



BALANCE & BEHAVIOR, MADE GENTLE

Using Your Camelid Neck Wrap

A simple, effective tool for helping llamas and alpacas feel steadier — during haltering, worming, medical care, or any moment a nervous animal needs to settle.



The neck wrap in use, paired with the balancing technique we call “the bracelet.”

Why the neck wrap works

There are about as many ways to put on a wrap as there are reasons to use one. We use these wraps on all kinds of animals to help with balance and behavioral issues. Because llamas and alpacas are often sensitive around the body — and about anything that touches their legs — wrapping the neck is an easy way to get a wrap safely onto a nervous animal. It works beautifully for the kinds of issues llama and alpaca owners tend to face: the neck wrap is remarkably effective at changing behavior, and it is far easier to put on.

The long camelid neck makes balancing the head a real challenge. The neck wrap is particularly effective at stabilizing the neck and helps with anything involving the head — haltering and oral worming, to name just two.

The good news doesn't end there. If you have a llama or alpaca that kushes, kicks, or is difficult to treat medically, try the neck wrap. I have wrapped necks all over the world on animals that had never experienced it, and the results are almost always positive — often dramatically so.

Best of all, the neck wrap is easy and safe for beginners to use.

Putting the neck wrap on

- 1 Roll each end of the neck wrap in toward the center, so you have a roll in each hand.
- 2 With a hand on each roll, begin wrapping from the base of the neck and work upward.
- 3 Watch the spacing between wraps so you finish just below the ears — as high on the neck as possible.
- 4 Snap the Fastex buckle. That's it — all done. The wrap is now quietly doing its magic.



Wrapping in progress — working from the base of the neck upward.



Step 1 — both ends rolled toward the center.



Step 4 — snap the Fastex buckle to secure it.

Good to know: On a larger animal there will be more space between the wraps, but this does not reduce how well it works. The wrap should be snug — never tight.

Taking it off safely

When you remove the neck wrap, keep *both* ends in your hands as you unwind it. Dropping the ends could startle the animal if the wrap dangles around the front legs.



In these photos the alpaca wears a neck wrap while the handler uses a balancing technique we call “the bracelet” — supporting the animal rather than holding it around the neck.

The neck wrap is easy, gentle, and safe.

Questions or comments? Email marty@camelidynamics.com

BACKGROUND

The TTouch is the inspiration for the neck wrap. TTouch uses a variety of wraps for a variety of issues across many species. To learn more about wraps — how they work and how to use them with other animals — visit ttouch.ca.