. Mercedes' owner, Michelle Zumwalt, later made a donation to SELR to show her appreciation.



### In Memory

Fifteen llamas whose lives enriched SELR passed away during 2007. The majority died from old age or declining health while in their foster or adoptive homes. A few died as a result of the parasite issues at the Mars Hill facility. We remember them all fondly.

## We Thank our 2007 Donors

Mary Able	Claudia Hammack	of Star Conroy)
Kris & Lloyd Alien	Liz Harrison	Joan Rettenburger
Susan Appenzeller	Corinne Hewett	Daniel Richardson
Jon Barksdale	Theresa Holmes	Tricia & Henry
F. E. Baxter	Larry Hopkins	Semmelhack
Alvin Bean	Tricia Huffman	Amy Shever
Michelle Belak-Merllino	Macyln Humphrey	Sharon Sloan
Catherine Bente	Susan & Bill Johns	Claire Smith
Lee Beringsmith	Bill & Sue Johnson	Sydney Smith
Serita Blankenbecier	Nancy Judson	Nancy Sottosanti
Ann Bodnyk	Bobbie Kolehouse	Claire & John Smith
Catherine Boyer	Lisa Kana	Gretchen Spickerman
Linda Brier	Mary Lou Hassell-Landre	Ted Spirakis
John & Carol Brinnington	Chuck & Sonja Leach	Lorene Steffes
Lisa Brown	Darlene Lewis	Susan Sterling
Rebecca Burcham	Pat Little	Linda Vantresco
Sue Byrd	Llama Association of	L'illette Vasquez
Ashli Carter-Smith	Arkansas- Memory of	Mary Ellen Vealey
Helen & Lyle Carpenter	Hall Cornell	Julie Weir
Lindsay & Jeff Chandler	Llama Leaders 4-H	Shay Stratford & Tom
Virginia Christensen	Deb & Danny Logan	Wilson
Kathy & Nevin Cooley	Lucy Lowe	Richard Wells
George & Pat Cothran	Cheryl Luchner	Michelle Zumwalt
JoAnn Close and Austin	Lynch	
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Nancy Ferguson	Norman & Helen Moore	iGive
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Susan Gawarecki	Christine Owen	Pet Expo
Chris Gill	Jeff Peach	Rocky Mountain Llama &
Pat and Joe Girolamo	Jeff & Melissa Perryman	Alpaca Association
Carol Grace	Lauren Puma	Suntrust Bank
Chela Grey	Joyce & John Reedy	Tractor Supply of
Linda Grotzinger	Carol & Douglas Reigh	Asheville, NC
Joyce & Jamee Hall	Nancy Relvea (Memory	<b>Continued on Page 9</b>

To those 2007 donors not listed, we are grateful for your support.

## 2007 Veterinarian Donors

SELR wishes to thank the veterinarians who contributed time, supplies, and services to support our efforts.

Appalachian Equine Veterinary Service/NC  
 Foothills Mobile Veterinary Service/NC  
 Jon Hatcher, Ark Animal Clinic/GA  
 Ohio State University veterinarian  
 Susan Vogel, and vet students Illaina  
 Euvard and Josh Jackson  
 Susan Sterling, Smokey Mountain  
 Animal Clinic/TN  
 Virginia Towles, All Pets Animal Clinic/GA  
 University of Tennessee Vet. Hospital



## 2007 Adopters

Allison & Guy Aday- <i>China and Mei Xiang</i>	<i>Crystal Rivers Snickers</i>	Juliet & Joe Perdue- <i>Lucky</i>
Elaine Autrey-Larry	Maelyn Humphrey- <i>Little Big Man</i>	Jeff & Melissa Perryman - <i>Mica</i>
Linda Brier-Mack	Shirley Engelhardt- <i>Raisin Cain</i>	Gail & Charles Platt- <i>Tops</i>
Helen Carpenter- <i>Coozie</i>	Corinne Hewitt- <i>Moses &amp; Kiara</i>	Jay & Kitty Prucnal- <i>Valentina</i>
Nita Bernier Cirioni- <i>Besty &amp; Bambi</i>	Nigel Ingleton- <i>SoftShoe, Earl, &amp; PT</i>	Barbara Ruehl- <i>Wolf Chief</i>
Teresa & Ed Cornell,- <i>Linda G, Missie, Betty</i>	Bradley & Michelle Kishbaugh- <i>Flossie, Harley, &amp; Gabe</i>	Carla & Donald Samson- <i>Sophia &amp; Sugar</i>
Pat & George Cothran- <i>Aurora &amp; Clementine</i>	Shirley and Robert Klein- <i>Muffin Cain</i>	Michael & Sally Sapp- <i>Dhali Llama &amp; Gina</i>
Bob and Sunny Eckhart- <i>Showoff</i>	Kimberly Lednum- <i>Scorpio</i>	Juli & Rodney Shipman- <i>Cassiopeia</i>
Shirley Englehardt- <i>Raisin Cain</i>	Mark Lowry- <i>Chico</i>	Barbara Smith- <i>Sahara &amp; Louie</i>
Nancy & Alan Ferguson- <i>Jesse &amp; Lope</i>	Marie Nix & Chris Marino- <i>Fred &amp; Indigo</i>	Ronnie and Rena Solesby- <i>Ricky &amp; Roman</i>
Katy Futrelle- <i>Athena</i>	David & Diane Moore- <i>Marty and Randy</i>	Karen Thatcher-Smith- <i>Sammi</i>
Michelle Galbraith- <i>Ritz &amp; Armani</i>	Sheri Monger- <i>Tacoma</i>	Nancy Thacher- <i>Bob</i>
Chris Gill - <i>The Texas Twelve</i>	Diana Moxcey- <i>Nefertiti</i>	Craig Eslep- <i>Spot</i>
Melissa Griggs- <i>Patch</i>	Andra Nus- <i>Dallas &amp; ZaZu</i>	
Jane & James Greenfield, <i>Jimmy-Carter &amp;</i>		

