

GALA - LAMAS Joint Conference
October 28 - October 31
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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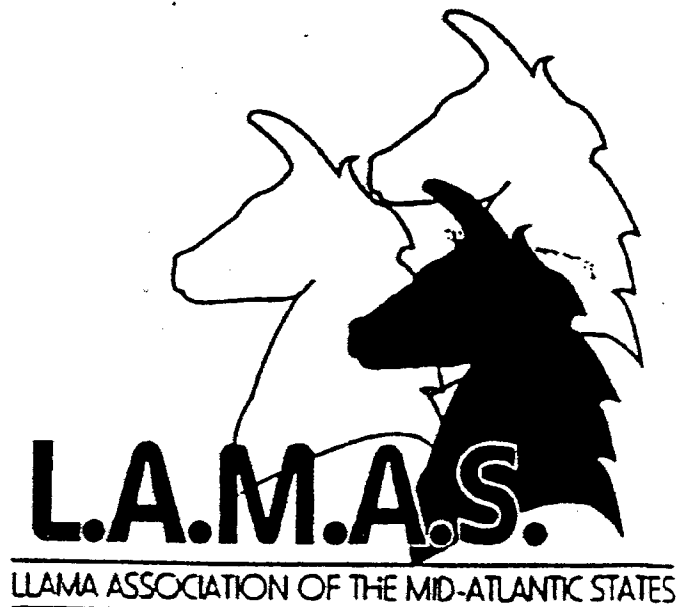
Hello to all!

This year's conference has special meaning. It is the first joint conference for GALA and LAMAS. We are two strong organizations with the same goals in mind - educating our members and loving our llamas. We hope new friends will be made as well as catching up with old.

With an event as strong as this one it would be impossible to come full circle without our wonderful volunteers. We had dedicated people from both organizations who gave up much of their time to make Conference '99 a success. Bo and I would like to extend our gratitude to these individuals. We hope that you will do the same.

Please enjoy the conference. We hope that you will take home many lasting memories.

Karen and Bo



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DECORATIONS

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thursday/friday

Thursday, October 28, 1999

1:00 p.m.- ? *Arrival, check-in, vendors, animals and farm display setup*

4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. *Registration*

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer

4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. *Relax, Eat supper, Go for a swim, Play Golf, Take a walk around.*

7:00 p.m.- ? *Icebreaker/No Host Bar and Hors d'oeuvres* (not intended to substitute dinner)

Location: Celebrities Bar

Friday, October 29, 1999

6:00 a.m.- *Coffee Pot on for early Risers.*

Location: Grand Ballroom

6:30 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. *Breakfast on your own*

7:00 a.m.- 8:15 a.m. *Registration*

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. *Opening Remarks-Welcome*

Conference Co-chairs:

Karen O'Neill and Bo Morris

Keynote Address:

Llama Training for Today's Changing Market

John Mallon

Location: Grand Ballroom

10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. *Break*

10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Behavior and Instinct in the Prey Animal and It's Relevance to Training*

John Mallon

Location: Cornwall

Learn how an understanding of the prey animal's psychology can make us more effective trainers. By working from the "inside out" you will learn how to help your llama overcome his natural fears. Once you learn what makes them "tick" you will be able to work with them in ways they can understand: safely and peacefully.

Camelid Mini Seminars

Dr. David Anderson

Location: Paradise

I. Llama & Alpaca Anatomy: Digestion

2. *Feeding: How much, How often, Which Type, Obesity, Starvation*
3. *Herd Records: Medical, Breeding, Growth, Major Events*

4. *Update on Llama Research*

These titles speak for themselves.

Developing a Web Site/and Marketing through your Web Site

Charlie Mouser

Location: Limerock

Learn how to develop an effective web site. Discussion about what works and what does not in the world of technology. See how a web site can become a very effective marketing tool. Workshop Option: Have your own web site critiqued.

