



# Alpaca Adoption Application

*Thank you for your interest in adopting our Alpacas! We strive to place healthy, happy animals in safe, welcoming homes.*

Applicant Information (both names if a couple/family adopting):

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*You are requesting to adopt a large, agricultural animal from our rescue. Like all rescues, we want to make sure that our adoptive families are aware of the key components in the care and feeding of the Alpacas. Please indicate your understanding and agreement of the following statements by checking the box:*

*[ ] I understand that I am adopting rescued Alpacas and that there are no guarantees in regards to their behavior or health, nor fitness for breeding.*

*[ ] I understand that each pair of Alpacas require a sturdy shelter of at least 8 ft x 10 ft. that shelters them from rain, sleet and hail.*

*[ ] I understand that each Alpaca needs to have hay (or an alfalfa/hay mix) available at least twice a day and 2 cups of grain per day.*

*[ ] I understand and agree that these animals need to be sheared each spring/early summer in order to keep them healthy. Annual vaccinations (CDT) are recommended as well as nail and teeth trimming at the time of shearing.*



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*We recommend Tom Morrison, phone 505-435-8367. To process the sheared fleece, we recommend The Fleece Factory of the Rockies.*

*[ ] I understand that while the Alpacas have been introduced to halters, that I need to continue to work with them in order for them to learn to be comfortable walking with a halter.*

*[ ] I understand that like all rescue animals, these Alpacas will need time to acclimate to their new surroundings. I will make sure that each of my interactions with them are positive and reinforcing, and that treats are given freely.*

*We recommend horse treats, with flavors such as 'oats and apples' and peppermint.*

*[ ] I understand that Alpacas are stoic, and often will not show signs of illness until the condition is severe. I will monitor their pellets (manure) and seek vet assistance for any signs of diarrhea or other changes.*

*[ ] I understand that the Alpacas are currently fed a mix of the following: Nutrena Llama and Alpaca Feed, beet pellets, Manna Pro, and Nutrena Senior horse grain. All of these grains are available from Big R stores.*

*[ ] I understand that Alpacas require a lot of water, and that each animal should have access to fresh water every day.*

*[ ] I understand that while Alpacas are pasture animals, that there are plants that are poisonous to them, including but not limited to: All nightshades, lilies, tomato and potato plants, Foxglove, Toot, Inkweed, Hemlock, Oleanders, Rhododendrons and Azaleas, Ngaio, Daytura, Willow-weed, Jerusalem Cherry, Mallow, Buttercup and Macrocarpa.*

*[ ] I understand that I may be asked to allow Espiritu Alpaca personnel to visit my property and check on the status of my animals, both before and after the adoption is finalized.*

*[ ] I understand that I am encouraged to read Camelid Companion by Marty McGee Bennett, or to attend one of her **Camelidynamics** courses in order how to learn Alpaca behaviors and herd management techniques.*



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*[ ] I understand that the Alpacas must be returned to Espiritu Alpacas in the instance that I am unable to care for or keep them for any reason.*

*[ ] I am aware that I am responsible for ALL costs incurred should I need to return an animal to Espiritu and that Espiritu does NOT refund any adoption fees.*

*[ ] I agree to the terms in this Agreement and have had a chance to have questions answered.*

*Owner Pamela Popp can be reached via mobile phone of 214 529 8515 and via email of [espiritualpacas@gmail.com](mailto:espiritualpacas@gmail.com) if any questions arise in the care and handling of the animal, or in regards to returning of the animals to the rescue. We will not ask questions about why an animal is being returned to the rescue unless the information is needed to address behavioral or health issues of the animal.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature for Espiritu de la Alpaca:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pamela L. Popp, Owner and Founder, Espiritu Alpacas