

# Black Meadow Suris Word Search Game

Can you find all of the alpaca words?

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## *Words and Definitions*

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

**Agistment** -Board your alpacas with another alpaca farm(for a daily fee) who will provide day-to-day care for them.

**ARI** - Alpaca Registry Incorporated. Verifies lineage of offspring of registered alpacas and issues registration certificates. ARI does DNA tests and maintains a database and tracks the lineage of all US registered alpacas.

**Black Meadow Suris** – A Suri alpaca farm located in Fredericksburg, Virginia selling top quality alpacas.

**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.

**Bloodline** - Breeder's term that alludes to pedigree.

**Body Score** – A way to determine the overall health of an alpaca by feeling the alpaca beneath the fiber. The body score is from 1 to 5 where 3 is the optimal score.

**Bottom Teeth** – Alpacas only have a set of bottom teeth that they use to clip the grass.

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

**Conformation** – The best alpacas have correct conformation which includes a straight back and legs, straight correct teeth, bright eyes and an alert manner.

**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.

**Dreadlock** – What individual groups of Suri alpaca fiber looks like.

**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.

**Fleece** – An alpaca's fiber.

**Gelding** - A male rendered incapable of reproduction. Males are typically gelded between the ages of 18-24 months.

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**Hembra** - A female alpaca (South American origin- seldom used in the U.S.)

**Herd sire** - A male used to impregnate 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".

**Juvenile** – An alpaca between the age of 6 months and 1 year old

**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.

**Micron** – A measurement of fiber diameter, equal to 1/25,000 of an inch, or 1/1000th of a millimeter. Used to refer to the fineness of a fiber: a smaller micron equals a finer fiber.

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

**Phenotype** – The sum of the desired alpaca characteristics defines a phenotype.

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

**Sire** - Father of an alpaca.

**Skirt** - Remove vegetation and other contaminants from a shorn fleece.

**Staple** - The length of an alpaca's fleece. Sometimes used to refer to an individual lock of fleece.

**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 better climb and balance themselves in rocky terrain.

**Yearling** – An alpaca between the ages of 12 and 24 months. This is the "teenage" phase for an alpaca.