Fiber Program - Fiber Room

12:30 p.m.- 1:45 p.m. *Lunch - Grand Ballroom*

1:45 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. *Llama Driving Clinic*

Tom Reichert

Location: Terrace

Tom will discuss the various aspects of driving, including choosing suitable llamas. He will be focusing on the use of team driving. There will be a demonstration of driving a team, and a limited amount of hands-on introduction to harnessing and reining techniques.

Aberrant Behavior Syndrome (ABS)

John Mallon

Location: Cornwall

If you've never encountered an ABS animal, you'll find it difficult to imagine one. This extreme form of behavior is relatively rare and is totally man made. Most animals labeled "berserk" are simply spoiled, disrespectful "brats" that have been trained to behave that way. Learn exactly what ABS is, how to recognize the early warning signs, and talk about its prevention.

Breeders Corner

Panel of Experienced Breeders

Location: Limerock

Discussion on Llama breeding.

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Camelid Mini Seminars

Dr. David Anderson

Location: Paradise

1. *Herd Management: Pasture, Housing*

2. *Vaccination & De-Worming Strategies: What, Why, When*

These titles speak for themselves

Fiber Program - Fiber Room

4:00 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. *Break*

4:15 p.m.- ? *GALA Annual Meeting*

Location: Paradise

After the Meeting

Visit the Vendors and the Animal Tent. Take a walk. Use the nite lit putting green or relax in the whirlpool.

6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. *Social Hour/Cocktails/Shopping*

Location: Grand Ballroom

7:00 p.m.- ? *Dinner - Grand Ballroom*

After Dinner:

Make new friends and renew old friendships.

Saturday, October 30, 1999

6:00 a.m.- *Coffee Pot on for Early Risers*

Location: Grand Ballroom

6:30 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. *Breakfast on your own*

Registration

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:30 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. *VETS ONLY SESSION Registration*

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer

8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. *VETS ONLY SESSION*

Location: Kinderhook

8:00 a.m.- 9:15 a.m. *Keynote Address: Moving the Livestock Industry into the New Millennium*

Dr. Bernard Rollin

Location: Grand Ballroom

9:15 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. *Break*

9:30 a.m.- 11:15 p.m. *Veterinary Panel Discussion*

Dr. David Anderson

Dr. A. N. Baird

Dr. Norm Evans

John Mallon

Dr. Bernard Rollin

Dr George Saperstein

Location: Grand Ballroom

Find out the answers to all your questions regarding the health, management, and training of your animals. This esteemed panel will be answering questions.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Llama Packing 101*

Viv Fulton

Location: Terrace

What do you do with llamas? Why pack with them, of course! This session is ideal for the person new to the idea of using their llamas as pack animals. There will be an emphasis on Show & Tell with coverage of the basics for teaching You to teach Your llama to pack. A starting point for both lunch-carrying-hikes-in-the-woods and future serious Master Packers. Bring your packs and questions.

New Owners/Buyers Seminar

Sandy and Marc Page

Kate and Pat Bars

Location: Paradise

This talk is especially important for new and prospective llama owners. Learning and establishing basic standards of care for your herd will make your life with llamas more enjoyable. There are many facets to owning llamas. No matter what your goals are for you with your llamas, there are some basic management considerations that you need to think about. This talk will explore and question many common beliefs about llama husbandry.

Alternative Income from Lamas

Cathy Davis

Jane Dunstan

Shari Templeton

Location: Cornwall

Many unique small businesses have evolved from the llamas industry. Learn something about how these two llama farms have managed to supple-

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ment their farm income. Hear how they got started, and participate in a discussion on what constitutes "success".

This workshop is designed to give you an idea of what is involved in packing with your llamas. Topics to be covered are selecting a llama for packing, specific equipment that is needed and training your llama to accept a pack.

Llamas on the Internet

Dale Graham

Location: Limerock

Dale will zip through some benefits of USING the web for lama owners and then focus on why it is a good idea to ADVERTISE your lama farm or business on the Internet, its pros, cons, and some advice on how to go about setting up your Internet website.

