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# CANADIAN LLAMA AND ALPACA ASSOCIATION

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## APPLICATION FOR HERD IDENTIFIER

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ hereby apply for the herd identifier listed below, if available

PLEASE PRINT NAME

Breeder ID # \_\_\_\_\_



Signature of Applicant or Person Authorized to sign (as per application for membership)

First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit this application with payment to the:**

CANADIAN LLAMA & ALPACA ASSOC.

2320 41 AVE NE

CALGARY AB T2E 6W8

FAX: 403.291.9324

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**As of April 28, 2010 it is mandatory to have a registered herd Identifier**

A herd identifier can be compared to a brand name or trademark that is easily recognizable and synonymous with your breeding program, forming part of the formal name of a registered animal. It protects your right to the name. As such, it provides the perfect tool to ensure that breeding combinations you have selected to fulfil your breeding goals are permanently identifiable at shows, sales, in advertisements, in the CLAA herdbook and on certificates of registration. This continues to be the case whether the animal remains in your ownership or has been sold to another breeder.

The registering of a herd identifier specific to your farm is a one-time purchase and prohibits anyone from inadvertently or deliberately choosing the same or a very similar identifier. It also prevents the misuse of an identifier in the naming of an animal originating from your breeding program and ensures that as the breeder only your identifier can be used.

**The herd identifier can be registered anytime prior to registering your first cria. The regulations for use of an identifier are provided on the reverse side of this form.**

## **Article 8 - Naming of Alpacas**

8 (1) The name of an alpaca registered or recorded with Registrar of the Association shall not contain more than thirty (30) letters, spaces and characters and shall include the numeral affix and letters and country code suffix, as well as the herd identifier when applicable.

(2) **Different names:** the name of an alpaca registered or recorded with Registrar of the Association shall not be the same as the name of one previously registered or recorded for the sub-species (breeds), unless thirty-five (35) years have elapsed. Names of alpacas shall also not be:

- a) misleading as to family, origin, relationship or sex;
- b) offensive or vulgar;
- c) similar in spelling or pronunciation to a name already in use;

(3) **Same name:** alpacas from other countries shall be registered or recorded with the same name as shown on the certificate of registration issued in the country of origin, when such a certificate exists.

(4) **Appearance of herd identifier:** the registered herd identifier of the owner of the dam at conception will be the only herd identifier used in the name of the resultant cria.

(5) **Name change:** the name of an alpaca may be changed by the original applicant up to thirty (30) days after the date of registration or recordation.

## **Article 9 - Registration of Herd Identifiers**

9 (1) **Herd Identifiers:** a breeder or a non-member shall register with the Association for his/her exclusive use a single distinctive name or combination of letters to be used as a herd identifier in naming alpacas of which he/she is the breeder. A particular name will be allowed to one person, partnership, or company only. The Registrar shall make sure that a herd name is unique and that it is not registered nor used by more than one breeder.

(2) **Priority in use:** in registering a herd identifier, priority in use shall be considered. Any dispute between breeders as to priority right to a herd identifier or to a registration name shall be referred to the Board.

(3) **Time:** a registered herd identifier will be forfeited after ten (10) years of non-use and/or non-membership by the owner of the name.

(4) **Transfer:** a registered herd identifier may be transferred to another person or persons on application of the person in whose name it is registered. In the event of a change in the name of a partnership or company, or if a member of the same family is taken into partnership, the name may be transferred on application to the Registrar of the Association by the registered owner or his/her authorized representative. Likewise, transfer may be made from a deceased owner to his/her heir.