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# **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**Z18-02**

**426 S. Broadway**



# CITY of MEDINA

## Board of Zoning Appeals

### January 11, 2018 Meeting

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**Case No:** Z18-02

**Address:** 426 S. Broadway St.

**Applicant:** Shirley Ann Walker

**Subject:** Variance request from Section 1113.05(n) of the Planning and Zoning Code to permit the keeping of a llama at the residential property at 426 S. Broadway St. when a llama is not a permitted type of farm animal under Section 1113.05(n).

**Zoning:** R-3, High Density Urban Residential

**Submitted by:** Jonathan Mendel, Community Development Director 

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#### **Project Introduction:**

The applicant proposes keeping a llama at their R-3 zoned property at 426 S. Broadway St. Section 1113.05(n) of the Planning and Zoning Code permits keeping a narrow range of farm animals on residential properties. These include “chicken, ducks, rabbits, and similar animals”. A llama is not considered a ‘similar animal’ to chicken, ducks or rabbits as a llama is much larger and has greater potential to be a nuisance.

Please find attached to this report:

1. Applicant’s project narrative received December 20, 2017
2. Aerial photograph of the property.

#### **Considerations:**

§1107.08(b) of the Medina Administrative Code describes the responsibilities of the Board of Zoning Appeals as such: Where there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the provisions of this chapter, the Board shall have the power, in a specific case, to interpret any such provision in harmony with its general purpose and intent so that the public health, safety, and general welfare may be secured and substantial justice done.

The request is subject to determination of a practical difficulty as a rear yard setback variance is requested. There are seven factors that the BZA should consider when evaluating whether or not a practical difficulty exists. These factors are outlined below, along with a discussion of how these factors apply to the application in question.

The applicant shall show by a preponderance of the evidence that the variance is justified, as determined by the Board. The Board shall weigh the following factors to determine whether an area variance should be granted:

A. *Whether the property in question will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be any beneficial use of the property without the variance;*

The subject property can keep chicken, ducks and rabbits and similar animals

B. *Whether the variance is substantial;*

The variance is substantial. This would be a '100%' variance as a llama is not a permitted farm animal species under 1113.05(n).

C. *Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or whether adjoining properties would suffer substantial detriment as a result of the variance;*

The applicant's property is adjacent to commercially zoned and residential/commercial occupied properties to the west, residentially zoned and occupied properties to the south and a church's grounds to the north and east.

D. *Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of governmental services (e.g., water, sewer, garbage);*

The variance would not adversely affect the delivery of governmental services.

E. *Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restrictions;*

The current code was in effect when the applicant inquired about keeping a llama at the subject property within the last month.

F. *Whether the property owner's predicament feasibly can be obviated through some method other than a variance; and/or*

The owner's predicament could be feasibly obviated by housing the llama at another site where such as animal would be permitted, which would not be within the City of Medina.

*G. Whether the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement would be observed and substantial justice done by granting a variance.*

The intent of permitting the keeping of “chicken, ducks, rabbits, and similar animals” was to allow animals that are generally the same scale and size as typical houses pets, such as dogs and cats.

The BZA must weigh the above seven factors for the requested variance and determine if a practical difficulty exists that would merit a variance from section 1113.05(n).

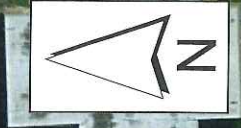


Subject Site

WADSWORTH RD

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LAFAYETTE RD



1 inch = 70 feet

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Variance to permit the  
keeping of a llama  
January 11, 2018



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**Area/Size (practical difficulties) worksheet**

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Applicant:

426 South Broadway St  
Ms. Shirley Ann Walker

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A. The property in question [will/will not] yield a reasonable return and there [can/cannot] be any beneficial use of the property without the variance because

*our back property is simply a grassy area I keep mowed since our daughter has grown. Her playtime, forts, swings & sandboxes are no more. The llama will benefit.*

B. The variance is [substantial/insubstantial] because *the llama must be moved from his current place due to the pipeline through the <sup>current</sup> property. The llama is 15 years old and would benefit from daily care and attendance. He would improve in condition with the daily care. It would be to his advantage*

C. The essential character of the neighborhood [would/would not] be substantially altered and the adjoining properties [would/would not] suffer substantial detriment as a result of the variance because

*my neighbors are in agreement to the llama coming home. The llama is trained, quiet, odorless, and gentle. Our back property is only visible from one neighbor.*

D. The variance [would/would not] adversely affect the delivery of governmental services (e.g., water, sewer, garbage);

E. The property owner purchased the property [with/without] knowledge of the zoning restrictions;

*there is a barn on our property. It used to be a farm. Horses were kept here.*

F. The property owner's predicament feasibly [can/can not] be obviated through some method other than a variance because *of the expense to board out one llama and its (the llama's) care beyond maintenance care*

G. The spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement [would/would not] be observed and substantial justice done by granting a variance because

*llamas are quiet, gentle and trainable. They are friendly and social offering benefits to all. Our llama will be well cared for. I have successfully owned, trained and shown horses for over 39 years. My willingness can confirm my care for my animals. The llama and our goat were part of my owned family.*

For all of the above reasons, I move the board [approve/disapprove] the request with the following conditions:

*The llama has been in my possession since 2003 (15 years). Initially he lived at a boarding facility with my five horses and two ponies. The horses have long since passed with very long lives and the llama has been staying at my son-in-law's place in Clinton, Oh. It is a very far distance for me to see him and he gets very little personal care, most often just maintenance care. His care would improve immensely if he were near to me, and other handlers. Please see all attachments! Spirit is a pet, not for profit, but for loving.*

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Part 1

Church yard

Church house (office)

Church parking

(space) Trees + foliage

Trees + foliage (space)

Llama area

Proposed fence Gate area

Grass (space)

Neighbor fence

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Neighbor barn

Our Barn

Neighbor Barn

foliage

Trees

Bushes/Trees

Yard

Bushes

Neighbor house

Neighbor's house

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426 S. Broadway  
Our Historic House

our driveway

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NORTH

FRONT PROPERTY





12-19-17

Medina Zoning Board,

My family and I are neighbors (502 Wadsworth) of Shirley Walker. Her direct neighbor to the South. We are looking forward to the possibility of her Llama coming to our block. My four year old daughter especially! We love animals and look forward to meeting it.

Sincerely,

Kate and Elton York  
502 Wadsworth Rd.

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BY: .....

Dear Medina Zoning Board,

Many people who have known the Walker family remember stories of their llama. They would now like the llama to join them in their home in Medina ~~City~~<sup>City</sup>. In my opinion, this would be an astonishing opportunity for not only me but many other children in our community, my job in the summer is to take care of their other pets while they are traveling. This could be a learning experience for me. The llama could take part in the parades that take place here. It would also be a therapy animal for me and my siblings who constantly are helping the Walkers with various tasks. As a high school volunteer at the Medina Community Church , the llama could also help some of the children during VBS (Vacation Bible School). This llama might be just an animal to you but it means alot to The Walkers and alot of people in the community, so please allow the Walkers to bring their llama to join them at their home where it belongs.

