

PROFESSIONAL ALPACA SHEARING AGREEMENT

AUSABLE VALLEY ALPACAS



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Shearing Date _____

Client Info

Farm Name _____

Breeder's Name(s) _____

Address _____

City & State _____

Zip _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Cell phone _____

E-Mail _____

Fees for shearing service:

Shearing	Regular * \$30	No of alpacas _____	\$ _____
	Show ** \$40	No of alpacas _____	\$ _____
	Cria \$25	No of crias _____	\$ _____
	Guard Llama \$40	No of llama _____	\$ _____

Teeth trimming \$10 No of alpacas _____ (TBD) \$ _____

Microchipping \$5 per install (chips: regular \$15, new Bio-therm \$25) \$ _____

Nails \$5 \$ _____

Set up fee, herds under 10 (# less than 10 X \$10) \$ _____

Travel fee based on distance (Approx \$.40/mile round trip) \$ _____

Travel fee can be shared by multiple farms done on same trip

TOTAL \$ _____

* 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 two pieces

Shearing lines will be removed

Legs, tail & top knots will be finished trimmed

Shearer's responsibilities:

Equipment

- Pro-tie and mat (two stations if needed)
- Shearers (two hand pieces) & lead cord
- Combs and cutters
- Tooth trimming equipment
 - Tooth-A-Matic, OB Wire & Dremel
- Basic first aid equipment

Training

- Basic overview of the day, safety & expectations of all
- 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

- Fighting teeth
- Incisors

Conduct

- Prompt and courteous service
- Safe & Professional

Client's responsibilities:

Provide at least 4 able-bodied people to help & more are welcome

Your team will be responsible for:

- Promptly bringing the alpacas to the shearing area (next alpaca must be readily at hand before each alpaca is finished)
- Take down and restraint
- Head holding
- Sorting/bagging fleeces
- Collecting fleece samples for histograms if desired.
- Rested
- Good sense of humor!

Proper shearing area:

- Clean, firm surface on which to shear
- Under cover and out of sun or rain
- Out of the wind
- Good lighting
- Good power close at hand
- A garage often works well (shearing provides a great reason to clean the garage once a year at my farm too!)

Fleece collection and cleaning tools:

- Clear plastic bags (recommended: 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 alpacas can be keep in WELL ventilated barn overnight
The top line can be dried w/ 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-vaced).

Weather:

Sunny and not too hot ☺

Food & Lodging:

Food and fluids keep the shearer & crew going
Lodging if needed (doesn't have to be fancy)

Payment:

\$50 retainer is required to hold a shearing date on the schedule
Balance 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.

Signatures

Shearer _____ Date _____
Jay Ward, AuSable Valley Alpacas

Client _____ Date _____