LOWER SHERWOOD FARM

How to Interact with Our Animals

DO

- **Gently touch neck, back, or shoulders**
  Llamas appreciate open-handed, calm strokes along their neckline and shoulders where they feel secure.
- **Move slowly and speak calmly**
  Deliberate movements and quiet voices keep them relaxed and comfortable in crowd settings.
- **Welcome natural face-sniffing greetings**
  Llamas and alpacas naturally explore and greet by smelling faces. Do not be alarmed if an animal leans in to sniff your face!

AVOID

- **Touching face, ears, tails, or feet**
  These are sensitive boundary zones. Reaching toward their ears or muzzles triggers reflexive defensive withdrawal.
- **Offering outside food or treats**
  Our herd follows carefully balanced forage programs. Human food and wild clippings can cause severe illness, but we do give the occasional treat.
- **Sudden gestures & standing behind back legs**
  Stay clear of blind spots directly behind back legs and avoid abrupt waving gestures or rapid lunging. If you can't see the animal's eyes, they can't see you.

RESPECT THEIR SPACE

- **If an animal walks away, let them go**
  A departing animal is requesting quiet space. Always grant them autonomy and physical room to rest.
- **Do not chase, follow, or corner**
  Pursuing an animal induces stress. Allow them to return to you at their own leisure.
- **Observe ear posture cues**
  Upright ears denote relaxed curiosity; ears pulled flat back against the neck can signal hesitation or irritation.

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Meet the Team (Part 1)

Domino FEMALE

JUNIOR AMBASSADOR

One of our youngest animals, Domino is known for her distinctive presence and observant nature. She welcomes quiet visitors and gentle neck scratches, as well as a good snuggle.

Ladybug FEMALE

FIBER SHOWCASE

One of the gracious ladies of Lower Sherwood. Ladybug carries an effortlessly gentle disposition, exquisite fiber, and a calm, watchful curiosity.

Nutmeg FEMALE

JUNIOR AMBASSADOR

Warm cinnamon-toned fleece and signature tipped ears. Nutmeg is sweet, patient, and thoroughly enjoys quiet side-by-side companionship.

Kabooki FEMALE

FIBER AMBASSADOR

Alert and charismatic with a stately, poised interaction style. Enjoys meeting guests directly at eye level and sharing an inquisitive face sniff.

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Meet the Team (Part 2)

Teriyaki

GELDED MALE

TRAIL & PACK VETERAN

A seasoned hiker, who can be seen both on the trail and around about town. Confident, experienced, and very friendly.

Ten

FEMALE

ALPACA AMBASSADOR

Alert and personable. She moves with athletic elegance, observing the buzz of event crowds with curious brown eyes and clean, dense fiber.

Frost

FEMALE

ALPACA AMBASSADOR

One of our newest animals, Frost has a distinguished white fleece and soft topknot. A gentle soul who calmly assesses new friends before leaning in for a peaceful greeting.

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About Our Herd & Farm

HERD FAMILY TIES

- **Who's related to Who?**
  Can you find out who is related to who? Some are siblings, but some are related further back.
- **Record Breaking Animals**
  Which llama related to the top-selling llama of all time? Which alpaca is related to the top-selling alpaca?
- **Collectible Animal Postcards**
  Pick up a free 4x6" postcard for each animal at our table! Flip it over to scan their unique QR code and view their full pedigree, and photo gallery online.

ANIMAL FACTS

- **Telling Them Apart**
  Llamas are much larger (275–400 lbs) with long, curved banana-shaped ears. Alpacas are smaller (120–160 lbs) with short, straight spear-shaped ears.
- **Quiet Communicators**
  Camelids communicate through gentle, musical humming when curious or content. Alarm calls sound like a donkey or a goose.
- **The Spitting Myth**
  Llamas and alpacas rarely spit at humans unless severely frightened or mishandled. Spitting is primarily used between animals to establish herd pecking order over food.

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