

VCR Fleece Preparation Workshop

Saturday 7th September 2024 10am - 4pm.

Ashbourne Alpacas: 2375 Harmony Way, Elphinstone Victoria.

Entries Close: 31 August 2024 via E-alpaca.



This workshop is ideal for those wanting to learn how to best skirt and present fleeces for showing, commercial sale or for the craft market.

The presenters, Julie Wilkinson from Baarrooka & Jillian Elwers from All Aces Alpacas have a wealth of “fleece” knowledge, both being passionate about alpaca fibre. Jillian is a AAA accredited Judge having judged the 2024 AAA National Fleece Show. Julie has been successfully showing fleeces (& animals) for a number of years and runs a commercial fleece herd of suri.

This interactive day will include "theory" and "hands on" sessions covering the following:

- Market options for your fleece
- Taking a fleece sample
- Your Histogram – what is it telling you?
- Fleece Preparation for following markets:
 - Craft
 - Mini-mills
 - Commercial
 - AAA Fleece Shows
- Judging Criteria for AAA Fleece Shows
- Inter-relationships of judging criteria
- Micron/Annualised Weight matrix.

To maximize your learning participants are asked to bring the following:

- A copy of a histogram
- A fleece to skirt. Failing this a fleece already skirted.
- A copy of the AAA Fleece Score Cards (Huacaya & Suri) (e-alpaca, Member Portal, Showing Resources)
- Copy of the AAA Fleece Score Card Weight Matrix. (as for Score Card)

For your comfort please bring a Chair, Mug for soup/coffee, notepad & water. Coffee & Tea will be provided.

The cost of \$40 for AAA Members & \$60 for non AAA members includes lunch which will be a BBQ sausage & mug of soup (gluten free).

This course is being run by the Victorian Central Region of the Australian Alpaca Association.

For more details contact the Convenor, Prue Walduck on 0429437 781 or email at alpacas@millduck.com.au A special “Thank You” to Darren & Rebecca from Ashbourne Alpacas for hosting this event.