Fiber Program

Location: New Holland (Fiber Room)

12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. **Lunch**

GALA Photo Contest Awards

Location: Grand Ballroom

2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

(Tent, Vendors, Fiber Room)

2:00 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. ***Reproduction, Birthing, Cria Care***

Dr. Norm Evans

Hilary Ware

Location: Grand Ballroom

This session will cover the reproductive anatomy, physiology, and sexual behavior of the male and female lama. Come join this dynamic duo with their guest "Indiana Bones". "Indiana" will demonstrate the normal birthing process. If you have never seen this demonstration - don't miss it. Discussion will also include when intervention is appropriate and necessary, and how to assess a cria upon birth.

Behavior and Instinct in the Prey Animal and its Relevance to Training (Repeat Session)

John Mallon

Location: Paradise

Learn how an understanding of the prey

animal's psychology can make us more effective trainers. By working from the "inside out" you will learn how to help your llama overcome his natural fears. Once you learn what makes them "tick" you will be able to work with them in ways they can understand: safely and peacefully.

2:00 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. **Marketing "Everything you always wanted to know about advertising"**

Charlie Mouser

Location: Limerock

Need help in selling your ideas or products? Come listen as Charlie teaches you how to set your priorities and reach your goals. Discussion will include how to design advertising budgets and how to achieve effective advertising. Learn how and why certain advertising works.

The following seminars will be connected at the end, with both speakers fielding questions together.

Location: Cornwall

2:00 p.m.-2:45p.m. ***Genetics***

Dr. George Saperstein

This talk will be an overview of how genetics plays an integral part in maintaining a healthy lama population, and the importance of reporting and researching the occurrences of genetic defects in the breeding population.

2:45 p.m.- 3:30p.m. ***An Informal Discussion of Ethics***

Dr. Bernard Rollin

Ethical questions to be pondered.

3:30 p.m.- 4:15p.m. ***Questions for Drs. Saperstein and Rollin***

This time will be allowed for participant's questions related to the presentations.

Fiber Program

Location: New Holland (Fiber Room)

4:30 p.m.- 5:15p.m. ***Update on Research at New Bolton***

Dr. A.N. Baird

Location: Paradise

4:30 p.m.- ? ***LAMA COSTUME PARADE - Public Program***

Location: Tent

SAT'DAY/SUNDAY

6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. **Social Hour/Cocktails/Shopping**

Location: Grand Ballroom

7:00 p.m.- ? **Banquet and Fundraising**

Location: Grand Ballroom

Sunday, October 31, 1999

6:00 a.m.- **Coffee Pot on for Early Risers**

Location: Grand Ballroom

6:30 a.m.- 8:15 a.m. **Breakfast on you own**

8:15 a.m.- 9:15 a.m. **The Geriatric Llama**

Dr. Norm Evans

Location: Paradise

With the aging of our llamas comes the need to be aware of the treatment, medical considerations, and management practices that can make a difference in their comfort and quality of life.

Let The Fun Begin! The Jackpot Circuit

Pat Bars

Jeff Jones

Location: Limerock

How do you: Positively promote llamas? Earn some money to help pay the feed bills? Have a great time socializing with your llama friends? Show off your well-trained llama to the public and the llama industry? Have the general public thinking "Wow, these are really cool animals?" Jackpots! Come and find out how they work, and how they can work for you.

Nails and Noses are Not Four Letter

Shari Templeton

Jane Dunstan

Location: Terrace

A concise hands on workshop on proper fitting halters and toenail pedicures.

9:30 a.m.-10:30a.m. **Nutrition**

Dr. Norman Evans

Location: Paradise

A presentation on the basic nutritional needs of camelids for maintenance, growth, gestation, lactation, and old age.

Common Llama Ailments

Dr. George Saperstein

Location: Cornwall

Identifying common health problems, and knowing what to do about them are important components of good management for all livestock. This session will highlight some of the ailments that are most commonly seen on the farm, most likely to have your vet make a farm visit, and what to do about them.

