

Canadian Llama and Alpaca Association's Code of Conduct

The CLAA is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada. The role of the CLAA is that of a breed association dealing with registry matters. In order to achieve the goals and objectives of the CLAA its members agree to adhere to the following principles. This Code of Ethics shall apply to all members of the CLAA. Its purpose shall be to provide breeders a set of standards and requirements relating to the proper ethical behavior as a member of the CLAA.

1. All members of the CLAA will comply with the bylaws, rules and regulations of the CLAA, and the requirements of the Animal Pedigree Act.
2. No breeder shall knowingly violate the established criteria for the registration of camelids in regards to congenital disqualifiers.
3. It shall be the aim of every breeder to breed animals that are healthy, sound, and that they meet the requirements of the CLAA division's Breed Standards.
4. CLAA members shall ensure veracity of parentage of camelids bred in their care - maintain and make available for inspection current and accurate records pertaining to their breeding program, the particulars of all animals, and all sales transactions.
5. It shall also be the responsibility of every breeder to adhere, at all times, to ethical business practices when buying, selling, and placing their animals.
6. Breeders shall provide a written sales agreement containing the name of the purchaser, the name of the registered owner, the date of sale, and the date of possession. The agreement should also include a statement confirming that the animal is registered, the registered name of the animal and its certificate number, and the name of the breed and its permanent identification number. In addition, all terms and conditions of the sale, including a return or replacement policy and fertility guarantees, shall be clearly defined. The agreement shall be properly dated and signed by all parties.
7. Purchasers should be provided with copies of all relevant documentation, including such things as CLAA registration documentation, copies of non-breeding agreements, completed sales agreements, guarantees, health and vaccination records.
8. Agents/Consignment sellers must disclose the ownership of animals being sold. Completed properly signed and paid for transfers and breeding records must accompany the animal.
9. The seller is responsible for the submission of and payment of all registration and transfer of ownership applications. All registered animals must be uniquely and permanently identified with a CLAA approved microchip transponder or a tattoo prior to leaving the breeder's premises.
10. Potential purchasers of animals shall be assessed as to their compatibility and competence to own and meet the needs of the particular breed.
11. Breeders shall commit themselves to assisting all owners and purchasers with honesty and integrity.
12. CLAA members, in their breeding programs, shall strive for maintenance or improvement in characteristics of their camelids dependent on the purpose for which they are intended.
13. CLAA members shall ensure the health of their animals with proper nutrition, shelter, grooming and when necessary, proper medication or remedial treatment.
14. The CLAA BOD reserves the right to investigate possible offenders of this Code.