

# GreenPaca Shearing

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## ALPACA SHEARING AGREEMENT

I look forward to working with you to shear your alpacas. Please look over this agreement to understand how the process will work and how you can help make it go smoothly for us as well as your alpacas. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have.

### CLIENT INFORMATION

Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

### FEES FOR SHEARING SERVICES

- SHEARING
  - Regular \$25\* (12+ animals), \$35 (11 or less); includes toenail trimming
  - Cria Tipping \$15
  - Show \$35\*\*
  - Llama \$35 (\$40/12 or less)
- TEETH TRIMMING \$10 per animal
- MICROCHIPPING \$25 per animal (Destron Life Chips)
- TRAVEL FEE \$.50/mile round-trip; fee can be split amongst multiple farms shearing at the same location

\* Regular: fleece will be removed and shearing lines will be obvious  
Legs, tail & top knots will be *rough* trimmed

\*\* Show: pertains to either show blankets or show animals  
Blankets will be taken off slowly in one piece and shearing lines will be removed  
Legs, tail & top knots will be finished trimmed

\*\*\*Rates are subject to change

## **SHEARING DAY TIPS**

Want to pre-clean your alpacas? Consider vacuuming rather than blowing them out. Blowing sends the dirt to the skin, thereby making the shearing end result less clean and less smooth. It also dulls the blades faster, thus slowing the process. Vacuum the blanket area, starting from the bottom and use a wooden dowel or 'wand' to gently lift the fleece as you clean.

On a hot shearing day, try to keep your alpacas cool with shade and/or fans. Sweaty alpacas, especially finely fleeced crias can be very difficult to shear.

If there are at least 3 able-bodied individuals helping the shearer, things go much smoother and everyone is more relaxed.

## **GreenPaca Shearing TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **SHEARER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Equipment**

- Ropes and mat (two stations if needed)
- Shearers (two hand pieces) & lead cord
- Combs and cutters
- Tooth trimming equipment
- Basic first aid equipment

#### **Training**

- Basic overview of the day, safety & expectations of everyone involved
- Restraint system, take down & head holding
- Fleece grading & collection

#### **Shearing**

- Blanket, legs, top knot, & tails
- Rough grading of fleece coming off the alpaca
- Teeth trimming as needed

#### **Conduct**

- Prompt and courteous service
- Safe & Professional

### **CLIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

Provide at least 3 able-bodied people to help & more are welcome

Your team will be responsible for:

- Promptly bringing the alpacas to the shearing area so they are readily available when previous alpaca is finished
- Take down and restraint
- Head holding
- Sorting/bagging fleeces
- Collecting fleece samples for histograms if desired.

Proper shearing area:

- Clean, firm surface on which to shear
- Under cover and out of sun, rain, and wind
- Good lighting
- Good power close at hand
- A garage often works well
- Old towels to keep the shearing area and fleece clean and clear of the inevitable spit and urination

**Fleece collection and cleaning tools:**

- Clear plastic bags (pre-labeled for fleece storage, 3 for each animal to be shorn)
- Pre-labeled baggies for fleece to be sent for histogram testing, if desired;
- Brooms and/or shop-vac to keep the shearing area clean & to prevent color contamination

**Alpacas:**

- Dry!** if chance of rain, please keep alpacas in a **WELL** ventilated barn area overnight - the top line can be dried with a blow dryer in a pinch
- Rounded up and held close at hand to the shearing area for quick access
- Picked as clean as possible (if not a show-fleece, then they can be shop-vac'd).

**Food & Lodging:**

- Food and fluids keep the shearer & your crew going
- Lodging if needed is greatly appreciated

**PAYMENT**

Payment by check or cash acceptable. Payment is due on shearing day upon completion of services.

**Shearer will exercise care and skill in shearing however client is **\*\* solely responsible\*\*** for any injury or loss of alpacas being shorn under this agreement. Client is encouraged to secure proper insurance, however, the lack of insurance will not create any liability for the shearer in the unlikely event of injury or loss.**

**SHEARING INVOICE**

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Regular: # of alpacas \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$25** = \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of alpacas \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$35** = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cria Tipping: # of alpacas \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$15** = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Show: # of alpacas \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$35** = \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of alpacas \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$10** = \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of alpacas \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$25** = \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of llamas \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$40** = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ miles (Round-Trip) @**\$.50/mile** = \_\_\_\_\_

- TEETH TRIMMING**
- MICROCHIPPING**
- LLAMA SHEARING**
- TRAVEL FEE**

**TOTAL** = \_\_\_\_\_

Shearer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Hector Andrade, GreenPaca Shearing

Client \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Farm \_\_\_\_\_

<b>For Office Use Only:</b>			
Client ID:	Payment Method:	Cash	Check #
	Amount Paid:		