PLTA Pack Llama Trials

Viv Fulton

Location: Limerock

Learn all about the latest fun-filled llama evaluations! This session will explain the purpose behind Pack Llama Trials and what you and your llama need to know to participate in any of the three levels. A natural extension of enjoying our llamas, these pack trials are recognized nationally and are helping to add value to an already worthy part of our industry. We'll also explain what goes into hosting a pack trial so you can help spread the "news".

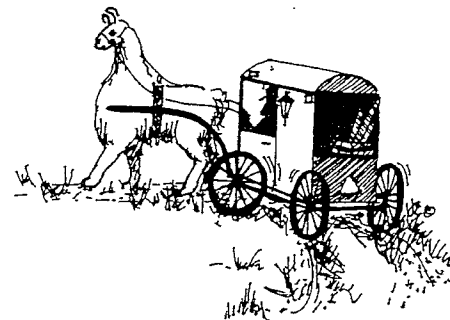
11:00 a.m. - ?

Brunch and Farewell

Location: Grand Ballroom

Vendors, exhibitors, and farm displays may break down after brunch.

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!



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GALA 1999 CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

(listed in alphabetical order)

DAVID ANDERSON, DVM

Dr. Anderson has published multiple scientific papers on llama medicine and surgery. He has lectured nationally and internationally on llama medicine, surgery, and reproduction. He earned his DVM at North Carolina University. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. He is currently the primary clinician performing medicine, surgery, reproduction, and consultation services for Ohio State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. He manages a teaching and research herd of 46 camelids (23 llamas, 23 alpacas). He is currently involved in approximately 20 research projects involving llamas. He chaired the veterinary continuing education course at OSU in March of 1998, and also chaired the owner, breeder, and veterinary continuing education courses held at OSU in December 1998 and August 1999.

A.N. BAIRD, DVM

Dr. Baird earned his DVM from Auburn University in Alabama in 1984. Both his internship in Large Animal Veterinary Medicine and his residency in Large Animal Surgery were completed at Texas A & M University. He is currently an Associate Professor of Surgery, Department of Clinical Studies, at the New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. He has authored numerous publications on surgical procedures in llamas, some in collaboration with Dr. David Pugh and Dr. David Anderson.

KATE AND PAT BARS

Kate and Pat have been raising llamas at Hindsight Farm since 1981. They currently maintain a herd average of 25 animals. Their quality breeding program has consistently produced well conformed animals with excellent fiber. They currently sell processed fiber and yarn to weavers and knitters. They recently created Premier Llama, a

commercially woven llama fabric from which they produce custom finished vests, coats, and capes. Pat is an accomplished woodworker as well as a highly skilled herdsman. Kate, who is an Early Childhood Educator and Artist, displays her talents in a second business called Blue Heron Creations. She creates beautiful etched glass products, graphic designs, and hand painted clothing. They also co-own a retail store called the Willow Tree, in Putnam, CT. The Bars have scheduled many training, fiber, and veterinary clinics at their farm, and are founders of the Northeast Llama Jackpot Circuit.

CATHY DAVIS

Cathy and her husband Jay Cox, owners of Treasure Mountain Llama Farm, raise llamas and run a packing operation in Glade Spring, Virginia. She has been leading pack trips through the mountains of Southwest Virginia for over six years. Cathy is currently treasurer of LAMAS and has served on the board of directors for the past three years. She runs the business end of the packing operation while Jay coordinates the packing excursions and they both enjoy the people while on the trail.