Sincerely,

*Kaelyn Wells*

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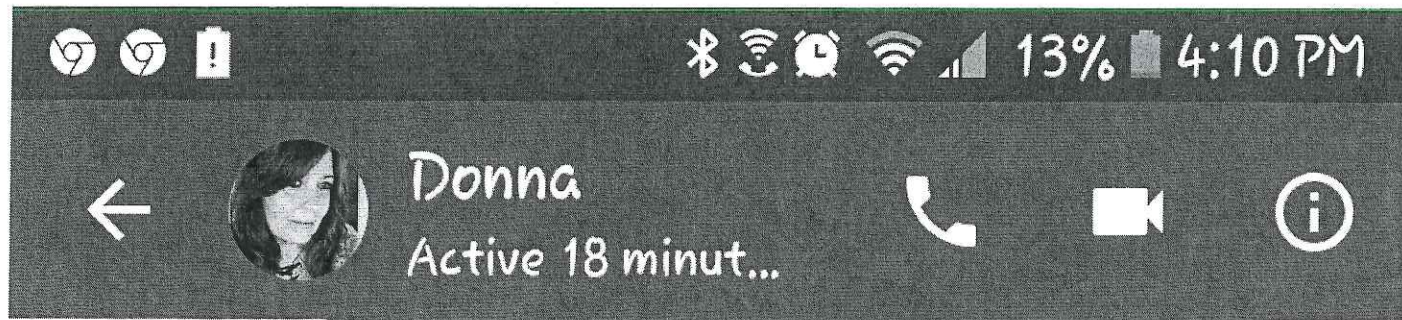
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**Llama**

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Just a note of thanks for including me in visits to see Spirit, your Llama. What fun to feed her, and interact in a playful way.

Ive never seen or known you to mistreat or use the Llama for anything but in respectful loving way.

Your concern has always been to provide a place where health, exercise, nutrition and safety are your goals including loving attention.

Spirit is truly a pet you love.

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Never has there been a motive or use for using her for fiber or gain in any way.

Spirit is a pet to your children and grandchildren.

Spirit deserves to live out her days with you and your family. Your yard is in my opinion very suitable for Spirit. It provides space outside and warmth in a portion of your barn, and a portion of your yard, fenced in for safety.

I hope Spirit is able to come home.

Sincerely  
Donna Bodenmiller  
315 Prospect  
Berea Ohio 44917  
Oh 440 281 4127



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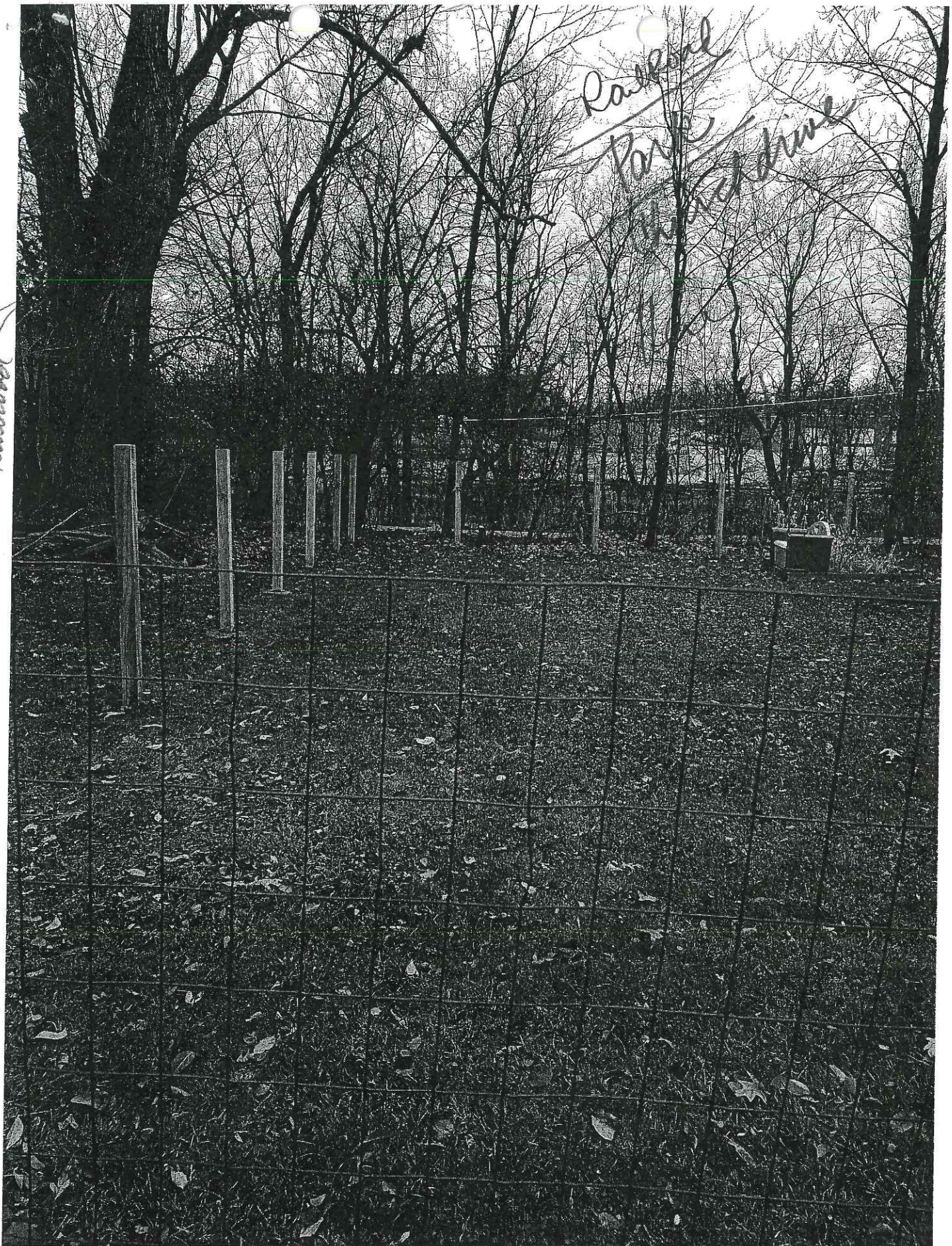
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View 1 Proposed living area in my back yard



426 S. Broadway St. "Back 40."

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VIEW 1



Ramey

Church parking

View 2

Neighbors fence

426 South Broadway St "Back 40." DEC 20 2011

View 2

BY: .....

December 19, 2017

To Whom it Concerns,

This letter is an addendum to my request for a variance to keep my llama on my home property at 426 South Broadway Street. Initially, I had checked Ohio Revised Code and found that it would be permitted to do so.

While at a meeting for our district ward, I spoke to a member of the planning/zoning about bringing Spirit home. He requested that I stop by the office to have the fencing approved even though a friend would be putting it up. The fence is basic post and wire, not substantial.

At your office, I was informed that the llama is considered a farm animal, and this would be against the Medina City zoning for my area. It was suggested that I apply for a variance to permit our pet of fifteen years to come home for constant care. Before exploring this situation, I spoke with my connecting neighbors. They do not have a problem with Spirit coming home. They welcome him as you will see if you read their notes.

