

## Halter Classes in ILR-SD Shows

One of the biggest challenges we as exhibitors often face is deciding what halter class to enter our animals in. Llama fleece types are not clearly defined and do not breed true. Many animals fall between defined fleece divisions, the "tweener" animals.

The ILR-SD Halter Committee developed halter classes that separate animals with distinct fleece characteristics (classic coat-on type, silky single coats and suri) and redefined the fleece coverage classes to better describe them (light-medium coverage, medium-heavy coverage and extreme heavy coverage). Utilizing these expanded class descriptions helps to place animals in groups that are more similar and level the playing field for judging.

Also, the ILR-SD Halter classes are judged 90% on conformation and a 10% consideration of fleece fineness, handle and luster when judging all halter classes.

The ILR-SD Halter Committee has given detailed descriptions of these new Halter Classes AND photo examples of a typical animal for each class. This information is available in the ILR-SD Guidelines Document on the ILR website, <u>www.lamaregistry.com</u>, click on ILR Show Division link, then click on Forms & Documents, scroll down to the Halter Section and click on Halter Fleece Descriptions.

These descriptions can be viewed online AND can be downloaded and printed for your use to decide the most appropriate halter class to enter your animals into. We encourage show management to explore and utilize these new halter divisions when designing your shows.

## Happy Showing!

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