

SANCTUARY RESCUE EFFORT

An urgent Message from Southeast Llama Rescue and the Camelid Rescue Coalition:

The SELR Board of Directors would like to thank everyone for their inquiries and offer of support in the major endeavor of the Montana Large Animal Sanctuary rescue. As most are aware, Animeals volunteers have taken over management of the day to day operations of the sanctuary, doing all they can to keep the animals fed and cared for in extremely adverse conditions. The need for donations towards hay and feed remains unrelenting. If you have already contributed to Animeals, thank you so much and please continue. If you have not, please consider it. 100% of your donation goes straight to saving lives as they have no other forage.

There were a number of complexities to be addressed in preparation for release of animals from the sanctuary but those challenges have been met and it is time to mobilize! Weather is exceedingly harsh and there is limited shelter. Many of these are pregnant females and crias are being born every day. The need is overwhelming but the answer is to move animals out in large groups to not only increase their chances of survival but correspondingly increase the resources available to those which remain on site.

In order to more effectively leverage resources, SELR has joined with Northeast Llama Rescue (NELR), Southwest Llama Rescue (SWLR), Llama Association of North America's Llama Lifeline Committee (LANA Lifeline) and several other Llama Associations to form the Camelid Rescue Coalition. The CRC represents a cohesive working group focused specifically on removing animals from the sanctuary and ultimately placing them into permanent homes.

To succeed we need your help! While we do not want to jeopardize the flow of donations directed towards Animeals, the financial burden of this initiative is overwhelming and well beyond the individual and collective capacities of the organizations which make up the Camelid Rescue Coalition. The heart has a tendency to override the head when it comes to rescue but in this situation we must achieve balance so as not to jeopardize our ability to meet the ongoing needs in the our respective regions.

Funding is paramount but there are a number of ways the camelid community can support this effort to defray the enormity of the expense. **Transportation, veterinary support, foster care, feed for animals in transition and of course adoptive homes are critical elements to our success.**

Please reference the SELR website at www.southeastlamarescue.org for further information regarding how you can contribute to this effort.