

Black Meadow Suris Junior Word Search Game

Can you find all of the alpaca words?

P	B	C	D	L	U	S	T	E	R
R	A	E	H	S	U	C	D	H	J
D	L	D	R	E	B	I	F	P	A
E	P	Q	D	A	L	O	C	K	Y
O	A	V	B	E	A	I	R	C	A
T	C	N	M	A	D	K	L	I	C
O	A	A	E	S	Y	F	R	M	A
W	C	R	I	M	P	U	E	C	U
T	I	E	R	I	S	D	R	E	H
S	U	R	B	L	A	N	K	E	T

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Words and Definitions

Alpaca - Small, domesticated, fleece-bearing member of the camel family, native to South America

Blanket – The highest quality fleece which begins at the shoulder and runs the full length of the back and down each side until it meets the belly. The term originated from the image of a horse's saddle blanket.

Camelid - Alpacas belong to the Camelid family which includes, camels and llamas

Cria - A baby alpaca. Term generally used until the alpaca is 6 months old.

Crimp - An "S" wave found in the fiber of a huacaya alpaca. A higher number of crimps per inch can indicate a finer fiber.

Cush - Resting posture wherein the alpacas legs are folded in thirds under them. The alpaca may assume this posture to avoid moving, and the female sits this way when receptive to breeding.

Dam – Mother of an alpaca.

Fiber - Term used somewhat interchangeably with "fleece". Typically used when speaking of the quality and characteristics of the alpaca's fleece, or the processing of it.

Herdsire - A male used to breed to females. Less than 5% of males possess the extraordinary features desired in a breeding male.

Huacaya - One of the two types of alpacas, possessing a dense, wavy, crimped fiber that stands out from the skin at a right angle, producing a fluffy look. When pronouncing the word, the "H" is silent and the "u" sounds like "w".

Lock - An organized cluster of fibers. In suri alpacas, the fibers should twist together to form a ringlet.

Luster - The glowing sheen that is desirable in alpaca fiber. Most noticeable in Suri fiber. In Huacayas, it is called brightness.

Padded Feet – Unlike horses, alpaca have padded feet that are covered on the top and side with a hard shell. Alpacas toes need to be trimmed a couple of time a year.

Shear - Remove an animal's fleece with electric shears (similar to dog clippers). Alpacas are generally shorn yearly to preserve fleece quality and allow them to be comfortable in hot summer weather.

Sire - Father of an alpaca.

Suri - One of the two types of alpacas, possessing a lustrous, silky fiber which parts down the animal's back and hangs in ringlets or waves. Suris have a slim, elegant appearance.

Two-Toed – Alpacas have two toes that allow them to climb and balance themselves in rocky terrain. They also only have bottom teeth!