



# The Llama Rescue Review

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## Rescue News

As many of our readers are aware, Southeast Llama Rescue, Inc., in conjunction with a number of other regional camelid rescue organizations, participated in a huge rescue effort in Montana in January of this year. Through the coordinated efforts of these groups, close to 590 llamas were evacuated from a situation of terrible neglect at the Montana Large Animal Sanctuary and relocated to triage centers, then on to longer term foster homes as well as adoptive homes.

Although numerous animals perished before evacuation efforts could be initiated, amazingly very few of the animals were lost once they reached safe haven. Thanks to all the caring folks involved, the surviving llamas are moving on with their lives. Their foster and adoptive homes are reporting that these llamas are healing, gaining weight, and the light in their eyes is shining brighter. The Llama Rescue Review is pleased to share several stories of these llamas in this issue.

This year, the number of situations and associated numbers of surrenders has transcended anything in our history. Stepping up to address the need has had the interesting effect of making the public more aware of SELR, which has proven to be a mixed blessing as we more people are reaching out to us for assistance. SELR has received several recent requests for help, some on a large-scale basis. We recently accepted the surrender of 26 emaciated llamas seized in Huntington County (15 of the more robust llamas were placed locally) and are currently being cared for under the auspices of an experienced camelid vet. They will be subject to a meticulous re-feeding and parasite treatment program before they will be ready for placement. A farm in the Southeast has also requested help from SELR for 18 llamas and we have several alpacas recently surrendered as well.

The U.S. economy continues to stagger and even though we are seeing a positive turn in some areas of the country, the overall situation has taken its toll on the animals in our collective care. The higher costs of feed, hay, and other necessities for livestock, will no doubt result in additional farms asking for help for their animals.



"Henry," one of the MLAS Rescues

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**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.

**Rescue News Continued**

As a community, we do what we can to contribute to the transportation costs, veterinary care, and food for the animals that need a hand. We look at our pastures and in our pocketbooks, and ask, "Do we have room for one more? Two more?" We celebrate the birth of new life and take pleasure in the joyful antics of crias, but we more carefully consider the responsibility of breeding animals at a time when homes are fewer and farther between.

Above all, it is you in the camelid community who has made it possible

for these needy llamas and alpacas to have a new lease on life. Without the hundreds of donations that poured in during these rescue efforts, and the many ways that volunteers helped, these animals would not be enjoying life today. Their renewal brings us all satisfaction, it gives us a sense of purpose, and a thankfulness that we have the ability to do good. They give us a gift of hope and happiness. The kindness and generosity of caring people, working together, is what rescue is all about.

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## SELR Welcomes New Directors to Our Board

Southeast Llama Rescue, Inc. welcomes Randall Gooding, Chris Stull, and Susan Sterling to our Board of Directors. Randall and Susan are serving their first term with the SELR board, and Chris is a returning member, following a three year hiatus. Re-elected to the board are Chris Adams, Helen Carpenter, and Lynette Melton. We appreciate the work all these dedicated volunteers have done for SELR in years past, and we are thrilled that they are now lending their experience and knowledge to our board.

Leaving the current board term are Pat Cothran, Sandy Middlebrook, and Melissa Perryman. Pat continues to serve as Adoption Coordinator for North Carolina, and she also contributes her time and efforts as a foster and adoptive home, fundraising, and serves on the newsletter committee. Melissa also serves as foster and adoptive home, and is editor of the SELR newsletter.

**Randall Gooding** and his wife Monty are the owners of Emmett Acres Alpaca and mini Llama Farm in



Randall Gooding, (upper right) greets visitors to his farm

SELR. Randall also earned the title, "SELR Transport Guru," as he has been a volunteer transporter for SELR for several years, using his large stock trailer to haul many rescue llamas to their new foster and adoptive homes.

Randall and Monty have been married for 48 years and have three sons, and five grandchildren. Randall served in the United States Marine Corps from 1962 to 1966, and is a veteran of the Viet Nam War.

**Susan Sterling** of Seymour, Tennessee, is a veterinarian who has contributed her skills to SELR on a number of occasions to assist rescue llamas.

Susan graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine in 1980, and started her veterinary practice in Seymour, TN, in 1984. She first began caring for llamas in 1992 when Donna and Terri McGlothlin moved their herd from Texas to Tennessee. Of course, this led her to acquire her own llamas, and she became a llama owner in 1994. Susan has become more involved in the llama community over the years, and in addition to treating them in her practice, she shows her llamas in halter and performance. She has qualified llamas to basic and advanced levels at pack trials, as well as trained and shown driving llamas.