JANE DUNSTAN

When not tending to the Ridge Mist Llama Herd of 40 plus animals in Maine, this energetic woman can be found in the classroom as a high school special education teacher and department head. She is also one of the volunteer editors of the Highly Acclaimed GALA Newsletter and is very active in the State of Maine's llama organization, serving as its education coordinator. Early in 1999, Jane and Ridge Mist co-owner Shari Templeton purchased Quarry Hill Supplies and they have been hard at work expanding this business, which has now become Ridge Mist Llama and Alpaca Supplies. She is committed to the education and mentoring of both new and old llama owners and has been a vocal advocate of bringing ethics and standards of care to the forefront. On a rare spare moment, she enjoys felting, relaxing with her llamas and sea kayaking.

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C. NORMAN EVANS, DVM

C. Norman Evans completed his undergraduate work from The University of Kentucky in 1964 and his DVM from Auburn University in 1968. In 1970 he started a veterinary practice in Madisonville, Kentucky. He has served on the board of the KY Veterinary Medical Association and various other veterinary associations while in his group practice. An interest in camelid medicine began in 1986 and now commands about 90% of his time. A solo practitioner since 1993, his mobile practice enables him to work in several states each year with alpacas and llamas. His chief interest lies in camelid nutrition and reproduction. The veterinary seminars for owners and breeders are based on his fourteen years of work as a practicing camelid veterinarian. Notes from his seminars were published as Veterinary Llama Field Manual in early 1998.

VIV FULTON

Viv and her husband Bob have owned llamas at Rhodie Hill Farm in Sherburne, NY since 1985 and now have one of the larger herds (90+) in the state. Founding members of GALA and NYLAA, she has served for many years on the Boards of each. In 1996, Viv left the pharmaceutical research world after 23 years to concentrate on many areas involving llamas and sheep. Interested in rekindling the fun of packing with llamas (Viv & Bob organized GALA's first llama trek in 1987), she completed the Pack Llama Trial Association's Certification Course at PLTA's Pack Llama Rendezvous near Boise, Idaho in 1998. Since then she has certified both basic and advance level trials out of state and has hosted the same in her home area. The spark has taken hold and she plans to work with some of their large males (the majority of their breeding herd are over 45" at the withers) over the winter to train to pack. (Can't have just one llama packing at the Advance level!) Recognizing the need for basic llama packing instruction, they are planning future workshops at their farm for others interested in learning about packing with llamas.

DAN AND DALE GOODYEAR

Dan and Dale live in Robesonia, Pennsylvania where they have over 170 llamas in their herd at Berry Acres Llamas. Dan and Dale believe as part of their mission, that they will devote time to educate the public and new owners about llamas. They believe in supporting and participating in organizations devoted to the welfare of llamas. Dan served as treasurer on the Board of Directors of the International Llama Association from 1995-1998. He is currently serving on the board, as treasurer, of the Pennsylvania Llama and Alpaca Association. He chairs the Government Relations Committee. Dan and Dale are GALA Life Members. They have consistently supported fund raising activities believing in the need to fund medical research and governmental affairs. Dan is a graduate of St. Lawrence University. He served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps and spent 34 years in the foundry industry, retiring in 1997. During his business career, Dan served as president of the American Foundrymen's Society, and was recognized by the Reading, PA Chamber of Commerce as Businessman of the Year. Dale is a graduate of Skidmore College. She received her Masters degree at Colgate University. She teaches English in the Governor Mifflin School district, where she is Chairperson of the English Department. She has been on the Eastern Llama and Alpaca Festival committee since its inception.

DALE GRAHAM

Dale has been involved with llamas since 1978, when she first became interested in them. She and Tom got their first llama, Pumpnickel, in 1984. They now have a good sized herd of 38 llamas. Dale early on wrote a series of articles on llama coat color inheritance and genetics, building on her formal education in genetics and her interest in this aspect of llamas. Dale was instrumental in the founding of LAMAS, and served as President of this Association. She also served a 5 year term as a Board member of the International Llama Registry, and spent much of that time in drafting formal policies for the Registry. She loves to show her llamas in performance

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classes. In her other life, Dale works at the National Institutes of Health, for the last 10 years with computers in support of scientific/medical research. Since 1993, she has been involved in developing information for the Internet. In 1995, she put up LlamaWeb, the first WWW site for llamas. (The first Internet site was someone else's "Gopher" site.)

