

Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc.

# LLAMA ADOPTION



Thank you for your interest in llamas. Southwest Llama Rescue (SWLR) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in New Mexico. Our endeavors are funded by donations, grants and adoption fees.

This document provides the information and requirements for adoption or fostering a llama from Southwest Llama Rescue.

## Steps to Adoption:

1. Review the Facility Requirements and Llama Care documents.
2. Locate a llama veterinarian in your area.
3. Complete and send the Adoption Application and Adoption Agreement to your assigned Adoption Coordinator.
4. A facility check will be arranged. Transportation issues may also be discussed at this time. (That is sometimes the most logistically difficult to arrange. If you can provide or hire transport, please do.)
5. Pay the adoption fee and welcome your llama home!

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Learn more about our organization.

### Log on:

[www.SouthwestLlamaRescue.org](http://www.SouthwestLlamaRescue.org)

### Call:

575 585-8922

### Email:

[southwestllamarescue@yahoo.com](mailto:southwestllamarescue@yahoo.com)

### Visit:

We'd love to introduce you to the llamas at any of our Sanctuary or Foster Farms.  
Call or email for an appointment.

## **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO ADOPT OR FOSTER LLAMAS?**

Prior to placement, adopters must meet facility requirements and submit a completed Adoption Application. A SWLR Adoption Coordinator or member will conduct a facility check prior to placement.

There is an adoption fee of \$150 per animal.

### **Pasture**

- At least ½ acre for two llamas
- Pasture must be clean and have enough space so llamas do not stand or lie down in muck and mud
- Enclosed with safe, five feet high, stable mesh or woven wire fencing in good repair (no barbed wire)
- Free of hazards; i.e., abandoned farm machinery, "dump" areas with rusty metal, etc.
- Free of poisonous plants
- Llamas cannot be pastured with horses or any other large animals
- Llama dung must be removed weekly

### **Shelter**

- Shed with at least three sides facing out of prevailing wind
- At least 30 square feet per llama
- Floor can be kept dry in wet, cold weather by bedding with straw, etc.
- Shelter must have free access
- Adequate shade

### **Catch/Training Pen**

- Six feet high
- Made of sturdy materials (corral panels)
- Not larger than 20 by 20 feet

### **Truck/Trailer**

- Floor is well-maintained such that llamas' legs cannot fall through
- No holes or rusty places that could entrap feet, legs, heads or otherwise cause injury
- Hitch weld is secure, and hitch has pin and safety chains
- Doors latch securely
- Enclosed so llamas cannot jump out
- Tires have tread, including spare tire
- Lights, signals and brake lights work

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## LLAMA CARE & FARM MAINTENANCE

We've outlined the basic tasks required when caring for llamas.

### Llama Care

- **Toenails:**  
Check every 60 days and trim as needed (see pictures of overgrown nails!)
- **Shearing:**  
Shear annually to leave at least three inches of wool
- **Teeth:**  
Cut males' fighting teeth at three years of age
- **Vaccinations:**  
Covexin8 annually, IM (into the muscle)  
(Note: Some vets recommend that after age five or six, annual vaccinations may not be required. Check with your vet and follow his/her protocols.)
- **Deworming:**  
Annually or as needed by periodic fecal tests
- **Veterinarian:**  
Provide when needed

### Farm Maintenance

- **Feeding:**  
Clean feeding area with at least 18" of trough space per llama
- **Water:**  
Fresh, clean water available at all times. May need to be heated in winter.
- **Feed:**  
Adequate supply of pasture or grass hay (moldy hay is not acceptable)
- **Supplements:**
  - 16 ounces of llama supplement per day per llama
  - Mineral salt (granular, not block)

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## ADOPTION AGREEMENT

In consideration of the mutual promises by the parties hereto, which are expressly acknowledged as adequate by the parties, and in consideration of the adoption fee; if any, specified herein, Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc. and the adopter agree as follows:

### Term and Conditions

#### A. General

1. As used herein, the term 'Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc.' includes any authorized agent or agents thereof. As used herein, the term 'lama' or 'lama or its cria' includes any cria of such lama adopted at the same time, the parent lama is adopted as well as any subsequently born cria of such lama.
2. Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc. using ordinary standards of care shall not be responsible for injury to or death of the lama(s) and any existing or subsequently born cria.
3. The adopter will hold harmless Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc. and its agents, in all respects and without limit from damages, loss, claims and injuries of any nature, to any person or property, including but not limited to lamas or future actions of the lamas or any existing or subsequently born cria relating to or arising from the performance of this agreement.
4. This agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.
5. This agreement represents the entire agreement between the Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc. and the adopter and supersedes all previous verbal and written agreements.
6. The parties agree that provision of safe, humane and medically appropriate food care and treatment are essential components of this agreement.

#### B. Conditions of Adoption

1. The adopter agrees to adopt the lama(s) described in this agreement, and subject to the terms of this agreement for the adoption fee listed in this agreement. The adopter has 30 days from date of this agreement to cancel for a refund of adoption fee. Any expenses due to return are at the adopter's expense.
2. Southwest Llama Rescue reserves the right to inspect the adopter's facilities and to cancel this agreement if, in the sole discretion of the Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc. or its authorized agent the adopter's facilities to house or care for the lama(s) or conditions related to existing animals are unsatisfactory.
3. The adopter agrees to return the lama(s) to Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc. at the adopter's expense, if for any reason they cannot care for, or no longer want the lama(s), and further agrees to not sell, give away, transfer or dispose of the lama(s) in any other way.
4. The adopter will notify Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc. of the lama(s)'s death within 24 hours.
5. The adopter will allow an agent of Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc. to inspect the lama(s) periodically, and expressly gives permission to Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc. or its authorized agent to contact the llama's veterinarians, care givers or others with information pertaining to such lama, and to obtain any related records.
- 6. The adopter agrees to protect non-breeding females from exposure to intact males, and understands that failure to do so will result in the lama(s) and any cria(s) returning immediately to the possession of Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc.**
7. The adopter assumes responsibility for the actions and future actions of the adopted lama upon receipt of such lama.

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I want to:  Adopt  Foster  Both How many llamas would you like? \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to adopt/foster llamas because:

**CONTACT:**

Name: Phone (hm):  
Street: Phone (wk):  
City: Phone (cell):  
State/Zip: Email:

If different from above, address where llamas will be housed:

Name: Phone (hm):  
Street: Phone (wk):  
City: Phone (cell):  
State/Zip: Email:

Directions to location where llamas will be housed:

**FENCING:** I have \_\_\_\_\_ acres safely fenced. Describe type and height of fencing:

**SHELTER:** Describe the shelter available (describe square footage, run-in or stalls, building type, etc.):

**MENTOR:** I have located a llama mentor, who has experience with camelids. Their contact info is:

Name: Phone (hm):  
Street: Phone (wk):  
City: Phone (cell):  
State/Zip: Email:

I need help finding a mentor/peer near me.  YES  NO

**VET CARE:** I have located a veterinarian who will treat llamas.

Vet Name: Phone1:  
Street: Phone2:  
City:  
State/Zip: Email:

Does this veterinarian make farm calls.  YES  NO

If your veterinarian does not make farm calls, describe your method of transport to vet for medical care:

I agree to the terms outlined in the ADOPTION AGREEMENT.  YES, I agree

*Signature of Adoption/Foster Applicant*

*Date*