Please take the time to read the informative brochure's that I have included with this letter. Llama's are not scary, particularly ours. This llama is a pet, trained, and gentle. While other llama's are large, he is very small. In short, llama's are quiet, clean, basically odorless, have padded hooves, and social. They do not bite. Their manure is called Llama Beans and add nutrition to all soils. They are slightly larger beans than rabbit pellet manure, and odorless. Disposal would not be a problem.

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BY: .....

Spirit is good friends with our dog, Charlie, because I take Charlie with me when I go out. They would enjoy each other's company regularly once more.

Our llama, Spirit, currently lives in the care of my son in law in Clinton, Ohio. He used to reside with my horses before they all passed of old age. He needs to be moved due to the pipeline coming through his property. Additionally, Spirit should be near me so he could get more thorough care during the last quarter of his life. He is currently fifteen and their lifespan is twenty years. He is well loved. The distance of a walk to the back yard for his care instead of a long drive would be to his benefit. He would get the geriatric care he needs. Coincidentally, the veterinarians who serviced my horses would gladly assert of my care of my horses over the years.

As an added note, I have lived at this residence since 1985. My five horses and two ponies were marched in many of Medina's parades, ridden by my daughters and my riding students. Perhaps Spirit will walk in them some day. My neighbor girl has already asked, and also about 4 H. I hope to have him certified as a therapy animal and use him about town, if possible.

Please consider this variance request. I can assure you of my capabilities for his care and safety as well as that of my neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Ann Walker



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Medina, Ohio 44256 Cell: 330-321-2712

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INTERNATIONAL  
LAMA  
REGISTRY

*Janet Vaughan*  
Registrar

**Llama**  
ID# 253169

Sex: Male  
Date of Birth: 28 January 2003

Country of Origin: USA  
Country Where Born: USA  
Color: White/Brown - Intense/Black  
DNA and/or Blood Test Case #:  
Microchip:  
RF Tattoo:  
LF Tattoo:  
Sire Owner, at time of Conception:  
VA220  
ROGER VAUGHAN JR

Dam Owner at time of Conception:  
VA220  
ROGER VAUGHAN JR  
Event Owner when cria was born:  
VA220  
ROGER VAUGHAN JR

Certificate Issued: 08 June 2004  
Date Registered: 09 March 2004

All of the information contained on this  
certificate has been provided by the  
owner and has not been independently  
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# Certificate of Registration

## IN THE SPIRIT OF EVEREST

ELIZABETH ANNE WALKER-WA461  
426 S BROADWAY ST  
MARDINA, OH 44156

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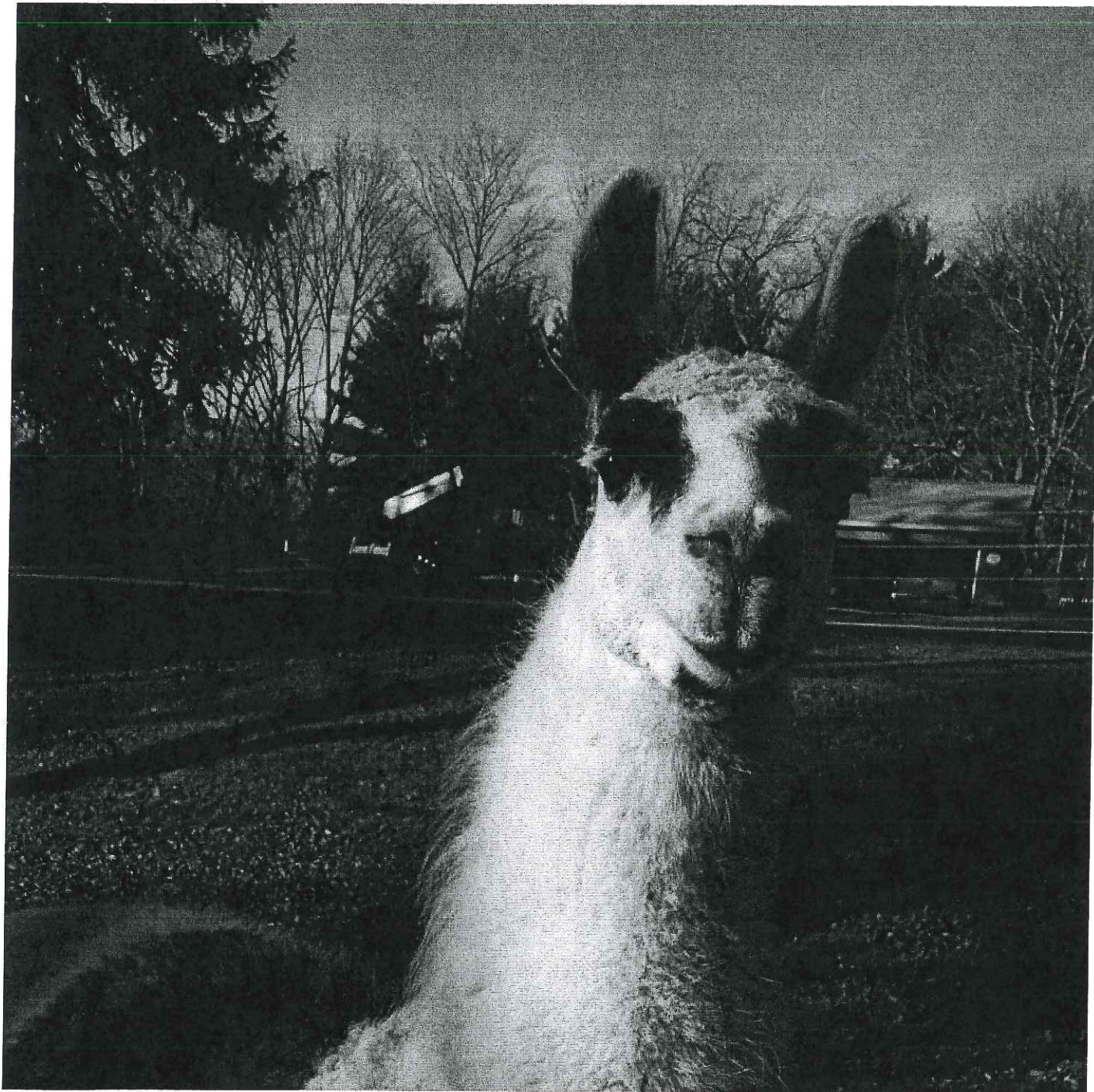