JEFF JONES

Jeff and his wife Sandra own and operate Sundown Farms in Reidsville, NC. He currently manages a herd of 30+ llamas, with emphasis on health, education and training. His background includes over 40 years experience in the horse industry, concentrated primarily on training and showing. Jeff brings much training experience to his work with llamas and now is involved with the promotion and structuring of the Jackpot Obstacle concept.

JOHN MALLON

John has devoted himself to all aspects of the llama industry since he owned his first llamas in 1981. John and his wife Kathleen McLeod have managed personal llama herds of as many as 50 + head with 6 or more breeding males. With over 35 years experience in training horses, dogs, birds, and llamas, he is a popular featured speaker at regional, national, and international venues. He has averaged between 50-60 training clinics a year since 1994. The enthusiastic response to the Mallon Method has made it difficult to cut down on road time in order to spend more time with his wife and his llamas, dogs, and cutting horses on his 28 acres ranch in San Diego County, California. He has been a member of the ILA since 1981, serving on the Show and Sales Committee, the Jamboree Committee, and chairing the Events Committee. For his efforts he was awarded the first Pushmi-Pullyu award. In 1983 he was cofounder of the Northern Rockies Chapter of the ILA, and in 1985, over concerns for llamas' welfare at shows and sales, he cofounded The (ALSA) Alpaca and Llama Show Association. He has been the author the Mallon Method and the Paddock Pointers

columns in Llamas Magazine since 1986. He also has a column in Lama Link and a regular column in the Australian Llama Association News. He coauthored the first ALSA handbook and contributed to the Australian Llama Association Industry Standards. He has maintained a good relationship with top camelid vets from coast to coast, and was the only non-veterinarian invited to speak and attend the 1995 Tufts University Veterinarian Workshop.

CHARLES MOUSER

Charles is an internationally renowned marketing consultant with more than 30 years experience in people motivation, public relations, and advertising. He is founder and publisher of the Mouser Report; a monthly newsletter dedicated to the small retailer achieving effective advertising. The Mouser Institute also trains individuals in advertising. A former llama owner, Charlie will challenge you, he will excite you, he will show you a new way. Called the "evangelist of salesmanship", he will tell you that selling is a great love affair. There has to be some hand holding, a courtship, and a cash register ring for a marriage. Hear first hand from a master of marketing how the small business can succeed in today's market.

KAREN O'NEILL

Karen and her husband Todd operate Charming Forge Farm, a 100 acre Choose and Cut Christmas Tree farm which also houses over 100 head of alternative livestock. This business was to be secondary to their main business, Empire Wrecking Company. Karen's love of animals has taken her out of the office and onto the farm permanently. She started with llamas in 1987 and has since added Dromedary and Bactrian Camel, Elk, Mini Donkey, Yak, Big Horn Sheep, African Serval, and Binturong. Llamas have always been her favorite, with a herd of over 30 now. Karen is currently involved with breeding programs with other National zoos and has been donating her time for the humane treatment of animals. She has been instrumental in the founding of the Eastern Llama and

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Alpaca Festival. This event has been extremely successful with crowds in the thousands. She also was one of the original Board Members for the PLAA.

SANDY AND MARC PAGE

Sandy and Marc began Sputtermill Ranch Llamas in Petersham, Massachusetts in 1992. Presently they split their time between full time careers and maintaining a farm with a llama herd average of 18 animals. In their non-llama lives, Sandy is a middle school Special Education Teacher, and Marc is employed as a Job Developer for Disabled Adults. They are both very committed to educationally promoting llamas. To further this public education, they spend many hours volunteering their time to llama organizations, doing educational programs for the public, and giving talks for new owners and buyers. A major emphasis of their educational programs is proper management, care, and training for the overall welfare and well being of the llama. They have authored numerous articles on llama care and management, and have been vocal proponents of the llama breeder providing new owners education when they sell animals. They often can be found at llama events sharing their enthusiasm with new, prospective, and long time llama owners. Sandy has been Advertising Editor for the Highly Acclaimed GALA Newsletter for three years, and Marc is currently serving on the GALA Board as Representative of District 5.

