



Animal facility “De Ark”

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Housing facilities

- Three separate indoor 12 m² boxes each provided with fresh water, two separated feed bunks, suspended camelid hay rack and mineral lick stone.
- Boxes have perforated concrete floor to safeguard dry bedding and easy cleaning.
- Boxes are separated and situated in a fully closed and airy stable with badge controlled access from 5pm – 7am and during weekends.
- Each box has a separate outdoor paddock of 45 m² each. Paddocks have concrete flooring to facilitate cleaning.
- Active ventilation system, temperature regulated, heat stress prevention equipment.
- Antifreeze system on all water works to safeguard the provision of fresh water during cold days.
- Possibility for daily outdoor grazing (pasture).

Animal care

- 7 year llama housing experience in De Ark with optimal results (references on request).
- Housing capacity up to 12 llamas, alpacas of any small ruminant.
- Feeding and housing of animals conform Ethical Committee criteria and current legislations.
- Nutrition based on 10 years of small camelid experience.
- Daily cleaning (boxes and paddocks).
- Daily observation (7/7) on feeding and social behavior by trained and experienced staff.
- Weekly observations on body condition score changes and fur quality by trained personal.
- Individual feeding, housing and care can be organized.
- Free pasture on request.
- Digital weighing device available.

Veterinary services

- 15 years of expertise in small camelid veterinary services (references upon request).
- Years of expertise in giving post graduate veterinary training and workshops on camelid health, handling and medicine.
- 3 experienced llama veterinarians available.
- A 24h, 7/7 d veterinary duty (on call) system.
- All veterinary handling including surgery can be provided.
- Preventive medicine can be applied (vaccination, deworming, claw trimming, fur trimming, castrations, ...).
- Expertise in breeding advice and breeding programs, ultrasound scanning device available.

What else can we offer

- Advice and consultancy on animal selection, breeding, follow up before arrival in the immunization facility.
- Contacts with breeding and animal trading facilities.
- Laboratory bench space is available.
- Collaboration on the basis of a mutually agreed service agreement.