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SELR's Llama Personal Edition

By Melissa Perryman, SELR BoD

Happy Holidays, to one and all! We hope that the holiday season brings good food, happy gatherings, and warm llama hugs to you and your kin.

During this time when we feel extra appreciation for the ones we love, there are those who are still looking for that special someone . . . "those" being SELR foster llamas! Some of the llamas in Southeast Llama Rescue's adoption program have been looking for their forever homes for a while. Some may not be fancy, or some may be shy, but to the right person, they are the perfect match!

Over the last four years, my family and I have adopted four llamas from SELR, and each one has touched our hearts in his own way. During these tough economic times, I hear of many people having to give up their beloved cats and dogs . . . and even llamas. It makes me want to try even harder to find loving homes for animals in need.

If you think you have room for another special edition to your farm, or if you know anyone who might be looking for a new camelid pal, please check out our holiday edition. The perfect llama may be waiting on another page!

If now isn't the time to adopt a living, breathing llama, don't forget about our virtual adoption program. During this holiday time, please consider a special gift for a friend or family member that will benefit the llamas in the care of SELR. Visit southeastllamarescue.org for more information.



Photo by Tracy Snell, SELR Webmistress

SELR Mission Statement: 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.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

By Deb Logan, SELR BoD, Vice Chair

Have I got your attention? Good! We are in trouble...big time trouble! Indian Creek Llama Sanctuary, a 501(3)c organization run by George and Pat Brandon in Oliver Springs, Tennessee has long been a critical partner for SELR as well as to the llama community in general. Often it is where the old, the infirm and sometimes the physically compromised animals go to live out their lives in a safe and loving environment. Without ICLS, there is absolutely no telling how many animals would have had to be turned away over the years as there just aren't enough people who are in the position to care for animals which require special care and attention.

ICLS currently houses approximately 40 rescue animals (many of which arrived via SELR) which average a dollar a day to maintain. That average includes the special supplements and additional meds that some of the population require. That figure is outside of "normal" vet bills as well as any critical care received at the University of Tennessee vet school. It also does not take into account the time and energy all that specialized care requires of George and Pat!

Due to the current economic situation, donations to ICLS have all but dried up.

Because they do not adopt out animals, the Brandon's have no viable means to generate income other than to rely on their retirement savings to bridge the gap. Recently, that gap has become too wide to span!! If something is not done soon, ICLS will be forced to close its doors!

This is a call to action! These folks have always been there for us and now it is time for all those in the llama community who recognize and value the service they provide to help support ICLS in time of need. What if you were forced to give up your M-worm survivor with the drunken gait or your guy with the flat pasterns? What about your older gal who has a lot of life yet to live but cannot compete when buyers insist on younger animals? How about the fellow who cannot keep weight on without close supervision and who gets cold in the winter without his coat? Who will make sure they are taken care of when you cannot? The sad fact is that without ICLS they are in jeopardy. SELR is consistently challenged just to place the healthy animals!

Hopefully together we can pull together to help them get back on track financially, but it will take more than just a shot in the arm. Over the next few weeks, we at SELR will create a web page

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containing profiles of some of the animals who currently reside at ICLS and offering sponsorships for a dollar a day - \$30.00 a month. Surely some of you can help out with a dollar a day? I know I can...Starbucks will just have to do without me. I have better things to do with my money!

Your tax deductible donation can be sent to:

Indian Creek Llama
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 564 Mahoney Road
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Showoff



SELR # 240

This 4 1/2 year old gelding lives up to his name, as he is truly handsome. Showoff is ILR registered and he has an impressive lineage, with a multiple ALSA Grand Champion sire. He has wonderful conformation and true black fiber.

Showoff's fiber is very fine, just waiting to be spun! Showoff is currently in foster care in NE Tennessee.

White Lightening



SELR # 253

White Lightening is one of those llamas who has been overlooked for far too long! When I saw this photo of her, she reminded me of a unicorn—this girl is magical.

Lightening is 6-7 years old. She wears a light brown spot on her back and one of her forehead. Lightening has come a very long way in her foster home. She was, at first, difficult to handle and very nervous towards new things, due to little previous human contact. Lightening is now easily haltered, walks fairly well and begs for treats in the pasture. She's a very lovely llama who smiles all the times. It's easy to believe she could be someone's very favorite llama. She is in foster care in Western NC.



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Rizor



SELR # 199

I can't believe this gorgeous boy hasn't been snapped up yet! He has wonderful ears, fiber, and a striking coloration.

Rizor is a 6 year old castrated male with very dense fiber. He is on the small size for a llama being just barely larger than an alpaca. He halters and leads easily but needs boundaries reinforced and placement with a herd of strong but fair geldings. The best setting for Rizor would be with someone who has horse handling experience and is accustomed to working with large animals. He would not be suitable for the first time llama owner or small children.

Rizor is currently in foster care in Pennsylvania.



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Hera



SELR # 310

Hera has been waiting sooo long for her hero! She's content at her foster home but she really wants someone for her very own.

Hera is ILR registered, and she has a lovely appy face. She is 7 years old and is currently in foster care in Illinois.

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Ivoire



SELR # 401

Ivoire (pronounced 'iv war a') is a beautiful, classic-styled lady. She was born in 1998 and she is a healthy girl in good condition.

True to her name, Ivoire is all white. She looks like a classic llama but her fiber is not classic. She is in foster care in Northwest NC.

Chaz



SELR # 389

Aww, don't you just want to give Chaz a big kiss? He might not be the "Brad Pitt" of llamas, but he makes up for it with his charm!

