

Alpaca Association of Ireland

Benefits of being a Member



Members of the Alpaca Association of Ireland enjoy many benefits that come as standard to all members. The following lists out the benefits of membership. Members can avail of all of the benefits or as few of the benefits that you may wish. Some of the benefits are enjoyed by just being part of the association and mixing with people who love all things alpaca.

AAI membership benefits

- Membership of the Alpaca Association of Ireland representing Alpaca owners in Ireland and abroad
- AAI brings together Alpaca owners, breeders, veterinary experts, crafters, spinners and people interested in all things alpaca related.
- Opportunity to participate in the AAI, helping the association and the alpaca industry in Ireland to grow to it's full potential
- Access to information and support on the best care for Alpacas
- Training events
 - Learn about all things alpaca at the training events
 - Training events are free of charge to AAI members or at a subsidised rate.
 - Alpaca husbandry education
 - Alpaca health and welfare
 - Learn about Breeding, births, dam and cria care
 - Learn how to protect your alpacas from specific parasites and diseases
 - Alpaca confirmation and alpaca assessment
 - Alpaca fleece characteristics
 - Preparing an Alpaca for a show
 - Preparing and skirting a fleece for a show and or processing
- Pedigree Registry
 - AAI membership provides access to register your alpacas on the official registry for alpacas in Ireland
 - View pedigree history of your alpacas and of other alpacas on the registry
 - View and print Pedigree Certificates for all your registered alpacas
 - Increase the value of your alpacas by having them officially registered
 - Official record of Alpaca information including breeder, owner history, sire, dam, progeny, colour details and unique identifiers like eartag and microchip numbers
 - DNA record status - planned to be operational during 2025
 - Independent source of information
 - Independent verification of your alpaca pedigree history

- National Show
 - Membership allows you to enter the national show
 - Alpacas entered are assessed on confirmation and fleece characteristics
 - Learn about your alpacas from the judge's feedback
 - Craft display and opportunity to enter your creations into the craft competition
 - Craft competitions also provide opportunities to meet non AAI members
 - Live demonstrations and talks
 - Meet and network with other Alpaca owners
 - Market your farm
 - Market and sell your products
 - See and learn about alpaca products and services at the trade stands
 - Social event to meet friends and show visitors
- Tullamore Show
 - Membership allows you to bring animals to the AAI stand at the Tullamore show
 - Largest agriculture show in the country
 - Alpaca Craft display and craft competition
 - Meet other Alpaca owners
 - Market your farm to a very large audience
 - Market and sell your products
 - Social event to meet friends and members of the public
- Fleece show
 - Enter your alpaca fleeces for assessment
 - Learn about your alpacas' fleece from the judge's scorecard and feedback
- Fleece testing service
 - Fleece tested at a reduced price
 - AAI independent confirmation of your fleece test results
 - AAI supplementary reporting
 - In time AAI reporting can provide information on
 - Fleece characteristics
 - Fleece evolution
 - Herd fleece evolution
 - Help you attain your fleece goals
- DNA testing service
 - Independent parentage verification from DNA data
 - AAI approved DNA testing - future requirement for registration of Stud males
 - Colour DNA testing
 - Benefit from future DNA developments
- Webinars
 - Membership provides notification and access to webinars
 - Training webinars
 - Updates on AAI work and events
 - AAI meetings

- AAI membership ensures you receive e-mails and newsletters
 - Membership provides inclusion on the circulation lists
 - Receive updates on news and events
 - Stay informed on industry developments
- Website
 - Access to the members area of the website
 - Access to the AAI document repository
 - AAI constitution and rules
 - Registry rules
 - Show rules
 - Codes of Conduct
 - Guides

