

LLAMAS - OUR FAVORITE CAMELID

Meet **HANK** and **PABLO**. They are 5 year old **LLAMAS**. Llamas and **Alpacas** are in the **CAMELID family**. Camelids are either domesticated (like Llamas and Alpacas and some Camels) or wild (like GUANACOS, VICUNAS and many DROMODARY and BACTRIAN camels).

Llamas do not like to be alone. Our boys have two herd-mates, **Wayne** and **Hershey**. They live on a pasture on a big Alpaca farm South of Hillsboro. They eat their pasture grass, and we supplement their diet with Orchard Grass pellets and Orchard Grass Hay. We reward good behavior with apples, carrots and horse cookies.

Llama **fleece** is very soft and can be made into very warm scarves, sweaters, hats and coats or blankets and rugs. Llamas can be pets, **guards** for other livestock or **pack animals**. Llamas are often seen guarding flocks of sheep because other animals like coyotes, bears, wolves and cougars, are afraid of them. We are training ours to carry our camp gear when we hike. They can carry about 60 pounds of our gear. Just like us, they like to look around in the forests and enjoy crossing streams. They are very smart and curious and can learn quickly.

Notice their feet. They have two toes and on the bottom of their feet they have soft pads like a dog. We have to clip their nails when they get too long. Even though they are very gentle animals, Llamas can have a very powerful kick and are known to have killed cougars.

Llamas do **spit**, but mostly at each other not at us. They spit to warn others away from their food or to leave them alone.

What questions do you have about our Boys?



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