

## Montana Large Animal Sanctuary Officially Closed: *Animals move to new homes, lives*

Perhaps it started out as a good idea. "Let's develop a place where animals can come and live out their lives, in a natural way."

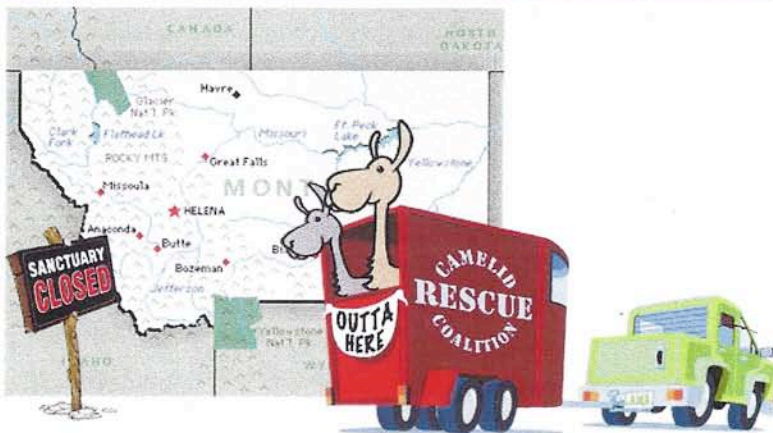
But somewhere along the line it all went terribly wrong. Too many animals arrived. Too few people were there to care for them.

Money for feed, hay, care became unavailable. Animals arrived that were still breeding and they continued to do so at the ranch. And with a three-day supply of hay left -- the owners called for help. That's when the good hearted souls from Animeals stepped in.

**Congratulations** are in order to the Camelid Rescue Coalition - newly formed to help the Montana Sanctuary's 1200 animals. Southeast Llama Rescue, Northeast Llama Rescue, Southwest Llama Rescue and LANA Lifeline banded together and made it happen. They raised funds, arranged transport, sought donations and moved heaven and earth to rehome the llamas of Montana's ranch.

Twenty-three of those llamas came here, to Wier World Farm. One died in transit. The others have been eating since they arrived -- and all have adoptive homes waiting for them. It's a small piece of the rescue puzzle -- but it's a big thing to these 22 llamas.

A huge thank you to those who helped with the settling in, and to the University of IL Veterinary College for their donation of time and expertise to triage/vet these animals. We all have made a difference.



*Photos above: Graphic courtesy of Liam Snell; Dr. Sherrie Clark and the veterinary team from the University of IL Vet College ultrasound one of the llamas to check for possible pregnancy; Jonathan, Michelle, Hannah, Becca and Kristie with Logan (the kids were instrumental in naming the llamas); from left: Amaro and Eclipse, Sara Beth; Jeff and Dr. Seussy; in her coat; Trump; the herd.*





## Spin A Bag, Get A Bag goes international

Our offer of "free fiber for yarn" from our llama/alpaca herd was kicked up a notch through our involvement with two websites: Etsy and Ravelry.

Over a dozen boxes were mailed out to IN, CA, IL, MN, AR, and even to New Brunswick, Canada. Handspinners are busy spinning our fiber into yarn -- which we will use to make hats -- or sell to others -- in exchange for alpaca or llama fleeces to keep. It is a win/win situation.

If you are interested in taking part, or if you have already taken advantage of this offer, please remember that I have a one-year time frame (maximum) for the yarns to be returned. Thanks to all who have taken part in our offer.

## SPRING SALES: Alpaca Fiber Boys

Our special sales for February and March will be our alpaca fiber boys. Hadley, Whitman Baxter and Andantino are all available for \$500 for the first, \$450 for the second, \$400 for the third and \$350 for the fourth fiber boy. These boys are stunners!



Teddy bear face:  
Hadley, a darling  
alpaca boy w/Becca

## Celebrating the unsung glories of llamas: Carting!

February's llama attribute is about carting. Llamas can be trained to pull a cart and can be taken into parades, shows or just for a Sunday drive (as can be seen by the top, right photo of Tim Kohloff and his Milky Way). Bring your llama or borrow one at the carting class!

## Coming Events:



March 5: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **3 Sisters Workshop Llama Carting class** with Tim Kohloff at Wier World Farm -- \$75 - potluck lunch, [www.3sistersworkshop.com](http://www.3sistersworkshop.com) to sign up.

March 19: **3 Sisters Workshop Fleece Processing class** with Tammy Duensing; 10-3, \$75

March 25-27: **MOPACA Invitational Show**, Kansas City, MO

April 9: **Monroe County Sheep Festival**, Waterloo at the Fairgrounds. 8 - 4 p.m.

April 16: **3 Sisters Workshop Fleece Dyeing Seminar** with Tammy Duensing; 10-3 p.m., \$75, potluck lunch

## Llama "king" Mighty Impressive crosses over the Rainbow Bridge

The most handsome male llama we've ever owned passed away after a short illness. Mighty lived up to his

name. He was the Grand Champion of the IL State Fair in the year 2000 and a beautiful representative of how gorgeous llamas can be. He will be missed.

