

Alpaca Facts

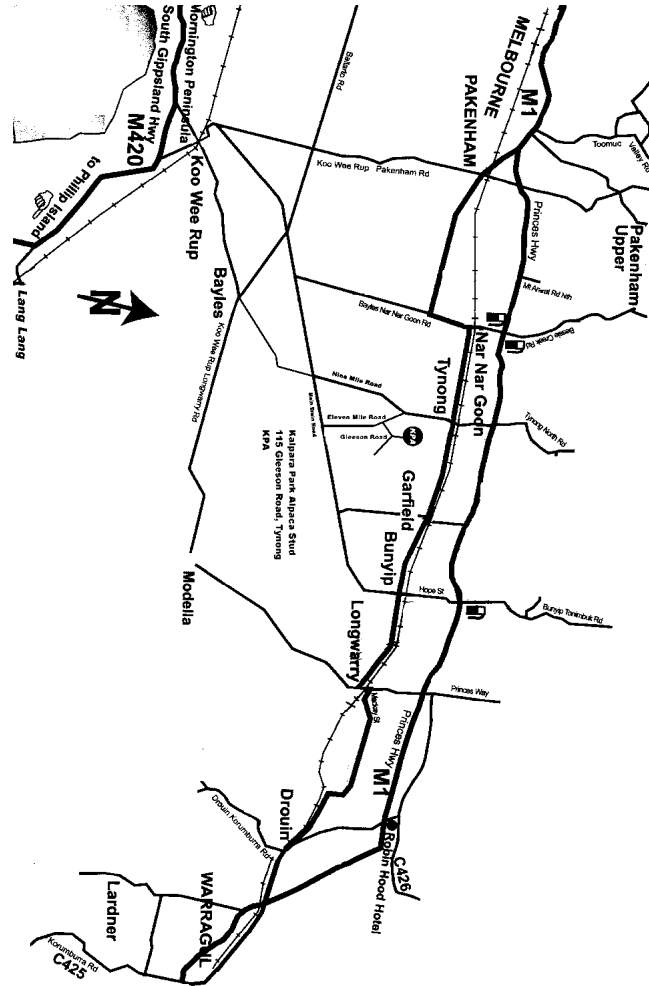
- Average Gestation:** 335 - 345 days
Birth Weight: 7 - 9 Kg
Average Weight: 50 - 80 Kg
Average Height: 90 cm at the withers
Lifespan: 15 - 20 years
Colours: 22 basic colours with many variations and blends
Main Use: fleece production, with many export markets
Feed: hay, pasture grasses with balanced mineral content
Care: easy to maintain requiring only basic shelter against harsh weather
Acresage: minimal land required, easy on fencing
Transport: load and travel calmly in any type of vehicle

Names:

Newborn	-	cria
weanling	-	tui
adult male	-	macho
adult female	-	hembre
castrated males	-	wether

ALPACA

The fibre of the future



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Kalpara Park Alpaca Stud

Established 1991



Ashfield Alpaca Stud

Alpacas are one of four members of the South American Camelid species. Like all camelids they are hardy and intelligent animals. Along with the Llama they have been domesticated for over 5000 years. The alpaca produce a fine fleece, once reserved for Inca Royalty. The larger Llama was used to carry loads on the steep Andean trails. Together these animals provided the food, clothing and transport for an entire civilization.

There are two types of Alpaca

Huacaya:

Huacaya fleece has crimp and fibre bundles, similar to that of sheep. The fleece has good thermal properties, high lustre and low prickle.



Suri:

Suri fleece has a lustrous fine fibre that hangs in pencilled locks, more like that of an angora goat. The fleece has a slippery and silky feel to it and is often described as curtains of silk.



Alpaca Fibre

Alpaca fibre comes in twenty-two natural colours, ranging in tones of White, Fawn, Brown, Grey and Black. It is highly sought after by textile makers here in Australia and in overseas markets throughout Europe and Asia.



Herd Protection

Alpaca wethers have successfully been used as herd protectors for lambing ewes, kidding goats and even chickens. For best results the alpaca must be wethered and be of at least 18 months of age.



Kalpara Park & Ashfield

You can find us at Tynong, so whether it's breeding females, weanlings, wethers or stud males, we have the lot for you to look at. So make an appointment with us.

Stud Males

If it's a high quality stud male you are looking for we have the ones for you in the following colours white, fawn and grey.