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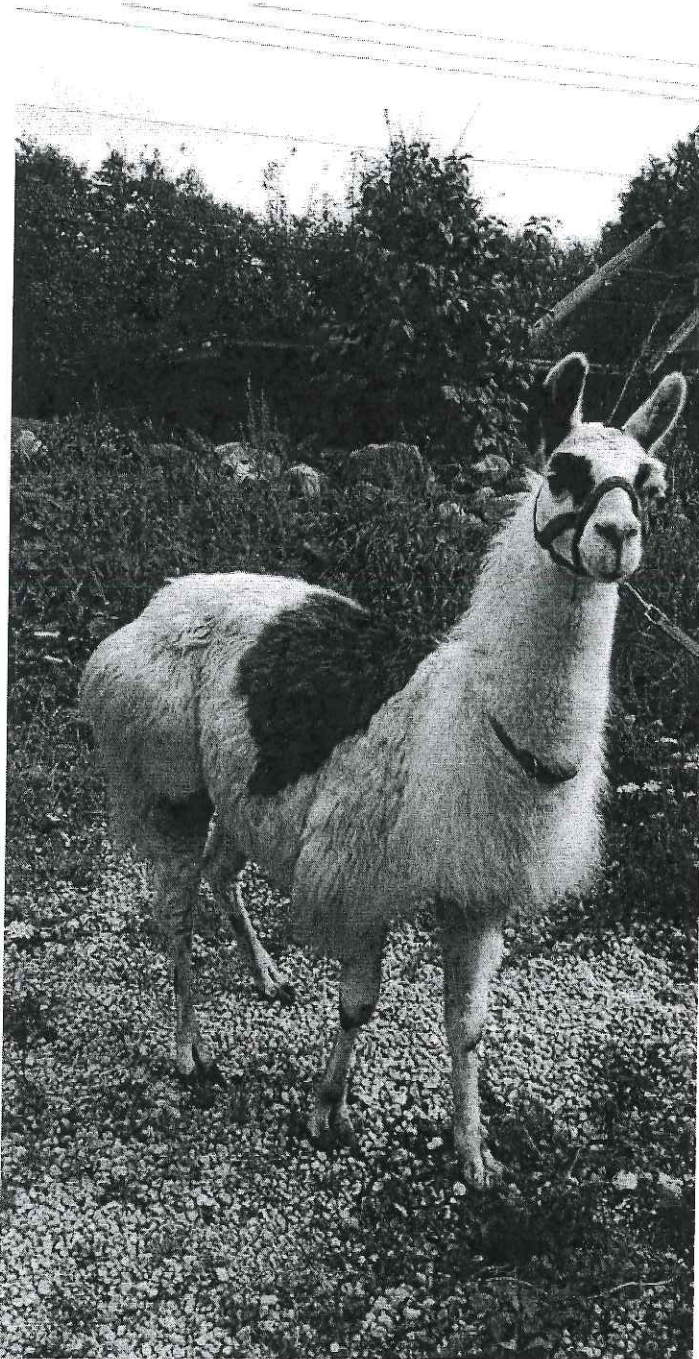
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# *the* spirit *in the* pumpkin patch

*It was a dark and stormy night! Actually, it wasn't. It was a beautiful, early fall day. The sun was out, a breeze was blowing, and the flies which usually plagued llamas and ponies all summer were almost gone.*

The trees were beginning to have a touch of orange and red. The apples and pumpkins were beginning to ripen, and this night would be the first night of a full, harvest moon. It would be a large, round moon that would illuminate the earth with exceptional night brilliance.

Little Wifbet, short for Elizabeth, and her mother were diligently caring for all the animals who lived on Crooked Walk Farm. The old ponies, Ginger and Watusi, needed their legs and backs rubbed, while the two shiny horses, Roper and Status, were anxious to get their grain. The orange and white kitty was rubbing on their legs, and Spirit, the llama, observed everything with his huge, brown eyes.

He always watched. It may have been that he felt it was his duty to protect the other animals by observing all activity about the farm. There wasn't anything he didn't see.

The chores were almost completed. The stalls were cleaned, buckets were scrubbed, and hay was distributed. Wifbet and her mom had even given Spirit a bath in an attempt to rid him of the tiny burrs he loved to find and roll in. Oh, wasn't it funny when Spirit pushed Wifbet into the mud puddle with his two front feet! "No more baths," says he in his own, silent way. The animals were turned out into the pasture, for the night would be cool and calm.

Before leaving the barn, Wifbet went to check on the pumpkin patch which grew in one corner of the pasture. "Oh mama," she cried out, "we have two big ones and lots of little ones!" Mama went to see. Sure enough, it was a grand patch and there would be plenty of pumpkins to share.

The next day at Crooked Walk Farm was much the same as always. Most chores were daily chores and always necessary. Wifbet was being her usual, helpful self and went to empty the old water from the animals' pails. Mama said it would help the pumpkins if she emptied the water onto the pumpkin patch. "Good idea," said Wifbet and

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With illustrations by  
Elizabeth Walker*

carried the half-filled big bucket to the corner of the pasture.

She returned with the empty bucket and with a puzzled look on her face. "Mama, there are strange marks on the two largest pumpkins." Mama was busy, but she thought she ought to have a look.

The two largest pumpkins had carved marks. The smaller one had two of the straightest parallel lines running from top to bottom. The larger pumpkin had two similar, but smaller marks in separate places. "I don't know what caused it," said mama. Wifbet and Mama left the patch discussing that the pumpkins could still be carved on the undamaged sides. "It'll be all right," Mama assured Wifbet.

When Wifbet went to do her chores the next day, she went to the pumpkin patch again. She ran swiftly to her Mama. "Someone carved a 'W' into the big pumpkin. Come and see!" she exclaimed. Sure enough, a large hastily scrawled 'W' was scratched into the pumpkin. "I don't know what to make of it," said Mama. They decided

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She turned to her gentle llama and the two looked meaningfully into each others' eyes. Wifbet knew Spirit had the answer. He just couldn't tell her.

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to ask big sister Ashleigh about it later. Their activities kept them busy and soon they forgot about the mysterious 'W'. It was night, and the family went for a walk under the harvest moon.

A few days went by and Wifbet went again to the pasture to get Spirit, the llama. She put on his pretty blue halter and took him from the pasture to groom and play with him. Oh, no! He was full of little, itty, bitty burrs again. She got the slicker and began to work on his coat.

Now, Spirit did not like grooming. It pulled on his fiber and he winced like a little girl with long hair getting combed after a bath. Wetting him with rinse almost always helped, but Spirit didn't care for that too much

either. He would stand stiffly with his lips pursed, always keeping his huge eyes on Wifbet. Finally, and none too soon, Wifbet finished and took him to play. They ran down the road and jumped ditches, picked wildflowers and watched a huge, lumbering train go by.

It was time for dinner, and Wifbet took The Spirit of Everest home. She led him to the pasture where he ran to play with his pony friends. On the way out, she stopped at the pumpkin patch.

What was this? More marks on the pumpkins. This time an 'S' was etched into the large pumpkin. The smaller pumpkin had more parallel lines crisscrossing the others. "This is very strange," thought Wifbet.

At dinner that night, Wifbet brought

the pumpkin mystery to discussion. She asked Papa what he thought. "Well," said Papa with a twinkle in his eyes, "NASA has been probing Mars lately and Jupiter has been in the news. There has also been a full moon these past few nights. Could it be Martians or fall Sprites?" Everyone laughed at the silly thought, everyone, but Ashleigh. "But Papa," she said, "Whatever or whomever is, know's letters. How can we explain that?" The discussion about the mysterious pumpkin letters continued for a short while and then conversation drifted to other subjects.

