

# THE VIRGINIA CLASSIC...March 11, 2006

*Well...with all due modesty, and please don't construe this as bragging and being insensitive to other participants but.....WE DID IT...WE DID IT...The start of the show season and ...*



The first day **MELANIE**, my first little Lochness monster type alpaca with her super long brown neck and all that dense fiber not only **Blued her** juvenile class but then she won the **GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP FEMALE** as well. There must have been 40 alpacas in the combination of classes. She was a pro. Walked in calm and cool and with long strides glided past the judge, Shannon McConnell. He's from Vermont I think and he smiled all the way thru the show. A pleasure to show under this judge with all his detailed explanations to each exhibitor and the audience.

**CAMEO VELVET**, daughter of my Royal Velvet and out of a line of champions swept her yearling fawn class and also took the **GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP** in halter. My feet started to hurt about 3 PM and the distance from our stalls, not under the same roof as the arena (thank whomever the powers that be that it didn't rain), were killing me. Nothing to do but keep moving.

There was a color check problem with **Accoyo Cossette**. Seems she turned from a fawn to a multi class designation. It's true, her dark stripe vertically running on her side was very outstanding and a good foot long. How cool is this? A full Accoyo female in the multi class. Her fiber is stunning **and she won the blue**. Not enough entries so there wasn't any championship classes. She was disappointed as you can get when you feel you could be on a roll. She just must learn, that pretty girl!

Next morning started the whites. I think **Cherry won a second** but I can't be sure. She's by my stud **Magnum** who is putting his gorgeous fleece and face on all his cria. Very elegant in the ring, she stepped daintily past the judge and I felt good about the whole thing.

Now for the yearling white female class. I entered Magnum's **Tuptim, Kalinka** and the infamous **Eliza Belle**. By this time, I was loving every embarrassing minute of hearing over the loudspeaker..."owned by Mary's Alpaca, The Plains, Virginia". To cut to the chase on this humongous class. First we made the cut of 6. Then we placed. **ELIZA BELLE won the Blue and went on to win**

*the Grand Championship. KALINKA won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and TUPTIM rounded out the top with the third place. So much for that.*

And what about tough but little Suri ACE JR. you might be asking yourself. Yes, he did and he made me proud watching him from the next ring over where a nice person that I didn't even know was showing him for me. *ACE JR placed 2<sup>nd</sup>* in his shiny class...and he was perfect.

*Eliza Belle also won Bred & Owned Yearling female.*

*Magnum's WARRIOR, a very tall 8 month old elegant white male out of my Caligula daughter Xena, won the BLUE in his halter class as well. He's one of those boys who doesn't know he's great... he just is. What a head...body...and fleece on this one. That's him in front.*

*Altai and Simba pulled in 2 seconds of their respective classes and then*

***\*\*WE WON THE GET OF SIRE for MAGNUM with Tuptim, Cherry and Warrior.** Also, in the Get of Sire class we entered *Camilio's Accoyo Endurance...he came in second represented by Simba, Kalinka and Cameo!**

