



**Safe Haven has been busy and we have many people to thank for their efforts in protecting and caring for these curious, gentle creatures.**

Thanks go to Al Blair, of Victor, for his generous donation of 3 tons of grass hay. Kevin Hakes and Clayton Thomas were the hard working young men that helped haul it and stack it in the barn. It's nice to see young men willing to work hard for a good cause.

We could still use more hay, as we anticipate needing another 7 ton to get Safe Haven through April of 2009.

Many thanks go out to one of our supporters, Elizabeth Hart, of Missoula, for donating a riding lawn mower to Safe Haven. It has been helpful in keeping the pastures mowed, when the llamas get picky about which things to eat.

There is a new volunteer that started with Safe Haven several months ago. Connie Knapp has really stepped up to work with the animal handling and care. She, and her husband Bob, traveled to Missoula to retrieve the donated lawnmower. Connie is very experienced in many animal activities, and her skills as a grant writer will be immeasurable.

A group of young people from the Bitterroot Youth Home has been helping out with the Safe Haven Llamas. We think they're having a good time, and there seems to be mutual enjoyment from the llamas. Their first day, they got to pet two baby llamas and learned about the cleaning of the fiber and other fiber processing. They have been taking the llamas for walks and helping out with cleaning, raking, and making lead ropes. We

hope they will be able to join us in walking in the fair parade, along with the Youth Home float.



Kids from the Bitterroot Youth Home take the llamas for a stroll.

Shellie Peters has been doing several Silpada Jewelry showings, donating all the proceeds to help Safe Haven. Purchase some lovely jewelry and help Safe Haven at the same time. It's a win/win.

## **Where you've seen the critters.**

You may have seen Safe Haven llamas, Rusty and Silver Fox, walking in the Darby Logger Days parade, as well as the Stevensville Creamery Picnic parade. They were a huge hit and people flocked to pet them. They were very well behaved and very patient with all the attention.



Pamela Thomas & John Meakin are taking llamas for a walk in the Darby Logger Days parade.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the Darby Logger Days parade, about 7 llamas and 2 alpacas were on display in Hamilton, between the KFC and the Super 8 hotel. Many people stopped by to learn about the animals, purchase items in support of Safe Haven, and make donations. We will try and do this more often.

## Upcoming Events

Keep an eye out for an article in the Ravalli Republic about Safe Haven. We think it's going to be in conjunction with the County Fair coverage.

We will have a presence at the fair, between the rabbit and poultry barns. We will have llamas and alpacas that are available for adoption, as well as items for sale in support of Safe Haven. We hope to have some llama & alpaca poo compost for sale as well. It's rich in nutrients, and your plants and trees will love it.

## Needs of Safe Haven

Char's pick-up truck is on its last leg. Safe Haven could really use a newer used pickup to help take the animals to the vet, to events, and to haul supplies and feed. If you know of someone that would like to donate a pickup, in good working condition, please give Pamela a call at 207-2448.

Our donated llama trailer still needs a paint job. Big Sky Auto Body has donated the actual painting, but it needs to be corn blasted first, to prep it for painting. The cost is almost \$500. We will be giving away a free dog/cat bed stuffed with llama/alpaca fiber to anyone who donates \$50 to the cause. The pets love these pillows almost as much as children.

Just to reiterate, we are still in need of 7 ton of grass hay to get the animals through April 2009. This is the most essential need for the care of these animals, so please help out in any way you can.

## New Llamas at Safe Haven

Due to the wolf situation in Darby, three llamas were taken in to protect them from further attacks. They are Salt, Coca, and Shorty. They are wonderful llamas in need of a new home. Cocoa and Shorty are about 10 years old, and Salt is 18.

Two llamas from the Lolo Creek area also came to us recently. They were originally used as packers, but have not packed for many years due to the reduced activity level of their previous

owners. The previous owners donated all of their pack equipment, as well as a cash donation to assist in the care of the surrendered animals. They are a couple of sweet guys that would love a new forever home.

## New Adoption Rates

As you know, free animals do not hold the same value as one for which a person has paid money. This, and the need to be able to maintain the animals that are not immediately adopted, is the reason for an adoption fee for Safe Haven Llamas & Alpacas.

The new adoption fee for llamas is \$300. While there are not any rescue alpacas for adoption, Yumedono Alpacas has donated pet male alpacas, for adoption through Safe Haven, as a fundraiser to help support the care of the llamas. Adoption of an alpaca is now \$500.

## Special Thanks

Pat Sullivan, of Star Sapphire Ranch, has put her property in Corvallis on the market, after her move to Washington. She has been very generous in allowing Safe Haven to keep the animals at her ranch until the property is sold. The animals have lots of room to run and play, and plenty of grass to graze. The dream of Safe Haven is to have a permanent home like this for the llamas. Thank you Pat, for your continued commitment to the care of llamas.



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