**Chris Stull** of Willow Street, Pennsylvania, first stumbled into llamas about 14 years ago while looking for an aged pony for her grandkids. As Chris writes, "standing among the stanchions and large work horses were two llamas who appeared to be petrified and in extreme distress. I not only came home with an old safe pony, but two llamas as well. And so my love affair with these animals developed."

It turns out that one of the llamas Chris took home had been in a petting zoo until he began to attack humans. Chris was determined to help her new llama overcome his behavioral problems. Relying heavily on her experience with horses, Chris achieved her goal. "It was a long, arduous road often wrought with much disappointment but after a year he finally began to turn the corner. It was because of this llama that I became fascinated with behavior and have been mesmerized ever since."

Chris was invited to join SELR as an adoption coordinator in 1999. Soon she had taken in a third llama through SELR, and became a foster home. Many of her foster llamas had behavior issues or were untrained. Chris credits this experience with expanding her knowledge about camelids.

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## *SELR Welcomes New Directors to Our Board, Continued from Page 3*

Chris has been a member of GALA (Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association) since 1999. She attended a clinic taught by Cathy Spaulding in 2002 and broadened her camelid understanding further. She joined the SELR Board in 2005 and was an active voice there until 2008, when she chose to take a break and allow newcomers an opportunity to the board. However, she remained active as an adoption coordinator and foster home. Most recently, she has taken in three llamas from the now-defunct Montana Large Animal Sanctuary, and has been working hard to return them to health.



Chris Stull

## **Report on Our Wild Montana Woolies**

*By Pat Little, Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc.*

What a delightful bunch of guys. All of them, for the most part, full of piss and vinegar.

Everyone is sporting a Sopris Halter with their name and number across the nose piece. We tried using vet wrap around the neck with names and numbers but they soon came off. So E.T. came up with the plan to put the name and number on tape and put it on the halter. It works very well and we can see it clearly.

All llamas have been in our llama chute at least once. All nails were trimmed and some very long wool was trimmed around the bottom. Some went back to the chute so we could check fighting teeth. Darry observed, learned and even cut the teeth on one of the males. More teeth were cut today and we still have more to cut.

We have a kicker, a spitter, a "kusher", and a screamer. And a whole bunch of very cool llamas.

Everyone was walked on halter and lead again today and there was real improvement all the way around.

We have two woolies down in the pasterns and two more woolies with "spongy pasterns".

This all from a group of Llamas, many of which had never seen a halter much less worn one with a human at

the other end with the lead in their hand who expected them to follow of all things.

Llamas are one of the most intelligent animal species on the planet. These guys are already walking around on lead.

I don't have a scale but will try to borrow Jon's so we can check weight.

Our guys are on Alfalfa and grass hay. They of course prefer the yummy alfalfa. Dr. Franklin prescribed Alfalfa for their diet along with good grass hay.

I believe or boys, to include one intact male [ thus far ] will be ready for good homes after the 30 day Quarantine.

Allot of thanks has to go to Andy and Deb our "Cowboys" Drivers. To Susan Coley for setting up the transport and trusting us to take on these 21 guys. To Darry Dolan, primo " Llama Wrangler" , John and Simone who were awakened at 6AM the day of arrival to come help set up, Kelley and Shawn who are blood relation so always help and of course E.T. the grouchy old guy and my husband of 49 years

## The Adventures of Henry and PB&J

By Libbye Miller, SELR Volunteer

**April 3, 2011** I'm happy to report that PB&J and Henry, rescued from the Montana Large Animal Sanctuary, arrived at Smokey Ridge Farm, Kentucky, this morning. Thanks to Lynnsey (Dauer)'s hubby for bringing them over! They seem totally unruffled by their move and quickly decided I was going to be a good source of yummy hay. Gotta love a hearty appetite.

Going up to Lynnsey's for the MLAS boys' "vet day" on Friday turned out to be the best idea ever. I got a wonderful education on llama behavior and handling while meeting a lot of very welcoming llama folk. A ton of work got done and I had FUN! And now I know how to make Llama Lullaby which filled a giant hole in my veterinary education. It's a clue how old I am that when I was in school, I never laid eyes on a llama, they just weren't around.



