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### **AuSable Valley Alpacas hosts alpaca seminar**

Jay, NY – AuSable Valley Alpacas located on Howard Heights Lane in Jay, NY will be hosting a fully enrolled seminar on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

The title of the seminar is “Alpaca Neonatal Clinic” and will be presented by Dr LaRue Johnson, DVM, Professor Emeritus, Colorado State University; from Greeley, CO. Dr Johnson recently presented this same seminar at the World Camelid Conference in Argentina to veterinarians from around the world in four “sold out” sessions.

The clinic is comprised of 6 hours of lecture and 90 minutes of wet lab. The lecture will cover reproductive anatomy and physiology, breeding and pregnancy diagnosis options, gestational development, care of the pregnant dam, normal and abnormal criation and care of the newborn as well as the high risk cria. The lab, using donated stillborn or euthanized crias and uterine simulators, will challenge registrants to diagnose the contents of the uterus, discuss a proposed delivery plan and deliver the crias.

The use of real cria in uterine simulators to teach breeders how to identify and correct dystocias is a unique opportunity for attendees to learn to deal with the infrequent difficult birth in a confidence building way in a controlled setting with expert guidance.

The event has drawn attendees from all over New York state as well as VT, NH, ME, CT, MD and PA.

“One of our goals is to provide high quality education for the alpaca industry each year” said Jay Ward of AuSable Valley Alpacas “and this Neonatal Clinic certainly continues that mission. Dr Johnson is a highly respected expert in the camelid world and we’re very pleased to be hosting him at our farm.”

Past alpaca related seminars hosted by AVA include “Alpacas – All Things Considered” presented by Steve Hull, PhD and Tom Cameron, DVM; “Alpaca Basics” for alpaca breeders and “Practical Camelid Medicine” for alpaca vets presented by Steve Purdy, DVM & Director of the Camelid Studies program at U Mass Amherst as well as numerous other informational events hosted by Jay Ward of AuSable Valley Alpacas.

For more information about this seminar or alpacas in general visit [www.AuSableValleyAlpacas.com](http://www.AuSableValleyAlpacas.com)

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