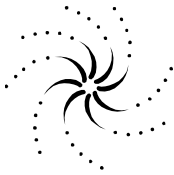
Chaz is a brown/black gelding, born in 1994. He has a good disposition. Chaz has a tendency to stay on the slender side, so he needs free access to feed and hay. He also gets the shivers when it rains or goes below 40 degrees, so he needs access to shelter from rain and wind. It would be ideal for Chaz to move to a warmer climate. He is down on his pasterns but it doesn't seem to cause him trouble getting around.

This older gentleman would reward the needed extras with love. Please consider giving Chaz a forever home. He is currently in foster care in Western NC.



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Kokopelli Krisko

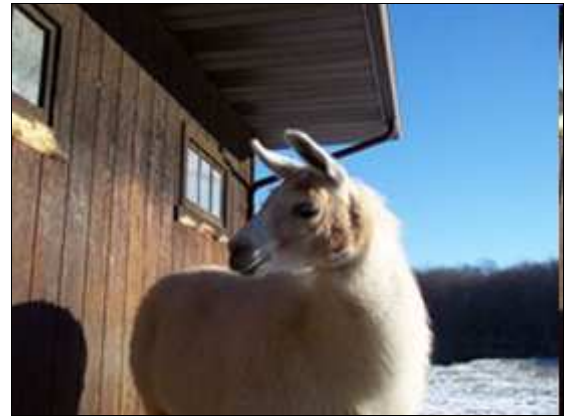


SELR # 199

Kokopelli Krisko is a 5 yr old gelding surrendered due to divorce. He is a tall, big boned llama with beautiful medium/long wool.

Needs some training but halters in a catch pen & leads with minimal encouragement. Krisko needs special care due to torn ligaments/tendons in one rear leg. He gets daily meds for comfort plus he needs a flat, easily maneuverable pasture with sedate pasture-mates as he should not jump or run. He's been trained to trailer load, walk up on a scale & into a chute. Krisko is a natural guardian, but once he knows 'family' he's very approachable & stands for back scratches. Krisko needs sturdy fencing because he loves to rub his neck on gates/barn. He would make an excellent 'buddy' for an older or younger, gentle gelding, as he's been a best friend/guard to an 'old man' while in foster care.

Krisko is currently in foster care in Pennsylvania.



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Larry



SELR # 421

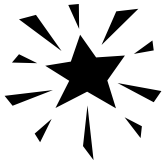
If you need a guard llama, Larry is the llama for the job!

Larry was turned in by his owners due to their inability to obtain winter hay. He is relatively skittish with people although he will follow and come in closer when your back is turned. Gelded 10/10/07. Larry is white with a brown blanket; medium wool. A rather small statured guy. He is estimated to be around 3 years old.

Larry is a great guard - he is very alert and will not let anything into his pasture. He is exceedingly dog aggressive.

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Bob



SELR # 413

If you've ever longed for an appy, this is the boy for you! What ears! What spots! Don't let his simple name fool you, this gelding is not ordinary!

Bob, who is about 4 years old, gets along well with llamas, goats, and sheep. He was surrendered during the summer of 2007 because, after castration, he continued to jump fences to be in the company of females. He is pastured next to females at his foster farm in Pennsylvania, and he has never even hinted at jumping a fence. He is an extremely sweet llama who leads well and enjoys going on walks. He does require a bit of guidance during haltering but learns quickly and is not the least bit aggressive. This handsome appy would make an excellent companion to someone willing to put in a bit of time and consistency.

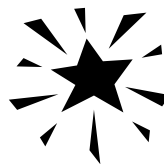


Pick me, Pick me!!

Contact Information for Bob: llamalife@comcast.net



Winston of Orange



SELR #416

Winston, a member of the llama royal family, is an 8 year old gelding with appaloosa coloring. He has medium to heavy wool. Despite his royal standing, he is a very sweet natured guy who is just begging for someone to give him the attention he craves.

Winston was surrendered as part of a herd reduction necessitated by owner health issues. He is in foster care in Alabama.

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Mirabella



SELR # 398

Mirabella is a white/dilute appy who was born in 1992. She is down on her front pasterns, but good natured and easy to handle.

Mirabella would do best on a flat pasture. She needs to be with an older crowd who aren't interested in rough play.

Mirabella might be a nice addition for someone interested in a regal older lady that would be a wonderful companion.



Contact Information for Mirabella: llamacoordinator@bellsouth.net

Tintagal, Dandy, & Leo



SELR #471, 474, 490

Would you take a look at these three cuties! (Left to Right: Leo, Dandy and Tintagal). These little guys are all around 6 to 7 months of age. Each comes from a different background, but are all gentle, friendly crias ready for a new forever home. All have been wormed, trained to stand for handling, easily haltered and excellent on a lead. Dandy in the center has even taken to obstacle training with gusto!

These boys would need to be kept separate from female llamas until they are gelded at the appropriate age.

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Holiday Photos



Above: Claudia and John Hammack with llama friends Snazzi Razzi and Tux celebrate the holiday season in Florida.

Upper Right: Santa's helpers, Dazzle and Page, attend a Christmas parade in Virginia.

Right: SELR adopters share a photo of their llama "Blitzed Son" as he poses in reindeer gear.



Support SELR



Make a Donation in Honor or Memory of a Loved One.

We will publish the names in a special upcoming edition of The Llama Rescue Review.

We will let your loved one know that s/he has made a positive difference in the lives of llamas in need. Every dollar is important. Donations help us to pay for veterinary care, food, transportation, and more!

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