

The Domaine des Nobles Alpagas Inc.
Products to keep you warm this winter

Brome-Missisquoi, October 13th 2009. The Domaine des Nobles Alpagas in Brome Lake offers a variety of alpaca fibre products that will keep you toasty warm during Quebec's tough winters.

As a part of the International Year of Natural Fibres in 2009, the Domaine added a boutique to its facilities where you can purchase mittens, tuques, berets, wraps, ponchos, blankets, stuffed toys, etc. All made from this fabulous fibre supplied by the alpacas.

This docile animal, well adapted to our climate, produces a fibre of incomparable softness, as luxurious as cashmere, so soft it clothed royalty 4,000 years ago. The fibre contains no lanolin, and is therefore hypoallergenic and doesn't scratch the skin. It is also seven times warmer than wool, three times more resistant and much lighter.

The alpacas raised at the Domaine are of the Huacaya breed, whose fibres grow perpendicular to the skin. Alpacas supply no fewer than 22 shades of natural fibre. When the fibre is long, the animals look like big balls of cotton. The Domaine's customers can see this when they take the road that crosses the enclosure to the boutique.

The herd is presently made up of 17 alpacas to which a number of others will be added by mid-November. That will bring the total to 33 alpacas including a few males, such as Sir Andrade, grand champion of a fibre competition in the United States and MMR Marcoyo, who possesses genetics recognized throughout the Americas. A number of births are expected in the coming years, five in 2009 and a dozen in 2010.

While the Domaine's mission remains raising high genetic quality purebred alpacas, the operator, René Desharnais, would be pleased to welcome you and show you their various high quality products. Everything will keep you warm and are excellent Christmas gift ideas. The Domaine des Nobles Alpagas is located at 24 Barnes Road in Brome Lake. Mr. Desharnais can be reached at 450-242-4255. The boutique is open on the weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

When the Domaine started up, the promoter was helped by the Brome-Missisquoi CLD's technical services to write up its business plan and apply for financial aid given over a period of 40 weeks with a follow-up in two years through the Soutien au Travail autonome (autonomous workers support) program, financed by Emploi-Québec. For more information on the services and programs available, contact the CLD at 450-266-4928.

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