

MEET OUR ANIMALS

Introducing: our Alpacas



We currently have 3 alpacas at Diamond Forest Farm Stay. Rolley is our male Alpaca and he is the daddy to all baby alpacas that are born here on the farm. Blondie is our oldest female alpaca. She is also older than Rolley so that means that sometimes she still bosses him around a bit. Scarlett is our other female breeding alpaca. She is also Blondie's daughter but she is not Rolley's daughter. Every year we have two Crias born here on the farm.

Did you know?

- Alpacas have a 11- 12 month pregnancy. Because of all of their fur it is often hard to tell if they are pregnant.
- Alpacas are smaller than llamas and are used mostly for their fine fleece.
- A baby Alpaca is called a Cria.
- Alpacas do spit. It is mainly Blondie spitting at Rolley because she wants all the food.
- Alpacas are a herd animal- that means that they do not like to be alone.
- When a female alpaca gives birth all of the alpacas gather around and sniff and call to the Cria because the Cria belongs to the herd which to an alpaca means that the Cria belongs to all of them not just the mum or the dad.
- Alpacas have a herd instinct that is useful in guarding sheep especially when it is lambing time. Alpacas see any animal in their paddock as one of the herd even if it is a sheep or a goat and they protect them just like their own babies.
- Alpacas communicate with a short humming noise. This can mean a lot of things like a mother telling her cria to stay close, or telling the others that food is coming.

Our Secret

When Alpacas see something they don't know, like a new dog, they all face the dog and put their ears forward. If the dog gets closer, they sound the alarm. This warning call sounds a little bit like a squeaky toy. It's so unusual that most of our guests laugh when they hear it.