**April 14, 2011** As you can see to the left, PB&J seems MOST pleased with his new job as flock guardian. The smug look on his face just cracks me up. You can also see in the photo above that he and Henry aren't morning llamas. I barged into the middle of their breakfast this morning and Henry appears to have "bed-head."

**April 23, 2011** Yesterday, I had the llama boys separated from the sheep because we were working some herding dogs. The boys seem to have already figured out that there are approved and unapproved dogs so they

kushed in the shade and chewed their cuds while we worked. Then one of the obnoxious dogs that runs around the neighborhood came barking up to the fence disturbing the sheep. Henry & PB jumped up and ran over to give this dog the evil eye!!

When we were done I turned the sheep out and they went off toward their hay. I let the llama boys out and they galloped off after the sheep, made a big circle around them to gather them up, and then stood between the sheep and where they'd last seen the obnoxious dog. Good boys!!

Of course the real kicker in all this was the text message I got from hubby the other morning that said "HENRY ATE OUT OF MY HAND!!!" So thanks to SELR, we're now a two llama family.

**May 3, 2011** Saturday I decided it was time to see how the boys did with the ewes and lambs. They've been fascinated watching the two dozen lambs and their mothers over the fence. The lambs' biggest joy is to dash madly around the field like a giant school of fish. Imagine their surprise when their game took them right under the feet of the llamas. OH MY! The lambs looked WAY up in shocked surprise. You could almost hear an audible group gasp. The llamas looked WAY down with a calm "and you would be...whom?" And then everyone went off to graze.

Later that day we had dogs over working sheep. The llamas were in the next field over and paid no attention as long as things were quiet. When one of the dogs got the sheep running around a little, the boys marched over disapprovingly. The sheep, no dummies despite what people say about them, went over and stood next to fence under the watchful eye of Llama Security Inc. Then the sheep stuck their tongues out at the dog and said "neener neener". (ok, I exaggerate a little there but the sheep did look pretty smug) Henry then left PB&J in charge of the working sheep and rounded up the lambs in the next field taking them far away from the action. He was really excited about it and starting pranking around like a giant Pepe LePew.

## Montana Girls Arrive in PA!

*By Chris Stull, SELR BoD, Adoption Coordinator*

As our family gathered around the Thanksgiving table last November, little did I know in just a few short weeks the entire llama community would be shocked to the core about the blatant neglect and abuse which was taking place more than 2,000 miles away, but over the next few weeks, the truth came out.

The Montana Large Animal Sanctuary who played host to more than 1200 animals, 600 of which were llamas, were out of funds. Animals were starving. We heard tales of carcasses littered over the 400 acre compound, extreme suffering, wounds from bear attacks, and illnesses gone unchecked for weeks and months. Llama organizations joined forces to form what became the Camelid Rescue Coalition to make plans for the evacuation of these many llamas needing help.

As the first group arrived at Julie Wier's a South East Llama Rescue triage center in Illinois, we saw pictures. Pictures of llamas who were dazed and confused, a hopelessness in their eyes, their matted fiber belying the emaciated condition which lay underneath.



The first to catch my attention was a girl named Dr. Suessy, so named because she was considered a -1 on a body score. She had the most exquisite face and I knew the very moment I laid eyes on her I had to have her here. As crazy as this may sound, she spoke to me. Along with Seussy came Apple Dumpling a soft

chocolate brown, and little Dixie who was thought to be less than 3 years of age.

Fellow PA Coordinator, Kate McKelvie also chose 2 girls, Serena and Maya. Might as well make this transport worth the cost of gas by taking 5 to the same relative location. Kate would keep Maya and had an adoptive home already lined up for Serena. I would keep Suessy

until she was well enough to put with my girls then adopt out Dumpling & little Dixie.

After several weather delays, Kate, myself, and a very



dear friend who loaned her truck and large oversized warmblood horse trailer, were headed to meet up with another SELR Volunteer, Linda Grotzinger. Linda graciously picked up the girls in Ohio earlier the same morning, bringing them back to her place just north of Pittsburg. We would do the transfer there.

Linda's trip was not without a bit of drama as she had a flat tire only a few scant miles from home yet chose to continue driving for fear she would be late to meet us. Needless to say, her tire was completely destroyed. They no good deed goes unpunished, and in Linda's case, her tire bore the proof.

