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## *So How do I Get Started in Selecting and Adopting an Alpaca?*

1. *Fill out a Sponsorship Form*
2. *Pick the alpaca you want to sponsor. On our website, [www.harvardalpacaranch.com](http://www.harvardalpacaranch.com), all of our alpacas are under "Our Herd"*
3. *Mail/Drop off the Sponsorship Form to us along with your check for the sponsorship amount, or indicate on the form that you would like us pay by credit card.*
4. **Important: No refunds once payment is taken.**



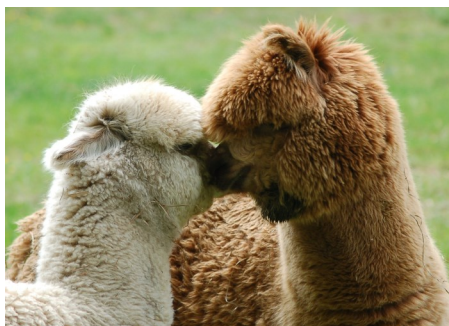
*We very much look forward to hearing from you and know that you or your loved one will find immense joy and happiness in adopting an alpaca!*

### **A few more things about "Our Herd."**

There will be alpacas listed that will say in their bio 'Not For Adoption', so please keep an eye out for that. We would also like to remind people that even though the juvenile alpacas are an obvious favorite to adopt as they are so cute and cuddly, they will always tend to be on the shy side and reluctant to leave their mothers side. This means that your time with them will be at first, more observation based. After six months they will be getting used to halter training so you will have more interactions with them. Past a year, how they interact with humans in general will really depend on their personalities. We do try to highlight which ones are more receptive to human interaction in their bios. It's best to keep in mind that just like people, every alpaca is different. Some are more cautious around humans while others are happy to come right up for a quick cuddle and "kiss."

### **The Fine Print:**

1. *There is no transfer of ownership. All alpacas and products from the alpacas remain the property of Harvard Alpaca Ranch.*
2. *Adoptions (i.e., sponsorships) are non-refundable and non-transferable. In the event that an alpaca moves to a new farm or passes away, you will be notified and offered an alternate alpaca for the remainder of your sponsorship period.*
3. *Adoptions are good for 12 months from the time payment is received. Adoption fees are charged for each year you wish to participate.*
4. *Terms subject to change.*



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## **Adopt-An-Alpaca Program**



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# Harvard Alpaca Ranch Adopt-An-Alpaca Program

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Are you looking for a unique gift for a loved one? Or, perhaps a special gift to yourself? Alpaca adoption may be the answer!!

Harvard Alpaca Ranch offers our Adopt-an-Alpaca program designed for people who love alpacas and want to feel a close connection to one of these special creatures. It's a great way to gift the love and joy that alpacas can bring to our lives. You may also consider having a group or class sponsor an alpaca. When you adopt one of our alpacas, 100% of your sponsorship contribution goes towards the alpaca's upkeep to ensure that the alpaca is well fed, cared for, and has a safe environment where they can flourish and live the good life of a happy and healthy alpaca.

## With Your Sponsorship, You Receive:

- A framed Adoption Certificate, including a photograph of your alpaca
- A copy of your alpacas ARI (Alpaca Registry, Inc.) registration certificate which contains birth date and lineage among other details
- An initial meeting (for up to 5 people) with the owners or farm manager to learn about alpacas in general, the history of the ranch, and specifics on your alpaca
- Occasional visits with your alpaca, which may include how to walk your alpaca on harness and how to care for them (please see below for instructions on how to arrange these meetings)
- First right of purchase of your alpaca's yarn (when available).
- 10% discount at our store on all purchases (excluding yarn) made during the year long adoption of your alpaca
- Invitations to special events such as shearing day, to which the general public do not have access
- News and updates on your alpaca, such as when they may be attending a show or other special events

**Annual Adoption Fee: \$200.00**

## FAQ's of Alpaca Adoption

If this sounds like a good opportunity for you, please read the following FAQ's that highlight some of the important guidelines of alpaca adoption.

### *If I adopt, do I then own the alpaca?*

No. When you adopt an alpaca, you do not have any ownership rights to the alpaca.

### *Is it possible to take the alpaca off ranch property to show friends and family?*

No. You are not allowed to walk or remove the alpaca from the ranch.

### *How often can I visit my alpaca?*

We offer regular visits with your alpaca, generally on weekends. On occasion, visiting may be unavailable, due to shows and other events in the alpaca's lives. We do encourage you to visit your alpaca to check in on them and say hello.

### *When I visit, how long can I visit with my alpaca?*

That depends on how social your alpaca is feeling that day. We invite you to stay at the ranch for as long as you like, but generally the interaction time with your alpaca will range from anywhere between 20-30 minutes per visit. Alpacas are essentially herd animals and do not like to be away from their friends for long periods of time.

### *What if something happens to my alpaca throughout the year?*

Although we certainly don't wish to think about such things, if something should happen to your alpaca we will happily allow you to choose another to adopt.

### *Can more than one person adopt the same alpaca?*

No more than three (3) people can adopt any one alpaca. If more than one adopter wishes to visit their alpaca, visits are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Or, we are happy to bring adoptive "parents" together and visit their alpaca at the same time. What a great way to meet new friends!

### *Am I allowed to bring friends to meet my alpaca?*

Absolutely! Just please remember that alpacas can be rather shy and skittish. If a large group suddenly de-

scends on them, they might be less inclined to interact. We encourage you to bring no more than 3 or 4 friends at a time.

### *How do I arrange time to see my alpaca? Does someone from the ranch have to be there with me?*

We ask that you give us at least 72 hours notice before a visit. Contact us by email or call to speak with someone at the ranch. This allows us to have your alpaca ready for your visit and to have someone from the ranch with you for the duration of your visit. So yes, someone from the ranch must be with you when you are visiting your alpaca. Our alpacas are like family to us and we want to make sure that they, and all our visitors, are kept safe.

### *What if I find I don't have time to visit my alpaca?*

No problem. You can be assured that your alpaca will be cared for, unconditionally, whether you are able to visit regularly or not. However, if regular visits are possible, you will find that your alpaca will come to recognize you and be more comfortable and interactive during your visits.