## SELR Volunteers

### For Calendar Year 2007:

#### Founders

Alvin Bean  
Lance Hardcastle

#### Board of Advisors

Lynette Melton, *Chair*  
Deb Logan, *Vice Chair*  
Chris Adams, *Secretary*  
Nancy Sottosanti, *Treasurer*  
Pat Cothran  
Susan Gawarecki  
Chris Stull  
Julie Wier  
Ricky Zachow

#### 2007 Adoption Coordinators by State

Alabama—Deborah Logan  
Arizona—Alicia Santiago  
Georgia- Deborah Logan  
Florida- Claudia Hammack  
Indiana—Julie Weir  
Illinois—Julie Weir  
Kentucky—Julie Weir  
Maryland and D.C.—Nancy Sottosanti  
Michigan—Sean Day/Carol Ann Guyer  
Missouri—Julie Weir  
New Mexico—F.E. Baxter  
North Carolina—Pat Cothran  
Ohio (Northern) - Helen Carpenter  
Ohio (Southern) - Chris Adams  
Oklahoma—Nancy Viviani  
Pennsylvania—Chris Stull/Kate McKelvie  
South Carolina— Shirley Englehart  
Tennessee—Deborah Logan  
Texas- Susan Coley  
Utah—Alicia Santiago  
Virginia- Nancy Sottosanti  
West Virginia- Annie Higginbotham

#### Volunteer Coordinator

Sandy Middlebrook

#### Newsletter Editors

Melissa Perryman  
Flo Matheson

### SELR 2007 Foster Centers

Elaine Autrey	Alicia Santiago
Alvin Bean	Chris Stull
Paul & Heidi Celluci	Julie Weir
Flo Matheson	

### SELR 2007 Foster Homes

Chris Adams	Apryl Kohut
F. E. Baxter	Donna Martin
George & Pat	Kate and Scott
Brandon	McKelvie
Helen Carpenter	Sandy McMaster
Susan Coley	Kim & Lynette
Pat & George	Melton
Cothran	Sheri & Jimmy
Spike Gram	Monger
Linda Grotzinger	Jo-Ann Close and
Becky Hargis	Austin Morrissey
Claudia Hammack	Kim Peters
Corrine Hewett	Charles & Gail Platt
Connie Hudack	Kitty & Jay Prucnal
Charlotte Hughes	Nancy Sottosanti
Lisa McClellan	Larry Sours
Horton	Donna Timmerman
Jana Johnson	Nina Winchester
Dave & Lisa Kana	Ricky Zachow
Ray Keivett	

### SELR 2007 Transporters

Elaine Autrey  
Alvin Bean  
George and Pat Brandon  
Pat and George Cothran  
Susan Gawarecki  
Randall & Monty Gooding  
Deborah and Danny Logan  
Flo Matheson  
Kim and Lynette Melton  
Nancy Sottosanti  
Susan Sterling  
Julie Weir

*Our Volunteers have driven over 9,500 miles to transport lamas in 2007! Additionally, SELR volunteers have spent over \$10,000 on hay, feed, & supplies for the lamas.*

## SELR Annual 2007 Treasurer's Report

<b>INCOME for 2007</b>		Medicines	429.37
Adoption fees	11,175.00	Miscellaneous Expense (ICLS & Stillpointe)	1,600.00
Donations	22,519.71	Office	28.71
Income projects:		Paypal fees	72.83
Cafe Press	224.44	Postage	11.05
GoodSearch	131.96	Rent Paid	1,232.00
Raffles	846.00	Supplies	375.40
Miscellaneous projects	77.00	Travel-mileage	1,561.30
Wichita's Fund	220.00	Vet:	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$35,194.11</b>	UTenn	10,325.09
<b>EXPENSES for 2007</b>		Vet - Other	2,849.00
Bank Charges	112.06	Non-SELR	230.00
Car & Truck	319.83	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$26,444.30</b>
Farm Upkeep	828.60	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$8,749.81</b>
Feed:		CASH on Hand:	
Grain	1,441.84	Page Valley Bank	\$11,491.02
Hay	827.03	Wachovia Bank	891.54
Combined	2,326.91	<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>\$12,382.56</b>
Gas	157.00		
Insurance	1,016.28		
Intern payments	700.00		

### Message from the Chair

As you read our Annual Report and reminisce with us about 2007, I want to take just a minute to wish all our supporters a Happy New Year. Words are inadequate to express my and the Board's appreciation for all that each of our volunteers and supporters has done for the llamas and alpacas in the past year and all you continue to do as we move into 2008.

An extra large welcome to our new SELR Board Members for 2008! George Brandon, Helen Carpenter, and Melissa Perryman have shadowed the Board the past three months to see how we work and the types of issues that we address on a daily basis. Many thanks and welcome back to the incumbent Board members who have agreed to continue to serve.

At SELR, we find ourselves in a unique situation in 2008 - we have some money! And, we have Regional Foster Centers - opportunities that I believe we can approach and use wisely to grow and build our services to a grand new level.

I'm quite proud of our accomplishments in 2007, which Melissa has highlighted beautifully in this annual report. I LOVE our newsletter! I'm pleased that we are moving away from a central location and reaching out through regional foster centers, allowing better and easier access by interested folks to our adoptable lamas.

I'm grateful that each of us has come through the many and sometimes severe challenges that we've faced personally and as an organization in 2007. I'm additionally grateful that, in spite of those challenges and stresses, we're all still here, dedicated to SELR.

We have challenges. We have opportunities. Let's BUILD in 2008!

Thanks to everyone,  
Lynette