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Llamas



Llamas

About six thousand years ago, the llama, vicuna, and alpaca were domesticated by the native people of the Andes. The people became known as the Incas. To domesticate an animal means to tame them.

The llamas were raised in herds. They were used to carry loads of food, fuel, and goods for the markets. The llamas were also used to carry gold and silver from the mines.

The alpaca and vicuna were also raised in herds. They were raised mostly for the value of their hair. The hair of the alpaca and vicuna was only used for the royalty and priests. The alpaca and vicuna were too small to do all the work the llamas were capable of doing.



Read the words below. look up and write the definition for them on the lines.

1. domesticate _____

2. royalty _____

3. Incas _____

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Male llamas are called bucks or sires. A female who has never had a baby is called a maiden. A mother llama is a dam. Baby llama are called cria. It takes almost a year for a llama to be born. They are usually born in the daytime and are able to run by nighttime. Llama babies have to be fast in case they were hunted in the wild. Crias weigh about 20 to 35 pounds when they are born. The average adult llamas grow to weigh between 250 to 400 pounds. The average height is usually between five feet to six and one half feet at the head.

Llamas and their relatives do ruminate. To ruminate means to chew food that is partially digested. They regurgitate it and chew it again. Llamas have a three compartment stomach. They chew their food in several different stages. They store it in one stomach. They bring it back into their mouth to chew whenever they want.

Llamas will bring food back up to spit. They will spit at another llama when they are mad, or at an enemy. Llamas do not like to spit because the taste is bad. They will first try spitting air.

Llamas are very intelligent. They are easy to train.
Llamas are excellent pack animals.
Llamas are very healthy animals and usually disease free.

Read each sentence below. Circle true or false.

1, Mother llamas are called dams.

true false

2. Llamas spit at other llamas when they are happy.

true false

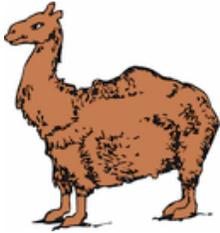
3.Llama have two compartments in their stomachs.

true false

4. Baby llamas are called criers.

true false





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Criss Cross

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

hair sheep vicuna highlands
camel wool alpaca llama

