



## KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS CHECKLIST

### Philosophy

- The Science of Behavior: using the most positive least intrusive approach
- Colander
- Handling vs. training
- Flight, fight, freeze, fool around, faint
- Laws of Camelidynamics
- Pacing lessons (when, how much how often, age)
- Using an event marker and food

### Behavioral indicators of camelids

- Ears
- Tail
- Mouth
- Balance
- Head and neck posture
- Things guaranteed to annoy a camelid

### Balance & Signals

- Use of Bracelet
- Leverage: when do you need, when you don't want
- Contact
- Signals
- Ratchet signal
- Preemptive signal
- The ratchet slide
- Yield
- Meet & Melt
- Understanding and explaining the problem with tug-release, steady push or pull

### Catching & Body Position

- 4 Point Approach
- Looking with or at the animal
- Within or outside arms' reach

- Wand Method
- Midline Catch
- Use of the Handler Helper
- When to use each method
- Advantages and Disadvantages of each method
- Snugging up catch rope
- Keeping the catch rope organized
- Laying the catch rope on animal's back

## Preparing for Halter

- Headwork
- Using catch rope for halter training
- Using an event marker for halter training

## Halter Fit

- Understand anatomy of camelid head
- Types of halters (Two-way adjustable, X-Style, Fixed Noseband), how they work, positive and negative aspects of each
- 3 critical elements of halter fit (Safety, Comfort, Effectiveness)
- Using crown piece of halter to assess halter acceptance
- How to hold the halter
- Re-buckling a zephyr halter when it comes apart
- How to adjust a halter without taking the animal out of balance
- Haltering without a catch rope, how to and when is it appropriate
- How to take the halter off and keep the animal balance

## Leading

- The process of teaching a llama or an alpaca to lead
- Facilities to teach beginning leading
- Coping with a bolt
- Leading methods:
  - Grace of the Cheetah
  - Elegant Elephant
  - Homing Pigeon
- Leading with two leads and one handler
- Maintaining contact as you lead
- Meet & Melt
- Combing the lead

- The ratchet slide

## **Obstacles**

- Labyrinth
- Plastic
- Poles
- Chunking obstacles down
- Pick up sticks
- Star
- The statue exercise
- The Hokey Pokey exercise
- The Camelid Cavern of Confidence

## **Herd Management**

- Restraint vs. Containment
- Types of chutes good bad how to create a container
- Use of container, chute, catch pen
- The Neck Wrap
  - Putting on and taking off
  - When is it useful-when is it not
- Starting a baby or weanling

## **Barn and Pasture Design**

- Barn infrastructure: Camelidynamics Handling Facility
- Flow of animals
- Effective Herding
- Herding tools: wand, herding tape
- Sorting
- Infrastructure to separate males and females
- Cria Creep
- The CHF Camelidynamics Handling Facility

## **Medical Herd Management**

- Injections
  - Sub Q
  - IM
- Buckeye blood draw
- Giving no restraint injections
  - With a helper and alone

- Giving injections to babies and weanlings
- Oral worming
- Looking in the eyes
- Eye treatments
- Fighting Teeth
- Rectals
- Ultrasounds
- Micro chipping strategies for helping
- Helping an animal that is cast or tangled

## **Toenail Trimming**

- Preparing animals for picking up the leg
- Picking up the leg
- Physics-Front legs
- Physics-Back legs
- Working with another person
- What to trim
- Trimming on the ground
- Dremmel
- Using a holster
- Trimming using a trailer

## **Grooming/shearing**

- Hand vs. electric shears
- Stand-up vs. stretch-out method
- Preparing for shearing
- Organizing for shearing
- Getting an animal down and in the ropes for stretch out method
- Headwork during shearing
- Working with shearing professionals
- Removing burrs from fiber

## **Showing**

- Pre-emptive movement
- Statue exercise without wand
- Ring steward approach
- Judge approach
- Showing teeth
- Preparing males for testicle check

- Color checking
- Working with animal for performance classes

## **Husbandry**

- Managing intact males
- Breeding
- Starting babies
  - Catch rope use
  - TTouch for babies
  - Weighing babies
- Working with a mother/baby pair
- Milking
- Novice Handler Syndrome
- Aggressive behavior: how to redirect

## **Problem Solving**

- Types of difficult animals - strategies to work with them
- Rehabbing animal that is resistant
- Behavior buttons - what tools to use
- Open mind to behavioral challenges

## **Teaching skills**

- Coaching with the helping head and full sized training aid
- Coaching from outside the catch pen
- Safety issues
- Listening to participant questions/understanding needs
- Managing participants during workshop/clinic