The trip to both Kate's place and that of my own was an uneventful and tiring drive of 7+ hours. We pulled out of Lancaster at 6 AM and arrived home near midnight, but the girls were here! They would now call PA home. All explored their new digs and immediately chowed into the copious amounts of hay which was waiting as well as buckets of fresh water. We called it a night.

The next morning I could hardly wait to get down to the barn and actually meet the girls under less stressful circumstances. I opened the Dutch door to the stall and saw all three girls kushed in the straw, peacefully ruminating. They didn't appear to be stressed or frightened at all. I spoke to each one in soft tones but kept respectful distance as they needed to rest. It was a very long journey for them the past few months.

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## *Montana Girls Arrive in PA! Continued from Page 6*

I've since learned that Dumpling is pregnant, VERY pregnant. As my vet was doing an ultrasound he felt a good hard kick against his hand while I watched a long skinny leg shoot across the screen on the ultrasound monitor. That was exciting! I've also learned little Dixie is probably not more than a year of age as she still has caps on her teeth. She is extremely active, playful, and lives to chase my barn cats across the barnyard in the evening as they come out of the barn after being fed. This is her sole mission in life at this point in time. As much joy as I've had watching little Dixie come out of her shell I've had even more concern about Suessy. Her eyes are bright, she moves very gracefully and can really jump as demonstrated when she flew over the Dutch door one morning when I wanted to halter her. She totally defies her condition but she would not eat any of the supplement I put out for her. The other two girls look forward to their twice daily meals and eat with gusto while Suessy simply sniffs, takes a bite, then turns and walks completely away. Thankfully she had been eating hay but it isn't normal for an animal so starved to walk away from the equivalent of candy.

Over the next few weeks I tried everything I could think of to encourage her to eat but nothing worked. I began to syringe Fibrevive in her 2-3 times a day and added vitamin fortified electrolytes to their water. Much to my relief, Suessy began to accept the Fibrevive on the 4th day thereby getting as much as 100 cc per feeding. Things started looking up.

Then upon the suggestion of Deborah Logan, I was going to check her jaw for a possible abscess. BINGO! The entire area on the inside of the jaw, under the tongue, was heavily matted with dried drainage. No wonder this dear soul couldn't eat! A dose of Draxxin 2 days later had her eating by the evening and she licked the bowl clean. She has looked forward to each and every meal since that time. She has a long way to go, she's not out of the woods yet, but I'm breathing a bit easier now. Am truly looking forward to weighing her in 2 more weeks to see just how much she may have gained.

Having these girls here has been a real joy for me.

Each day they become a bit bolder and more secure. It's really wonderful to watch as they slowly emerge from their shells and begin to interact with me a little more each day. Dixie was obviously born at the Montana ranch without any real human interaction until the evacuation, but even she is slowly starting to come around. Dumpling was definitely someone's pet prior to ending up there, she's easy to halter, and will accept my touching her anywhere on her body including her face. Suessy is a very familiar with people but does have her own ideas about how things should go. Thank God she has that kind of self assured attitude. It has likely helped her to survive as long as she has.

Many thanks to Southeast Llama Rescue, Inc. for facilitating the journey of these girls. Huge kudos to Linda Grotzinger who not only volunteered her time but sacrificed her trailer tire for the cause. It's also important to acknowledge Barbara Baker of Baker and Company Llamas for making the drive from Ohio to St. Louis, spending the night, then driving the 5 girls back to her farm in Ohio. She really didn't sign on to keep them almost 4 weeks but the weather had other ideas. And a note to Kate, what fun we had on that trip! I don't think I laughed quite that much in a long, long time.



## MLAS Llamas Moving On

*By Lynnsey Dauer, SELR Adoption Coordinator*

SELR Adoption Coordinator Lynnsey Dauer, and her family, opened their farm as a holding area and foster facility for groups of llamas rescued from the Montana Large Animal Sanctuary. Lynnsey has seen first hand the transformation of these animals from gaunt, hollow-eyed creatures, to llamas with an interest and energy for life. Lynnsey has kept SELR updated on the progress of these llamas. Here are some of the stories she has shared with us:

Six more of my wonderful MLAS girls moved on to their new lives and new adventures on March 3. The two moms with crias went together to live in Virginia, and Alaya and Milly will be going to Pennsylvania. I will miss these girls but I am excited at all the possibilities they will have now!



Above: Some of the MLAS llamas soon after arriving at Lynnsey's Farm in Indiana

On March 13, all the girls got their CDT booster vaccines, boy was that fun. During the process, we could tell that we were no longer managing a small group of weak girls, but rather a group of strong, almost healthy girls.