After the table was cleared and the dinner dishes washed and put away, Wifbet went out to the pasture to say good night to Spirit. She watched him nudge Ginger in the moonlight. He came to her and she patted him gently. Then she frowned. "Oh for crying out loud, Spirit! You are full of burrs, again!" She began picking at them,

but it was of no use. "Tomorrow," she told him, "you will get another bath."

Spirit only watched her. He always watched. He had such big eyes. Suddenly, Wifbet had an idea. "Spirit, you know who is writing on the pumpkins! You always watch. How can I get you to tell me?"

She went to the pumpkin patch and Spirit followed her. They stood silently in the moonlight. The marks on the pumpkins almost glowed because of the light from the bright harvest moon.

In the quiet, Wifbet saw that a hastily scrawled 'A' was drawn into the pumpkin. That made three letters now, a 'W', an 'S', and an 'A'. The marks on the smaller pumpkin were doubled

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and looked like a huge 'X'.

She turned to her gentle llama and the two looked meaningfully into each others' eyes. Wifbet knew Spirit had the answer. He just couldn't tell her. She hugged him good-night and went to her own room to think.

Daily trips to the pumpkin patch brought more curious markings on the two pumpkins. It was good that they were large pumpkins. All in all, there was now an 'S', an 'H', a 'W', and a very crooked 'A'. There was also a "tipped over" 'W', or was it an 'E'? It was difficult to tell. The other pumpkin still bore the huge, mysterious parallel 'X'.

Tomorrow was going to be Sunday. It would be an exciting day because Uncle Roger and Aunt Jess were coming to dinner with their family. Wifbet was excited. Of course, they would bring their boy, Andy, but Wifbet

couldn't wait for baby Sierra to come! Mom, Ashleigh, and Wifbet cleaned the house while Papa mowed the yard. They baked pies and zucchini bread.

After the extra chores were done, Wifbet went to get Spirit ready for company. She almost dreaded seeing the beautiful chocolate and white llama covered in burrs. But Spirit's kind face was always a pleasure.

She pulled out the hose and got bottles of conditioner ready. She gathered brushes, combs, and everything else she needed for the big, big clean-up chore. Spirit came to the paddock to see Wifbet. When he heard the hose running and smelled the conditioner bottles, he ran far into the pasture.

Wifbet chased after him for quite some time. Finally, she caught him and brought him toward the barn. He stiffened. She coaxed. He pursed his lips. She pushed. He hummed and pursed his lips. She pulled and pushed. He was finally close enough for the

hose to reach him. She squirted Spirit with a gentle, but strong enough mist. He pulled back so hard, Wifbet fell into the mud. Spirit was free!

"Grrrrr," thought Wifbet. She had to clean him for Aunt Jess' visit tomorrow. Where did he go? It would be easier to catch him this time. He ran away with his halter and lead line.

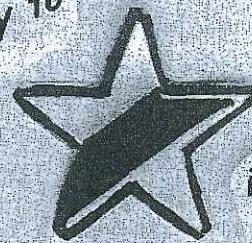
She looked into the pasture. There he was, knee dip in the pumpkin patch, with his head buried in the big leaves. "You can't hide like a big snake, you silly llama," she cried. She ran to the pumpkin patch.

Well, much to her surprise, he was chewing on a pumpkin, the one with the letters. He had just finished carving a wobbly 'M'. "Spirit," she scolded, "don't!" He picked up his head and watched her come forward. Wifbet looked at the pumpkin, then at Spirit, then back at the pumpkins. She stood there a long time looking at the scene

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and thinking.

Suddenly, with a light as bright as the harvest moon, Wifbet knew who was writing on the pumpkins. Not only did she know who, but she knew why. It was her dear friend, Spirit. On the smaller pumpkin was the huge parallel 'X'. On the larger pumpkin, the letters so childishy carved were, 'W', 'A', 'S', 'H', 'M', 'E'. She got it! Spirit was trying to tell her: DON'T WASH ME!

She looked at him and gave him a huge hug. "You win, Spirit. I'll love you messy or not." And the next day, she took him out the drive of Crooked Walk Farm. They went down the road to jump ditches and pick wildflowers. Then they went over to watch the big train, burrs and all!

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Elizabeth Walker, Illustrator, has delighted many with her beautiful drawings of people, animals, scenery and skating costumes. She hopes you enjoy the sketches of The Spirit of Everest. Eliz is presently sixteen and literally, physically drives her mother crazy while driving her about town with her temporary permit. She is a national bronze medalist USARS, roller skater and hopes to be a world class skater before she seriously breaks something trying to achieve her dream of a world class medal of any color! She likes music and plays the piano, trumpet and French horn. Ask her about community theatre and she will tell you how much she loves it!

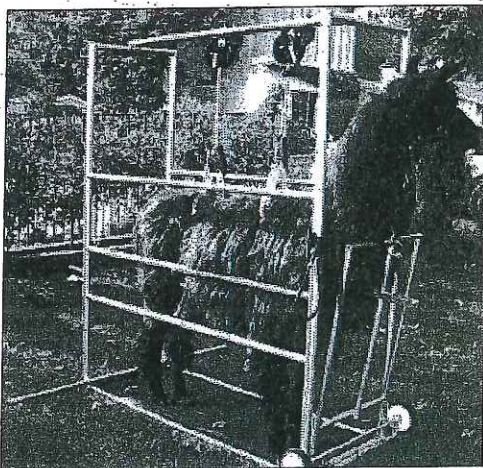
Shirley Ann M. Walker lives with her two daughters, Elizabeth 16, Ashley 14, and her husband, of course. They have a small border collie named Oliver and a bewitching calico cat named Butterscotch Bandit. The

Walker ladies own and care for two aged horses, Ronnie's Red Roper Boy, 26, who is an Ohio Buckeye Certified Mounted Patrol horse and Supreme Status, 26, who is a crazy Saddlebred with the smoothest suspension system! They also have two ancient ponies Ginger Bay, 47 (!) and Watusi who is young at 45!. Watch for the upcoming episode of Spirit and Ginger. It is yet another true story of animal friendship.

The Spirit of Everest entered their lives as a cria just a few days old. "Doesn't he look just like a Bedlington Terrier?" mom said, as they viewed the small, little chocolate and white llama standing in the barn with his parents. Spirit was given as a gift to Elizabeth for her birthday by her big sister Jessica and her husband Roger Vaughan. They owned the parents, Jamie's White Wonder (Whitey) and W.L.F. Pride's Princess. "The first one ought to stay in the family," Jessica said. And he has delighted our lives since.

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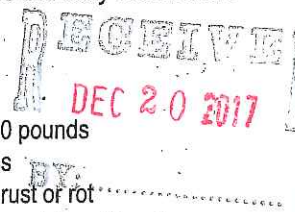
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Everyday, llamas around the world produce time-release fertilizer capsules for your garden. These capsules are fondly called llama beans and less fondly called manure. Okay,

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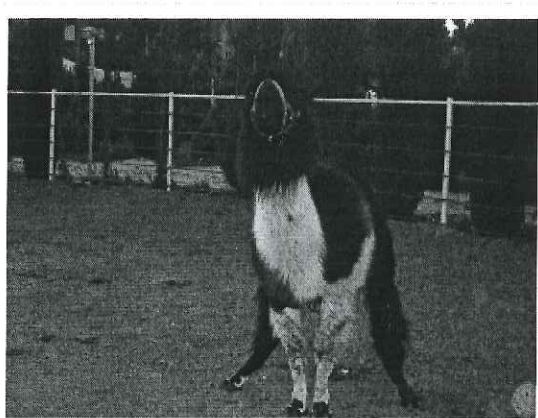
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some call it llama poop. Regardless, you can grow beautiful fruits & vegetables with a little help from a llama's back end.

