

Alpacas

Alpacas, domesticated in South America for several thousand years, are part of the Camelid family, related to the vicuna and guanaco – both still wild in South America.

Alpacas are shorn once a year, usually in Spring.

Neither the male (“Macho”) or female (“Hembra”) come into season. The female is an ‘induced ovulator’.

The gestation period is 11 ½ months and births usually occur during daylight hours.

The female alpaca is usually re-mated about two weeks after giving birth, so it is possible for them to have one baby (“Cria”) a year.

As a domestic animal, the alpaca is generally very calm and gentle and easy to manage. Halter training is easy.

For travelling purposes Alpacas can be transported easily in a horsebox or trailer.

Alpaca stocking rates, feed requirements, vaccinations and worm drenching are quite similar to sheep.

Expensive shedding is unnecessary - well placed trees for shade and shelter is often all that is required.

Alpacas are relatively rare outside South America, thus an unusual and valuable breeding animal.

Alpaca fibre is hypoallergenic and second only to silk as the strongest natural fibre in the world. It is available in 23 natural shades and colours.

Traded successfully on the world markets Alpaca fibre is internationally recognised as a versatile and durable premium fibre once reserved for Inca royalty.

Contact

Houghton Hall Alpacas is situated at Houghton, between St Ives and Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

Set in beautiful orchards with over 500 alpacas roaming through the trees of our many paddocks. You will not be disappointed with our facilities which have been purpose built for practical alpaca management.

For further details about our herd, including fees, services and a choice of our Alpackages®, please contact Mick or Liz George. We look forward to welcoming you to our farm.

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British Alpaca Futurity (BAF)
Alpaca Bloodstock Breeding Association (ABBA)
Australian Alpaca Association (AAA)
British Llama Society (BLS)
Alpaca Association New Zealand (AANZ)
British Alpaca Society (BAS)



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Background



Here at Houghton Hall Alpacas, a warm welcome awaits newcomers or established breeders. We offer professional advice, training and full after sales back up and are happy to discuss your personal needs and requirements.

Established in 2002 Houghton Hall Alpacas is a premium independent farm, breeding quality pedigree Alpacas set in 140 acres. We take great pride in our herd. We are always striving to produce good quality cria and have gained recognition through selective breeding with our prize winning stock. We began a successful Embryo Transplant Program in 2011. We travel far and wide to ensure we source the best Stud Males for our girls, which are equally as important as the boys.

Our Herd includes:

- ✓ Premium Huacayas and Suris available in a wide range of colours
- ✓ Top quality pregnant females with excellent fleece quality
- ✓ Recipient females carrying elite embryos from our top breeding girls.
- ✓ Largest selection of Proven Stud Males in the UK
- ✓ Pet Males
- ✓ Young Females
- ✓ New Stud's on the block

Services



We offer full support on every aspect of alpaca ownership from land set-up, stock selection and management to all aspects of husbandry, as well as financing and support in the marketing of your alpacas and its fibre.

Services include:

- ✓ Agistment
- ✓ Stud Service (on farm matings only)
- ✓ Imports and Exports
- ✓ Shearing
- ✓ Fleece Sales
- ✓ Hands on Training
- ✓ Financing
- ✓ Full support and after care



All existing clients have access to our elite Males – One single purchase from Houghton Hall Alpacas gives you access to all of our Stud Males.



Purchasing

Houghton Hall Alpacas offer an excellent selection of good quality breeding female alpacas for sale in 23 different colours. Houghton Hall Alpacas is dedicated to the long term development of our herd by offering quality alpacas, sourced from the best breeders in the UK, Australia and New Zealand and the last true import direct from the Altiplano, Peru.

So whatever your budget, we feel sure to be able to offer you a Alpackage® to suit you. So if you are looking to enhance your herd with some outstanding genetics, look no further.



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