

features

- 12 **Why show alpacas?** by Connie Bodeker
- 18 **Electron microscopy: as a window on fiber quality**
by Savia Judd and Deborah Berman
- 22 **Evaluating shorn suri alpacas** by Andy Tillman
- 27 **Suris, shearing and sunburn** by Gail S. Campbell, DVM
- 34 **Shaping the future of the North American suri alpaca**
by Dick Walker, MD
- 42 **What do we mean by phenotype?: a detailed look
at what makes "suri"** by Gail S. Campbell, DVM
- 48 **Breeding for conformation: a key to alpaca profitability**
by Bill Hedberg, DVM
- 56 **Cold climate herd management** by Brad Sprouse

business

- 28 **The lost art – part II: a hand over hand guide to
shearing suris** by Noelene A. Hayes
- 61 **To bathe or not to bathe?: food for thought**
by Ernesto Matos, Jr.
- 64 **Eye on elegance: a study of 100% suri garments**
by Patricia Bronson and Cheryl Crosswait
- 70 **Advice for new breeders: insight from established suri farms**
by Jennifer Powers
- 76 **Blue ribbon suris: what suri judges look for in the ring**

departments

- 8 **Message from the President**
- 9 **Suri Network Statement of Purpose**
- 82 **Suri Network Forum: Feb. 21, 2003**
- 87 **Suri Network Membership List & Board of Trustees**
- 105 **Advertisers index**

About the cover:

The cover features a clay "SuriSculpture"™ by artist and suri breeder Judy Evans Steele. We feel that this intriguing image of a suri portrayed in fine art symbolizes the noble qualities inherent to the rare suri and reflects the current "sculpting" of the modern suri by breeders. The artwork's individuality and beauty, like each living suri, is a masterpiece befitting of the cover of *Purely Suri*.

Purely Suri magazine is a publication of Suri Network, Inc. Statements, opinions, and points of view expressed by the writers and advertisers are their own and do not necessarily represent those of *Purely Suri*, members of Suri Network, the publisher, AOBA, AOBA officials, staff, employees, or agents. Suri Network does not assume liability for products or services advertised herein. Suri Network reserves the right to accept or reject any editorial or advertising matter.

No part of *Purely Suri* may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means electronically, mechanically, by photocopying, recording, or otherwise without the prior express written permission of the submitting author to which the article, photograph, illustration, or material is copyrighted. *Purely Suri* assumes all work published here is original and is the work and property of the submitting author. All product and company names are trademarked or copyrighted by their respective owners.

©2003 by Suri Network, Inc.
All rights reserved. Printed in the U.S.A.

Editors

Gail S. Campbell, DVM
Steve Quigley

Associate Editors

Daphne Aumess
Susan Bennett
Shannon Knoblock
Andy Tillman
Catherine Whitman

Art Direction and Design

Steve Quigley

Advertising Manager

Stephanie Pride

Publisher

Able Publishing

Contributors

Deborah Berman
Connie Bodeker
Patricia Bronson
Gail S. Campbell, DVM
Cheryl Crosswait
Noelene A. Hayes
Bill Hedberg, DVM
Savia Judd
Ernesto Matos, Jr.
Jennifer Powers
Brad Sprouse
Andy Tillman
Dick Walker, MD

Cover:

Sarah Campbell: Concept
Angel Forbes: Stylist
Baltimore Color Plate: Photography



Suri Network, Inc.
www.surinetwork.org



Suri Network is an
affiliate of AOBA.