I even got spit on by one of the girls, as she wasn't too fond of being caught and poked. When these girls got here, none of them even had the energy to spit at each other, I am just so impressed with these girls and their resilience on a daily basis!

Natasha (formally Alice) gave birth a healthy male cria on March 23 at their adoptive mom, Sue's, farm. Boris is doing good so far!



I want to thank everyone who helped us help these girls on their road to recovery and hopefully very long happy lives filled with lots of food and love. Thanks for all the donated items that helped us get them healthy and the wonderful people that came out to my farm to help handle them and get them healthy. It has honestly been a long two months since the girls came and I couldn't have done any of it without the wonderful support of everyone.

I can never show my full gratitude for everyone who has helped me help these girls as I could never do it alone!!

Left: Boris, the male cria born on March 23 to MLAS llama Natasha, enjoying some sunshine.

## **Caring for Stressed or Thin Llamas**

*National Lama Intervention and Rescue Coordination Council*  
**PRESS RELEASE**

After hearing concerns last year about the handling of stressed or emaciated llamas in a number of rescue/re-homing situations, the National Lama Intervention & Rescue Coordination Council (IRC Council) worked with consulting veterinarians at the International Camelid Institute (ICI) to put together a protocol to help prevent serious illness or death due to "over care" of these animals. When the IRC Council was informed about the closure of the Montana Large Animal Sanctuary & Rescue (MLASR), the protocol was forwarded to those involved with caring for and transporting the llamas from the sanctuary.

The recommendations below should also prove helpful to anyone else involved with rescue llamas, especially if the animals are very thin. Besides feeling the stress of being underfed, the llamas may undergo additional stress due to capture, transport and perhaps being separated from herdmates they have been close to. Just like feeding thin or ill people, you don't start with a full steak dinner; you have to work up to it. The following are recommendations from ICI for dealing with emaciated llamas:

- \*Start with moderate quality hay, limited to 1% body weight
- \*Free choice minerals without molasses
- \*Free choice water
- \*No grain
- \*No fat
- \*No antibiotics or dewormers metabolized by liver (even though liver enzymes might not be elevated). If parasites are an issue, dose with ½ dose Fenbendazole every other day for three treatments.
- \*After two weeks you can give better quality and more hay to 1.5% body weight.
- \*After two more weeks, increase to free choice hay.
- \*No grain for four to six weeks.
- \*The above program can be modified accordingly if the llamas are not emaciated, but are thin to moderate.

## **An Easier Way to Load Unruly Llamas**

*By Helen Carpenter, SELR BoD*

When you have a group of unhandled llamas that you want to load into a trailer, instead of haltering and whatever scenario follows, it is fairly easy to "herd" them in.

Gather all of them in a separate smaller pen, gather a few friends and move the trailer as close to the llamas as you can. Open the trailer doors wide and using existing fences, and people with fence pieces and gates, create a path or a chute from where they are to the trailer door. Have someone start to herd them in and as they go, close off the end of the path with a gate or fence piece to make it shorter. Just keep moving the portables inward so you are funneling them towards the trailer. As the llamas farthest away start pressing in on the ones in front, the front llamas will have no choice but to get into the trailer.

This is really less stressful than haltering and dragging/lifting each one into the trailer. It prevents injuries to the llamas and the handlers. I learned this from a sheep farmer when handling the OH 80.

## Vet Students Get Hands-On with Camelids

*By Pat Cothran, SELR Adoption Coordinator*



On two Wednesday afternoons in late February, more than a dozen inquisitive people wearing scrub tops and sporting stethoscopes around their necks descended upon Soggy Bottom Farm. These were second-year students from Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College's Large Animal Veterinary Medical Technology program. Accompanied by a couple of assistants and the instructor, Dr. Mary Coker, DVM, they came to learn llama.

February in the mountains of western North Carolina can astonish with the severity of its frigid temperatures and screaming winds, but it can also dazzle with its crystalline blue skies and brilliant, sunny warmth. These

two Wednesday afternoons we were blessed by February's benevolence.

