

2012 Declared International Year of the Working Llama

It is the International Year of the Working Llama! The Australian and New Zealand llama associations have decided to promote the working llamas and have invited the ILR (International Llama Registry) to join their efforts, making this a truly international event! The Australians and New Zealanders are renaming their show categories to honor working llamas and promote the diverse uses that llamas have.

On our farm, we have been blessed to know llamas in many of the "working llamas" categories: guard llamas, packing llamas, therapy llamas and carting llamas. Congratulations to just a few of our own representatives of these categories:



Pebbles is one of our top therapy llamas. She has been to schools, nursing homes and walk-a-thons and has represented the "working llama" beautifully. At left: **Don Tomas'** strutted his stuff at the Best of MO Market at the MO Botanical Gardens. Below left: **Amanda** was our #1 therapy llama for over 15 years. Here she poses with the co-chairs of the Best of MO Market: **Nora** and **Ellen**. **Valentina** recently took over duties as a guardian for the alpacas at Northern Prairie Alpacas in Sullivan, MO. She is "on the job" in the photo. Bot-

tom left: **Tim Kolhoff** teaches llama carting class to **Michelle** and her llama, **Mr. Miller**. Go to www.3sistersworkshop.com to sign up for the next carting class on March 10.



New faces on the farm



Fancy That (above) is a female Canadian alpaca (\$800); **Amber** is her daughter (\$700). Look for **Elizabeth** (at right) at MOPACA this year. Below: **Aries** is a spotted, appy male alpaca (\$400); **Lucy** is a crossbred llama/alpaca appy girl.



COMING EVENTS

3 Sisters Workshops:

- Feb 18 - Beginning Spinning
- Mar 10 - Llama Carting
- Apr 21 - Beginning Spinning
- May 5 - Llama Packing
- May 19 - Shearing class
- June 16 - Fleece Processing
- July 21 - Beginning Spinning

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April 14: Waterloo Sheep Festival, Monroe County Fairgrounds



Indie was born in May 2011. He is a gorgeous male alpaca with amazing fleece. Price does not include his first shearing. \$400

The Deliciousness of the Christmas Tree: Before and After



Whether it's a Christmas tree or a wreath, those fresh greens are a super special winter treat for our llamas and alpacas. Bonus: it gives them minty fresh breath, too! The girls taste the yummy tree and **Ben** shows the results. (Make certain your tree has not been sprayed with chemicals.)