
CANADIAN LLAMA AND ALPACA ASSOCIATION

Applying for Certificates of Registration

Alpacas must be microchipped prior to registration

This should be done no later than 6 months of age. Microchips are to be inserted at the base of the right side of the tail or at the base of either ear. Microchips are available at the CLAA office. Microchips must be 10 or 15-digits.

Alpacas must be DNA parent verified prior to registration

Collection of the DNA sample should be done when the alpaca is microchipped. You can order DNA samples kits from the CLAA office. There is a choice of two kits: hair (follicle) envelopes and FTA microcards (blood sample) and instructions on how to collect the samples are sent with the corresponding kit.

Once the alpaca has been microchipped and you have collected the DNA sample you must send the DNA sample with the application for registration form to the CLAA office. Then the sample will be sent to the laboratory for DNA testing. The DNA testing is done according to a schedule, so it is important for breeders to reference the schedule to ensure their DNA samples arrive at the CLAA office in time to meet the testing date.

If you have entered an animal electronically through your breeder Registry On-Line account you must send a DNA submission form with the sample to the CLAA office. You do not need to send a paper application form.

When the DNA testing results are completed and there is a qualified dam and sire the registration will be completed and the certificate mailed. Payment of the fees for DNA testing and registration must be sent with the DNA sample and application for registration or you may make arrangements to pay with a credit card.

***** **Foreign DNA parent verification reports** may be used when registering an alpaca with the CLAA. Copies of the alpaca's foreign genotype, stating the qualified dam and sire, a copy of the alpaca's ARI certificate of registration must accompany the application for CLAA registration – or the CLAA DNA submission form if you have entered the animal on-line.

Payment of the registration fee and the fee for manual data entry of the foreign genotype should be sent with the application or you may make arrangements to pay with a credit card.

Please refer to the current fee schedule for fees to be paid

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The Application Form –

The animal you are applying to register must have at least one CLAA registered parent.

All information must be filled in.

Name of the Animal – the registered herd identifier of the *‘‘breeder’’ is used at the beginning of the animal’s name and is included in the 36 character count.

***Breeder** – the CLAA considers the breeder to be the registered owner of the dam at the time she conceived the offspring being registered. It is neither the owner of the sire, nor the owner of the dam when the offspring was born.

Owner at birth: This is the registered owner of the dam at the time she gave birth to the cria being registered. Only the owner at birth may apply to register the cria.

If you have purchased a female with cria at side, the seller must either apply for registration of the cria and provide you with its certificate of registration or alternately provide you with an application for registration and transfer of ownership, signed (by the seller) in the appropriate sections. If you have received a signed application form please note that you will pay two fees, one for registering the cria and another for the transfer of ownership to your name.

Signature and Service Information

If you owned both the sire and the dam at time of service, please indicate the date of service or the dates of exposure in the certificate of service section on your application, and then sign the application in the section ‘‘signature of owner at birth’’. If you do not know the exact dates of exposure it is permissible to indicate ‘‘pasture served’’ and the year.

If you owned the dam, but she was bred by someone else’s sire, you must have the owner of the sire sign the certificate of service, and indicate the dates of service or exposure.

If the dam you purchased has been bred, and the service information has been recorded at time of transfer, then the owner of the sire is not required to sign the certificate of service.

**** A foreign certificate of registration can be used to confirm the signatures of the owner of the sire and owner at birth only if they are on the certificate, if you are using foreign DNA as proof of parent verification.