You see, llama beans serve as a nearly perfect fertilizer. These beans won't burn plants the way that synthetic chemicals can. So you can place time-release llama beans around your plants just as soon as they plop out of any llama. Or you can concoct llama tea by moistening llama beans with water, covering them with soil, and keeping the soil moist as you wait a little more than a month for the beans to break down into a rich, powdery fertilizer that is ready for spreading whenever you are.

Llama beans and llama tea are much better fertilizers for your garden than synthetic chemicals, which have too much nitrogen for plants, deplete the soil of micro-nutrients, and leech into drinking water. Yuck! And unless you enjoy the smell of cow, chicken or other barnyard animals' manure, you just might want to consider switching to nearly odorless llama beans!

Let's take a look at how llama beans are made. Here's Pajama Llama preparing a fresh batch:



Pajama Llama cooks up some llama beans.

That was easy! Now let's see what he made:

*"Llama beans are easily recycled to the yard and family + friends. There is no odor, I will "appoint" the place where the llama will go by bringing a shovel of manure from his current habitat to mine.*

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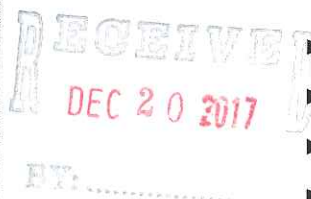


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*My llama is a nut,  
about 250 lbs,  
or less.*

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Surprised? Yes, llama beans are small, aren't they? It's hard to imagine that they come from 350-pound, six-foot-tall animals. But llamas have a highly sophisticated digestive system consisting of one stomach with three compartments that soak the hay to soften it, then ferment the hay, and finally break the hay down with digestive enzymes. What's left? Coffee-bean-sized pellets, which the llamas deposit in dung heaps, rather than all over the yard. How considerate!

ShangriLlama uses its llama beans to fertilize trees in the llamas' meadow. But there are always enough beans to go around. Would you like to try some? They're free!

Happy Trails from Mama Llama!

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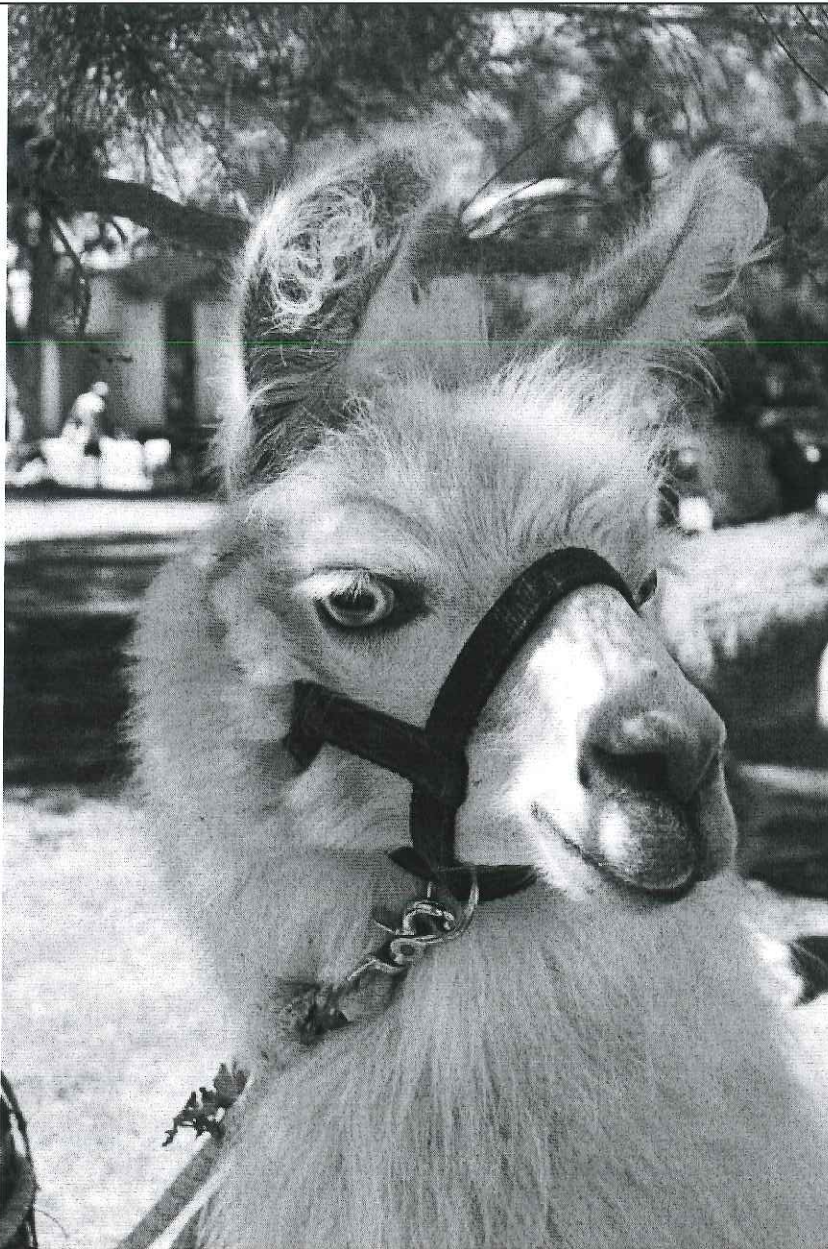
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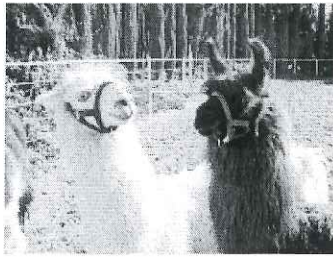
**WHY DO PEOPLE ENJOY THE COMPANY OF LLAMAS?** After all, they look a bit intimidating with their bulbous eyes, banana-shaped ears and giraffe-like necks.

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The Dalai Llama & Barack O'Llama from ShangriLlama

Most likely, it is because llamas are naturally gentle and compliant. That's also why they're among the world's oldest domesticated animals, which is a very small group of critters that have a friendly disposition, will procreate in captivity and don't mind being fenced in.

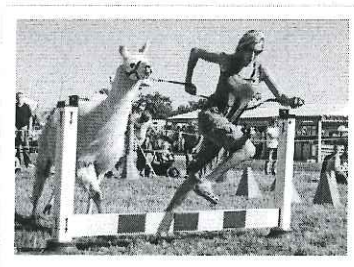
Here's the entire list of domesticated animals, in the order they were domesticated:

Dog, sheep, pig, goat, cow, cat, chicken, guinea pig, donkey, domesticated duck, water buffalo, horse, dromedary camel, llama, silkworm, reindeer, rock pigeon, goose, Bactrian camel, yak, banteng (cow), gayal (cattle), alpaca, ferret, Muscovy duck, guinea fowl, common carp, domesticated turkey, goldfish, and European rabbit

Are you wondering why the panda, lion and zebra aren't on this list? These animals and others like them can be **tamed**, but they are certainly not **naturally** friendly or compliant, which means they probably never will be domesticated.

