# LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARY SERVICES Llama and Alpaca: PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE RECOMMENDATIONS

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## **Vaccinations**

- Covexin 8 (Clostridium perfringes Type C and D plus Tetanus): every six months following the initial vaccination and 3 week booster
- Rabies: annually
- Optional vaccinations based on risks: West Nile Virus, Leptospirosis
- Can be vaccinated anytime, including during pregnancy; vaccinate cria at weaning

# **Deworming**

- Cydectin orally: every month to 3 months pending fecal exams (dose by weight)
- In crowded situations only: Coccidia prevention (Sulfadimethoxime or Corid): add to the water for 7 days each month (must be the only water source); Coccidia treatment: Toltrazuril per label instructions

## Nutrition

- Grass hay (fescue, timothy, orchard grass, coastal bermuda): free choice if no pasture available, monitor weight
- Trace mineral salt should be available free choice with added selenium or BO-SE injection
- Llama feed: small amount as a supplement to the hay is fine, don't overdo it

# Other

- Shearing coats in spring is needed in our area to reduce risk of heat exhaustion/heat stroke
- Trim feet as needed (if terrain is rocky, you may not need to)
- Incisors and fighting teeth may need filing periodically to ensure proper occlusion of teeth and prevent damage when fighting
- Fecal exams for parasites are a good idea collect a few fresh pellets from a couple of
  piles and bring them to us three to four times a year to assess the effectiveness of your
  deworming program.