TOM REICHERT

Tom is a horseshoer who runs the llama farm with Dale Graham, his wife. He is interested in llamas from a performance viewpoint. Currently he also has a major interest in falconry, as he has just started his falconry apprenticeship. Tom has been involved with llamas since 1984. He ran a llama trekking business in the George Washington National Forest. Tom has served as President of LAMAS and, with Dale, helped organize the 1987 GALA Conference held in Virginia. In addition, he worked with Bob Dinning in setting up the 1987 ILA

Jamboree. He has done a lot to inform llama owners: doing presentations on packing, grooming, hoof trimming, fang removal, and recently, offered clinics on training llamas to drive.

BERNARD ROLLIN, PhD

Dr. Rollin is a Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Physiology and Biophysics. He is the Director of Bioethical Planning in the Department of Philosophy at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. He is a nationally and internationally respected speaker, and was keynote speaker at the GALA Conference, 1998. He has lectured around the world on animal welfare and other bioethical issues and is the author of four books- Animal Rights and Human Morality, The Unheeded Cry: Animal Consciousness, Animal Pain, and Science, The Frankenstein Syndrome: Social and Ethical Issues in the Genetic Engineering of Animals and Farm Animal Welfare: Social, Bioethical and Research Issues.

GEORGE SAPERSTEIN, DVM

Dr. Saperstein obtained his DVM Degree from Kansas State University in 1978 and is currently the Chair of the Department of Environmental and Population Health, Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. He is the holder of the Amelia Peabody Chair in Agricultural Science of Tufts, where he teaches many courses in the veterinary curriculum. Formerly the Head of the Large Animal Ambulatory Service at Tufts, he has also been a faculty member at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. A nationally known mastitis expert, he holds a patent on an antibiotic sensitivity for mastitis. He is currently marketing this test kit to farmers and veterinarians under the name MASTIK. He is the author of numerous scientific articles and book chapters on congenital and hereditary diseases in animals, and has an international reputation in the field.

SHARI TEMPLETON

When not tending to the Ridge Mist herd of 40 plus llamas she co-owns in Newcastle, Maine, this energetic

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woman has the occasion to wear a variety of hats. Shari is teaching physics and biology at Wiscasset High School, as well as serving as the Director for the Union 74 Adult and Community Education Program. In addition, she is one of the volunteer editors of the Highly Acclaimed GALA Newsletter and is active in the Maine State organization where Shari serves as president. Early in 1999, Shari and Ridge Mist co-owner Jane Dunston purchased Quarry Hill Supplies and have been hard at work expanding this business, which has now become Ridge Mist Llama and Alpaca Supplies. Shari is committed to the education and mentoring of both new and old llama owners and has been a vocal advocate of bringing ethics and standards of care to the forefront. In a rare free moment, she enjoys relaxing with her llamas, hiking, camping, sea kayaking, and felting.

HILARY WARE

As current GALA president, Hilary is no stranger to the GALA membership. She has devoted much time and energy to making sure that GALA is a well run and positive organization. She has owned llamas since 1982, when her first llama Tupac became a part of her life. Hill and Gully Llamas specializes in nutrition and birth education. Hilary has a B.S. in Nursing and has worked in intensive care, med-surgery, obstetrics, school nursing and childbirth education. She has made a great contribution to the lama community by inventing and creating the first life-size hands-on Teaching Llamas, which has been an invaluable educational visual aid during lama presentations. The "Indiana Bones" concept was a natural extension of human childbirth classes. She introduced Indiana in an article published in "Llama Life II" in 1996 and was a keynote speaker at the L.A.M.A.S. Conference, 1997.