Domestication has proven to be a very good thing for llamas—and for us. Because of the scarcity of food in the harsh wilds of South America, llamas would have become extinct if not for the people of Peru in about 3,500 B.C., who chose llamas to serve as beasts of burden. Now all over South America, llamas are used to carry up to 1/3 of their weight in cargo as far as 15 miles a day.

Since the 1970s, llamas have been at work in the U.S.A. in a variety of capacities, including:



### Training

You can train a llama to perform tricks for you, such as navigating obstacles, walking up stairs, stealing hats off people, and other silly things. Llamas are quite intelligent, and they only need one or two training sessions to learn a task for a lifetime.

### Hiking

Take a pack of llamas on a hike through the woods or along a mountainous area. They can carry your camping equipment, and because they are so agile, they can quickly maneuver out of the way of oncoming horses and other hikers.

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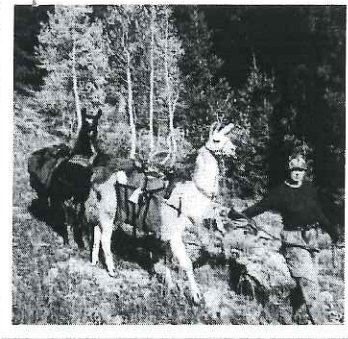


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**Jogging**

Better than a guard dog, llamas make excellent jogging companions. No one will hassle you with a llama by your side! And you'll never run out of a challenge with this jogging buddy, which can run faster than 35 mph. Just use the llama's rope to set your

pace.



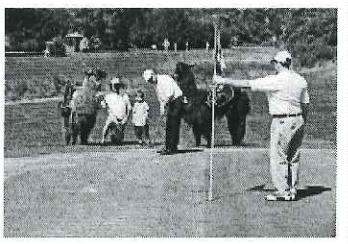
**Carting**

Llamas can pull one or two people in a specially designed cart. Such llamas must be at least four years old (fully grown) and trained for the task, but remember: llamas learn quickly.



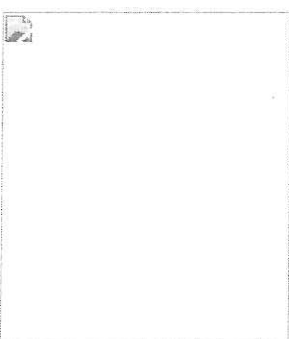
**Walking**

If you'd like to spend some time getting to know the nature of llamas, take a walk with a pack. Every walk will be different because of the interaction among the pack animals. All walks will be enjoyable as you learn about these incredibly interesting creatures by observing them.



**Golfing**

If you can find a golf course that will allow you to use a llama for a caddy, then you will surely distract and impress your opponents--and everyone else within view. Don't forget a small rake and shovel to pick up the llama beans. Offer them to the groundskeeper for use as fertilizer.



**Showing**

Many llama owners participate in llama shows, which are similar to dog shows and horse shows. Llama owners are awarded ribbons and sometimes prize money for having the llama with the best wool, disposition, cart driving, obstacle driving, haltering or performance. There are special youth awards, too. The offspring of award-winning llamas are considered more valuable when sold, which brings us to our next subject...

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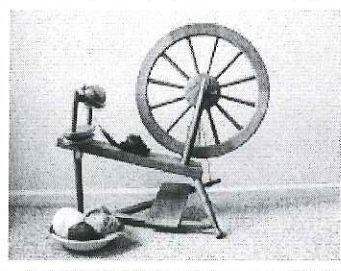
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*one of my neighbors  
Gorb is interested in handling and  
showing Spirit I will teach her.*



**Breeding**

This activity requires a breeder's license, a horse-zoned property, proper acreage--and lots of time. But baby llamas, called crias, sure are cute!



**Spinning**

A month before the summer season, llamas are sheared for the wool that they grow. This luxurious, highly valuable wool can be cleaned, spun, dyed and knit into clothing, rugs and accessories.



**Loving**

It's easy to fall in love with llamas, because they are so beautiful, gentle, intelligent and quirky. No wonder they were domesticated long ago.

Here's hoping you get to spend some time with a llama soon, whether it is for exercise or for the pure pleasure of being with them.

Happy Trails from Mama Llama!

Posted by Mama Llama at 1:34 PM



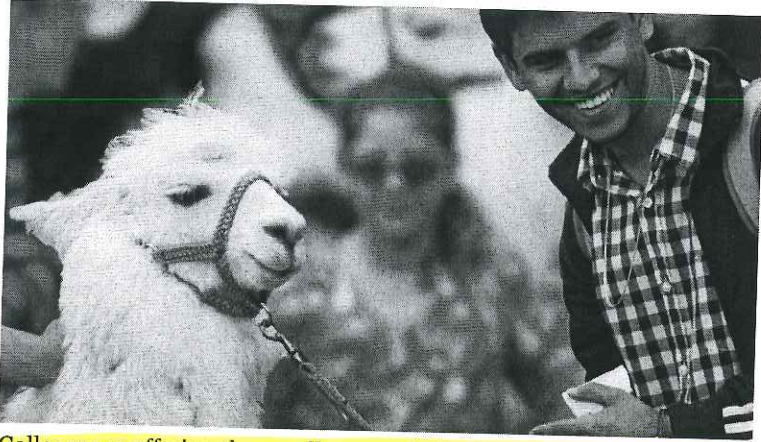
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Colleges are offering therapy llamas to help students cope with end-of-semester stresses. (Image source: Facebook video screenshot)

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Despite widespread ridicule over colleges offering salves for their students' frayed nerves — such as [eliminating stressful book fines](http://www.theblaze.com/news/2017/05/02/ivy-league-school-eliminates-overdue-library-book-fines-because-they-stress-out-students/) (<http://www.theblaze.com/news/2017/05/02/ivy-league-school-eliminates-overdue-library-book-fines-because-they-stress-out-students/>), [letting students choose their own grades](http://www.theblaze.com/news/2017/08/07/georgia-professor-allows-stressed-out-students-to-choose-their-own-grades/) (<http://www.theblaze.com/news/2017/08/07/georgia-professor-allows-stressed-out-students-to-choose-their-own-grades/>), [Play-doh therapy](http://www.theblaze.com/video/college-students-across-the-country-are-turning-to-play-doh-to-cope-with-stress/) (<http://www.theblaze.com/video/college-students-across-the-country-are-turning-to-play-doh-to-cope-with-stress/>) and [therapy dogs](http://www.theblaze.com/news/2017/09/05/for-students-simply-overcome-by-stress-college-offers-therapy-dogs-for-cuddles) (<http://www.theblaze.com/news/2017/09/05/for-students-simply-overcome-by-stress-college-offers-therapy-dogs-for-cuddles>) — the coddling apparently is continuing apace.

