



## Alpaca Care

- **Shearing**, once per year. We recommend shearing in late September to early November in Victoria. In case of extremely bad weather soon after shearing, they should be shedded if possible or supplied with supplement feed.
- **Toe nails trimming**, maybe two or three times a year depending on terrain. Most breeders trim toe nails at shearing.
- **Drenching**, for intestinal worms. Similar to sheep and goats, maybe two or three times per year depending on area. Check with your local vet. If alpaca are healthy, in good condition with a good body score and have a good diet they may not need to be drenched. By doing faecal egg count, regular worming may be avoided.
- **5 in 1 Vaccinations**, for common animal diseases they may be susceptible to. We use "5 in 1" and inject once or twice a year.
- **Selenium supplements**. Many parts of Australia have Selenium deficient soil. Injections twice yearly. If pure selenium may be hard to come by Vit B12 with Selenium can be used.
- **Vitamin D supplements**. We find that in the lower altitudes of Australia you will have some animals that need vitamin D supplements especially during winter. This can be done by injection, say 3 times during winter about 2 months apart. It's also good to inject pregnant females 6 weeks before giving birth to cria.