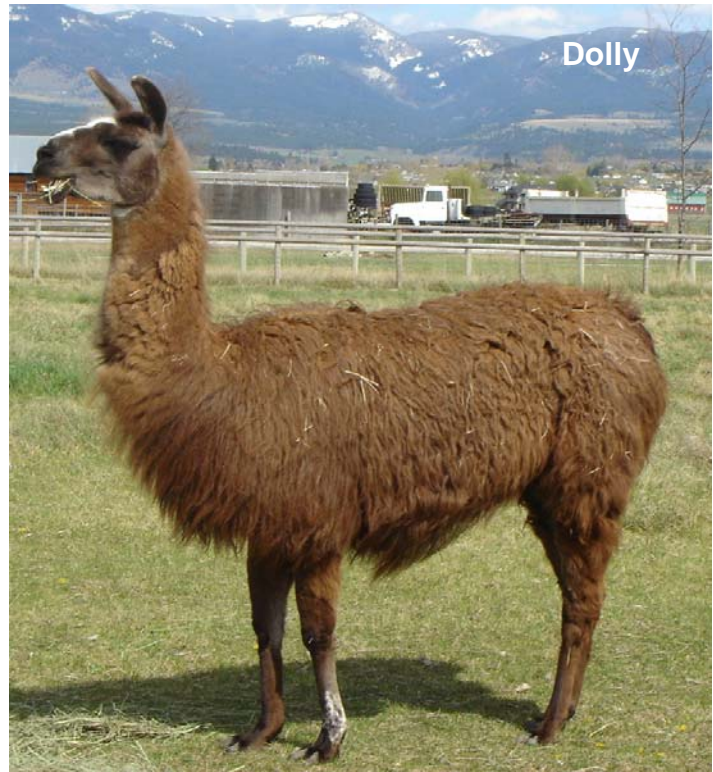


Feature Bio – “Dolly” By Char Hakes

It seems that no matter what a llama’s name is, some people want to rename them “Dolly” – or a variation of “Dahli” or “Dalai” – just for kicks. This Dolly’s second set of owners purchased her from the Missoula, Montana area when she was young. With good intentions, the new owners also acquired a companion for Dolly. But, surprise! The other llama, Baboo, was an intact male who instantly bred poor Dolly. Quickly realizing their mistake (i.e., “That went well....!”), the owners gelded poor Baboo.



Dolly had a son, Leo, and the three lived together happily until one of the owners died in early 2009. The wife (now a widow) could not afford to keep the llamas, so they were surrendered to *Safe Haven* in February 2009. This was a tough decision as the owners dearly loved the three llamas and took wonderful care of them.

On surrender day, Dolly resisted being led into the trailer. This is actually a colossal understatement. It took four of us 30 minutes to load her up! We figure she must have feared the unknown and did not want to leave her cushy digs. She definitely has mastered the dreaded art of “planting”.

Dolly’s bottom lip always hangs and her teeth are a little crooked, but otherwise she is a good looking llama with such a gentle soul. We placed her in with other *Safe Haven* females, separating her from Baboo and Leo, who now stay with other males. She has had a hard time being in a new place with so many new, unfamiliar llamas. Although she also seems to be at the bottom of the pecking order, she is adjusting slowly and we have

high hopes for her ability to gain more confidence. Dolly still doesn't like to be led and plants her feet, but we love her. She's a special girl who just needs some extra attention.