



# TAA July Newsletter

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# Recap of the TAA Summer Social and Education Day

We are thrilled to report that our event was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of everyone involved. Special thanks go to Karl and Jan, whose gracious hosting made the day possible. Their hospitality set the perfect tone for the event, creating a welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere for all attendees.

The turnout exceeded our expectations, with a diverse group of participants coming together to share in the day together. The potluck was a highlight, featuring an array of delicious dishes that showcased the culinary talents within our alpaca family. Especially Daniels's smoked chicken wings, wow they were good. From savory appetizers to delightful desserts, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to all who contributed to the feast!

Dr. Abma's presentation was a key highlight of the day. His insightful talk was both informative and engaging, offering valuable knowledge that was appreciated by all in attendance. We are grateful for his expertise and willingness to share his time with us.

In addition to Dr. Abma's presentation, the various demonstrations were well received, adding to the day's networking and educational value. Each demo provided a unique perspective and practical insights, making the event a rich and varied experience.

Overall, the event was a tremendous success, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed. Your participation, enthusiasm, and generosity made the day unforgettable. We look forward to many more successful events in the future!

Here are links to the handouts :

[Heat Stress](#)

[Medicine Cabinet](#)

[De-wormer Chart](#)

[Dr. Abma's Presentation](#)

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[Resources](#)

More photos of the day can be found on the TAA website.



# Alpaca Health Care

Prevention and treatment of common diseases



Roland Abma, DVM  
Abma Veterinary Services



# 2024 Camelid Conference

## University of Tennessee Vet School

The TAA Camelid Conference is just around the corner, taking place on August 10 at the University of Tennessee Vet School. This is a must-attend event for anyone interested in the latest developments and insights in the field of camelid care and research.

The conference promises a full day of informative presentations from leading experts, covering a range of topics that will enhance your knowledge and skills. From health and wellness to innovative practices, the sessions are designed to provide valuable information for both seasoned professionals and newcomers alike. In addition to the enriching presentations, attendees will enjoy a continental breakfast and lunch.

To secure your spot please visit the TAA website for cost details, directions and registration. The deadline to register is July 30, 2024, or until we reach maximum attendance, so don't delay!

We look forward to seeing you there for a day of learning, networking, and community building.

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# 2024 CAMELID CONFERENCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024**

TIME	TOPIC – SPEAKER
8:30am	<b>Welcome: Camelid services at UTCVM, Herd Wellness Program, and Extension</b> – <i>Dr. Carla Sommardahl &amp; Mrs. Jessy Shanks</i>
9:00am	<b>Camelid education and research at UT</b> – <i>Dr. Andi Lear</i>
9:45am	<b>Rehabilitation and supportive care for down and neurologic animals</b> – <i>Dr. Tena Ursini</i>
10:30am	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45am	<b>Neonatal Care: Tips and tricks on farm</b> – <i>Dr. Caroline Griffin</i>
11:30am	<b>Breeding: Understanding and using EPDs in breeding decisions</b> – <i>Dr. Troy Rowan</i>
12:15pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:15pm	<b>The Medicine Cabinet - What to have on hand and when to use it?</b> – <i>Dr. Lew Strickland</i>
2:00pm	<b>Pain in camelids: Recognizing signs and how to control pain</b> – <i>Dr. Joe Smith</i>
2:45pm	<b>BREAK</b>
3:00pm	<b>Parasites: management tools</b> – <i>Dr. Casey Neal</i>
3:45pm	<b>Pasture Management</b> – <i>Dr. Katie Mason</i>
4:30pm	<b>Dental Disease: Management and Care</b> – <i>Dr. Cassie Klostermann</i>
5:15pm	<b>ADJOURN</b>



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More information and to  
register

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## MEMBERSHIP

We invite all members to renew their memberships or join for the first time. Your support is invaluable in sustaining the TAA and its initiatives.



[Join/Renew Membership](#)

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## Member Spotlight

We would like to start highlighting our members so everyone can get to know the faces behind the TAA community! Our member spotlight will feature interviews and showcase their passion for these remarkable animals and their contributions to the association. If you would like to participate please send us an email at [tennessealpacaassoc@gmail.com](mailto:tennessealpacaassoc@gmail.com)

Stay connected with the Tennessee Alpaca Association by visiting our website regularly for updates, news, and valuable resources to support your alpaca journey!

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We look forward to your participation in these events and appreciate your ongoing support of the Tennessee Alpaca Association.

Thank you all for being an integral part of the TAA family,  
Ruth Anne Goss  
TAA President

Check out our site for more information 