



ALPACA HISTORY



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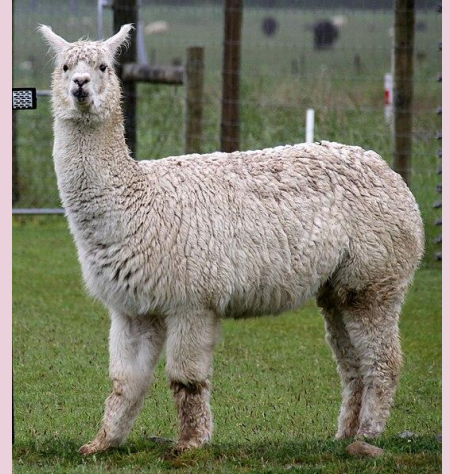
Alpacas & the Incas

Alpacas first lived in South America with the Incas, the Native Americans there.

Alpacas were important to the Inca people. They provided clothing, food, and fuel.

The Incas honored the alpacas like they were gods.

If anyone not royal was found wearing alpaca fiber they were executed.



AFTER THE SPANISH CONQUERED THE

INCAS

When the Spanish came they didn't like how the alpacas ate the grass that their livestock needed, so they butchered them and used them for food.

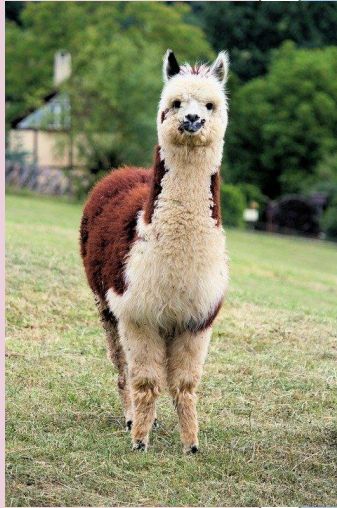


SAVING THE ALPACA

To save their lives, the Incas ran to the mountains nearby. They were able to take a few alpacas and run away and hide with them too. They later re-grew the population. Alpacas eventually were again very popular - this time specifically for their fiber, which was used in all the best London fashion designs.



FUN FACTS



*The first alpaca to come to the U.S. was brought in 1984.

*The alpaca family originated in South America about 6000 years ago.



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