Fourteen llamas and two alpacas had their turns demonstrating all that we love and – not so much – about camelids. After some instruction, students haltered and led the llamas to their pens set up at one end of the pasture. Over the course of the two afternoons, llamas received general health checks including heart and respiratory, teeth, mouth and eyes, and conformation. They were body scored. They received vaccinations. And they got their toenails trimmed. Llama beans were taken to the parasitology students on campus for testing and learning. In return, the llamas and alpacas hummed, clucked, kicked, spat, and kushed. And they gave hugs and kisses, stood politely, led beautifully, allowed novices to halter and unhalter them, and caused several students to fall in love with these wondrous creatures.

## Treating Bloat in Llamas

*By Ellen Prosser, Northeast Llama Rescue, Inc.*

Editor's Note: The following is not intended to replace veterinary advice. The symptoms of bloat can sometimes be confused with the symptoms for choke/mega-esophagus. To determine if your llama is experiencing bloat, you can gently palpate the abdomen—if it is tight, like an inflated rubber ball—it may be bloat. If you are in doubt of the diagnosis, please consult your veterinarian. Both bloat and choke can be life-threatening.

A helpful way to prevent bloat, especially when animals are turned out onto lush pasture, is to keep out a pan of baking soda so that it is available to the llamas at all times.

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“One of our absolute top items in our medicine kit is extra strength antigas—any brand, generic, drug store brand. It MUST say antigas, and I believe the active ingredient is simethicone. We use it at the first sign of digestive upset, usually from mild hiccup like grunts to out and out thrashing sideways like they are going to die (bloat). It's worked every single time we've used it. It's on our info list for newbies. It's like magic in how fast it takes effect.”

## Tick Paralysis in Llamas

*By Scott Noga, Rattlesnake Ridge Ranch, Pasco, WA*

We had a situation three years ago with one of our pack llamas that picked up five female Rocky Mountain Wood ticks during a week long pack trip in SE Wallowa Wilderness despite having both CyLence pour-on and Ivermectin injectible on board, plus insect repellent spray during the trip. None of this repelled or killed the ticks, though the literature claims both Ivermectin and the pyrethroid-based CyLence will kill ticks. (It requires a very high dosage of Ivermectin.) I spotted and removed two ticks on her coat during the trip that had not attached yet, but she went down the day after our return home. The literature says paralysis occurs typically anywhere from 1 to 10 days after a tick begins feeding, but once removed the recovery is typically far enough along in about 12 hours to where they can support their weight. We identified the problem and once the three remaining ticks were all found and removed she soon recovered. One of our pack companions, who we immediately notified of our situation, had two of their llamas go down and very nearly lost one of them to it. For some time that llama couldn't even hold her head up and was just a limp rag. A characteristic symptom of tick paralysis, whether human or llama, is a progression from bottom to top. The legs go out and they can't stand up. As it progresses they eventually can't even hold their head up. Death, when it occurs, is caused by respiratory arrest. The owner stayed with that llama around the clock (sleeping in the barn) providing supportive care and the llama did fortunately recover.

The challenge is finding the ticks. Ticks usually can't penetrate the dense undercoat without getting all tangled up, so look real close all along the perimeter where the long hair meets the short hair. Two of the three embedded ones our llama had were along that line. The third tick was near the teats. Ticks tend to climb until they find a sheltered spot like an armpit, under the tail, or hit that dense hairline. Also check the head and ears carefully. Shearing may be necessary to aid the search. You may also see tick poops near the tick in the hair after they have been feeding a while. These are collections of little dark granular bits that look a little like coffee grounds or dried blood. If you see those you're near the butt end of the tick. These are much easier to see on a white llama.

Many vets recommend antibiotic treatment as ticks can carry infectious agents and the toxins tend to stress the llamas immune system.

See <http://www.wsunews.wsu.edu/pages/publications.asp?Action=Detail&PublicationID=11136> for an article on tick paralysis.

I took pictures of one of the engorged ticks after removal.



## Llama Personal: Available for Adoption



**Louie**

Estimated DOB: 2003

Do you like both llamas and alpacas? We have a deal for you! Louie appears to be the perfect “all in one” package! Larger than an alpaca, smaller than a llama with alpaca ears but a llama conformation, we think Louie is the product of a mixed marriage. He appears to have received the best of each as he is sweet as the day is long and ready for a new home. This guy will be a lot of fun!

If you are interested in adopting Louie, please contact Deb Logan at (770) 917-0743 or logan99@bellsouth.net. To see more llamas that are looking for their forever homes, please visit our website [www.southeastllamarescue.org](http://www.southeastllamarescue.org) or contact your state coordinator.

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