



New Llama and Alpaca Book!

A new textbook focused solely on the health of llamas and alpacas has just been published entitled [Veterinary Techniques for Llamas and Alpacas](#), written and edited by Drs. David Anderson, Meredyth Jones and Matt Miesner. The sole purpose of this book is to meet a need we recognized: many veterinarians were willing and able to perform diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, including surgeries, on llamas and alpacas, but simply didn't have a ready source for how to translate what they knew from other species to camelids. In a nutshell, we brainstormed every single diagnostic and therapeutic procedure we could think of that we performed in llamas and alpacas and wrote step-by-step instructions on how to recognize the need for that procedure and exactly how to do it, including interpretation of the findings. In each chapter, we included extensive photos of each step of the procedure and the book also comes with a webpage link where videos of selected procedures may be viewed. Also, each section includes "practice tips", which are all the tips and tricks we have learned along the way to help may the process smoother. The book is softcover and bound so that it lays flat for easy reference during procedures. The book is geared toward a veterinary audience, with camelid farms benefitting from their local veterinarian having access to the resource.

We pooled together our collective experiences for this project, each of us authoring the chapters for which we had particular expertise or passion and sincerely hope that we have created a resource which will be of benefit to the camelid industry. We could not be more thrilled to share with you the final product. And, there's something else about this book should be exciting to supporters of the Mid-America Alpaca Foundation...the Alpaca Teaching Herd at Kansas State University served as the "models" for the photos and images for the non-invasive procedures shown in the text. This is just another way that the herd continues to teach and will for years to come.