Enter the llamas. Therapy llamas, to be exact.

Special: Shot glasses made from real 30mm shell casings fired by a U.S. A-10 Warthog (<http://bit.ly/2j4hEm4>)

The Wellness department at the [University of South Florida](https://www.facebook.com/events/1933325390249958/) (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1933325390249958/>) trotted out llamas in late November so students could experience the “beneficial effects” of petting them — one of the upsides being stress management.



Image source: Facebook video screenshot



The library at Radford University in Virginia hosted a “Stress Buster” day last Wednesday featuring llamas and “bunnies too”:



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@mclibru

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Not content only with providing animal companionship, the day also featured free chair massages, snacks, crafts and button-making:

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And that brings us to the University of California, Berkeley, which featured its own "pet a llama" event for students last Monday:

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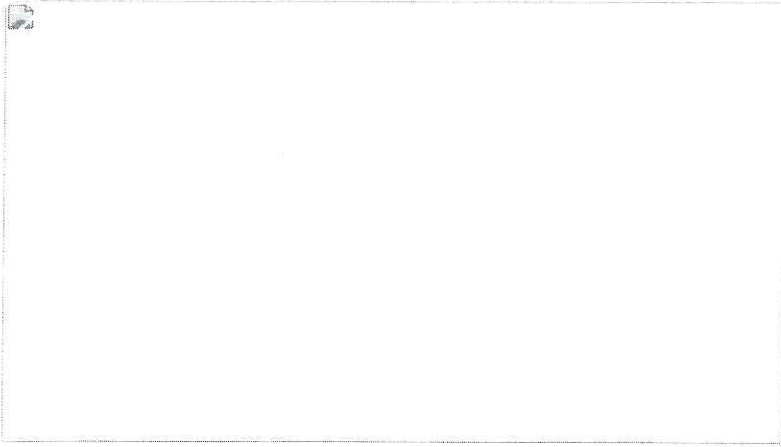
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You know, to help “ease finals drama”:



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Llamas helping to ease #finals drama!#Llama #llamas

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## This writer’s perspective

Beyond the overall silliness, particularly at an elite school like Berkeley, one also has to ask: Where were the black-clad Antifa protesters — and why oh why weren’t they railing against such blatant llama exploitation and appropriation?

Those llamas have rights, too, you know.

(H/T: Campus Reform (<https://www.campusreform.org/?ID=10259>))

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# The Twenty-one Most Commonly Asked Llama Questions

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## 1. What do you do with a llama?

There are many uses for a llama, but the first consideration to owning llamas should be a love of animals and the enjoyment of being around them. Llamas are by nature very intelligent, gentle, and quiet animals. They are relatively inexpensive to maintain, and are cooperative and patient in training. There are seven main uses for a llama:

- A) breeding animals as a source of income
- B) a packing beast of burden
- C) a source of wool
- D) a pet and companion
- E) as transportation to pull carts and sleighs ( this takes MUCH training)
- F) a show competition animal, or 4H project
- G) a guardian animal for sheep, goats, or cattle.

## 2. What do llamas cost?

Within the last few years, with the economy plummeting, many llama breeders are selling their animals for very reduced prices. In the past, the average price of males at weaning age ( 7-8 months) with little or no training was \$400-\$800.

Breeding males \$1500 and up; weaning age females \$1500 and up;  
mature and/or bred females \$2000 and up.

Of course, training, conformation, wool quality, and lineage always play an important part in pricing. Nowadays, you can find llamas for just about any price. We encourage you to beware a bargain that sounds too good to be true. It probably is. There is no such thing as a *free* animal! Remember, these are livestock and as such, take specialized care. Buyer Beware!

## 3. How long do llamas live?

15 to 20 years is the average lifespan of a llama

## 4. What do llamas eat?

Llamas eat grass, hay, and grain, and as browsers, also like bark and twigs.  
For treats they love cut up apples and carrots.

## 5. How much do llamas eat?

A acre of good pasture can support 4 llamas or you can estimate one bale of hay lasting 7 days for one llama.

Figure \$20-\$30 a month for two llamas.

## 6. Do llamas spit?

Yes, but llamas usually only spit at other llamas to establish and keep a pecking order and for discipline.

An abused or very frightened llama may spit at any threat.

## 7. What sounds do llamas make?

Llamas, hum, cluck, orgle, and whinny, but the hum is most common.

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## 8. Do llamas need much veterinary care?

Normally very healthy, llamas do require yearly inoculations, rabies shots, and periodic deworming for intestinal parasites. In this area, they also require monthly deworming for meningeal worm carried by the white tailed deer. This parasite can cause paralysis and death in a llama.

## 9. Do llamas have to be sheared?

Yes - in the east, most llamas should be sheared to enable them to keep cool in the summer months. Llamas can die from heat stress or complications stemming from such. Shearing can be done with scissors or machine shears and most llamas tolerate it well. Prime, clean fiber is non-allergenic and can be used to make clothing, hats, purses, etc.

## 10. Do llamas make good pets?

Because of their intelligence and gentle nature, llamas are delightful pets and are very good with children.

Gelded males or non-pregnant females are recommended for pets. Just remember, they need another of their kind for companionship.

## 11. How big do llamas get?

Just like people, llamas come in all colors, shapes and sizes.

Most mature llamas will weigh between 250– 400 pounds and stand 4-6 feet tall.

## 12. Do llamas smell?

Llamas have a very good sense of smell but little body odor and their manure is almost odor free.

## 13. How much room do you need to keep llamas?

Llamas can be kept on very small acreage but it is best that they have a good exercise area for health reasons.

## 14. What kind of fencing or shelter do they need?

Llamas need at least a three sided shelter to protect them from the hot sun, wind, rain and snow.

Fencing can be board, electric wire, or field wire. Barbed wire is NOT acceptable. Fans in the summer help to prevent heat stress.

## 15. Can you ride a llama?

Only children under 50 pounds could ride a llama preferably on a well made pack saddle — although great packers, llamas can not withstand weight directly on their spine; pack saddles distribute the weight evenly over the ribcage.

## 16. How much weight can they carry?

A mature, conditioned llama can carry about 1/4 - 1/3 of their body weight.

## 17. What is their gestation?

11– 11 1/2 months

## 18. How big are the babies when they are born and do they ever have twins?

Birth weights range from 20 –35 pounds on average and twinning is very rare due to the size of the baby.



① My vets are Dr. John Syfford who mostly cared for my horses  
330-968-6570  
② And Wellington Veterinary Hospital who also cared for my horses and my llama  
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### 19. What do you call babies, males, and females?

Most breeders call them babies, males and females for clarity, but some call babies “crias” the Spanish word for llama babies. Castrated males may be called geldings and breeding males are called studs.

### 20. How do you transport llamas?

Llamas travel easily and usually lie down or ‘kush”. They should not be tied when traveling and can be trained to go in covered pickup trucks, vans, and horse trailers.

### 21. Can I keep just one llama?

Like potato chips, you can't have just one. Llamas are herd dependent and need to be with their own kind, so you need at least two. Some mature llamas can adapt to being kept with sheep or goats as a guardian animal.

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