



In the lama project area, you can learn about llamas and alpacas, including their purpose, anatomy, health care and maintenance, training and showing, and more!



## Exploring Lamas- Llamas & Alpacas

### Spark Activity: Llama & Alpaca Show Classes

Llamas are shown differently than many other animals. Research these common classes that are part of a llama/alpaca show and list three things that are important as part of each class.



**Showmanship**

**Halter**

**Obstacle**

**Public Relations**

**Pack**

## 4-H Project Levels and Goals

### Beginner

- Learn the difference between “lama” and “llama”
- Learn about where llamas/ alpacas come from.
- Identify llamas/alpacas body parts.
- Learn about feeding, health, and daily care.
- Learn how to show your llama/ alpaca.
- Learn about lama uses and careers related to llamas/ alpacas.

### Intermediate

- Learn about llama/alpaca communication and characteristics.
- Learn about the differences between llamas, alpacas, and their wild cousins.
- Learn about llama/alpaca anatomy and confirmation.
- Learn about llama/alpaca care and maintenance, and nutrition.
- Learn about skills needed in a llama/alpaca show.
- Learn about selecting llamas/ alpacas for your herd.

### Advanced

- Learn about llama/alpaca behaviors and herd hierarchy.
- Learn to compare llamas/ alpacas and evaluate their confirmation.
- Learn about llama/alpaca coat types.
- Learn about llama/alpaca body conditioning.
- Learn about maintaining health records and administering medication.
- Learn about training you llama/ alpaca.

## Put Your Project Into Action

### Show Your Skills

- Exhibit your llama or alpaca at a local 4-H Show or county fair
- Set up a demonstration about llama/alpaca products
- Host a llama/alpaca clinic with local extension office

### Service and Leadership

- Volunteer at an educational clinic
- Help younger exhibitors become familiar with their llama/alpaca project
- Bring your llamas/alpacas to a nursing home or day care to teach others about your project
- Arrange a barn tour

### Entrepreneurship

- Sell your llama/alpaca wool to a crafter or fiber mill
- Create and sell products made from your llama/alpaca wool
- Partner with a local petting zoo by providing the llama or alpaca

### Technology Connection

- Install a barn camera to observe llamas/alpacas in labor
- Wool spinning and processing
- Establish a social media page to educate others about llamas/alpacas
- Maintain digital records for your llama/alpaca project

### Connecting with a Mentor

- Job shadow a veterinarian
- Attend a llama or alpaca show and ask questions
- Observe a llama or alpaca producer
- Llama and Alpaca Associations

### Events

- 4-H Show
- County Fair
- Llama and Alpaca Association Shows



### Careers for People Interested in Sheep

Veterinarian	Fiber Artist
Veterinary Technician	Agritourism Business Owner
Llama/Alpaca Producer	Animal Assisted Therapist

## Start a Conversation

What is your favorite thing about raising or showing llamas or alpacas?

What is your goal for this project?

How do you get started in a llama/alpaca project?

What have you learned in this project that you could apply to other areas of your life?

## Want to learn more?

[go.illinois.edu/llamas-alpacas](https://go.illinois.edu/llamas-alpacas)

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