

National Lama Intervention and Rescue Coordination Council (IRC Council)

1. Purpose: To provide an efficient, inclusive system of coordinating lama rescue efforts nationwide in order to share and maximize the use of resources while providing a safety net for lamas in need of intervention or rescue
2. Define groups that become members of nationwide IRC coordinated effort
 - a. Identify bona fide groups
 1. May be 501(c)3 or 501(c)5 nonprofit
 2. May be organization, committee or subset of recognized lama community organization
 3. May be group with historical record of interventions and rescues
 4. Other as appropriate
3. Guidance Council
 - a. Composition
 1. Council is composed of a minimum of 7 permanent seats: GALA, RMLA, LANA, AOBA, ILR, SELR, and 1 rotating seat at large
 2. Each organization appoints a member to a council seat yearly (no limitation on number of terms for any individual)
 3. Individuals appointed to council seats will serve as liaisons from IRC to own organizations/geographic locales
 - b. Function: Council will:
 1. Address the rescue needs of lamas, IRC members and the lama community
 2. Be responsible for facilitating and coordinating information and resources for overall IRC mission
 3. Prioritize, assign, coordinate and orchestrate the components and guidelines needed to synchronize nationwide rescue ability and response
 4. Represent IRC at the annual Camelid Community, keeping nationwide rescue efforts, concerns and needs in the national dialogue
 5. Implement and maintain IRC policy infrastructure including, but not limited to:
 - a. Assign areas of responsibilities for IRC members
 1. Data base information collection/coordination
 2. Building mailing list for letters, etc
 3. Compiling list of transporters
 4. Policy drafting
 5. Article writing
 6. Fund raising
 7. Volunteer coordinators
 8. Transportation/other resource coordinators
 9. Communication and protocols for dealing with local authorities
 - b. Check correctness of member contact information annually

4. Define nationwide geographic response coverage
 - a. Available volunteers and closest groups within IRC that can respond
 - b. Agree to intervene and rescue lamas in accordance with what the local area will bear, local resources will enable
 - c. Use volunteers to work the rescue within the closest proximity
 - d. Establish protocols for working with local authorities for support in lama rescue efforts

5. Negotiate ICI involvement with IRC efforts
 - a. Make information provided by IRC available on website
 - b. Negotiate other as appropriate

6. Negotiate ILR involvement with IRC efforts
 - a. Record geographic contacts in data base established in ILR
 - b. Make information provided by IRC available on website
 - c. Notify ILR members about website resources through newsletter, press releases to other publications
 - d. Create irrevocable non-breeder (INB) ILR status complete with the needed ILR certificate for showing in ALSA (listing registration)
 1. INB status for females does on paper what gelding of a male does physically without the surgical risk, lama discomfort or cost of the procedure
 2. ILR protocol for INB includes location specific scanning and (if no chip found) microchipping for ILR identification, data tracking and certificate (microchipping would prevent repeat registration of same animal)
 3. INB status would preclude registration of any offspring born from that animal after 330 days of INB status
 4. Violation of INB status would disqualify that lama from all further ALSA show participation

7. Negotiate ALSA involvement with IRC efforts
 - a. Coordinate ILR registration of INB status within the ALSA show rules b. ILR certificate (listing, screening, registered, INB listing) is required for every animal shown in ALSA shows
 - c. Ban any lama reported in violation of the INB status from any further ALSA show participation

8. Establish IRC operational protocols
 - a. National letter to local ASPCAs/animal control for information on lama intervention
 1. Enlist lama organizations to assist with data gathering, letter distribution
 2. Enlist lama organizations to publicize efforts within span of influence

3. Communicate the Minimum Standards of Care approved by Lama Community as consistent guidelines to be used nationally by animal control personnel

b. National letter to Veterinarians

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c. Fund raising, grant writing

d. Publicity

e. Others as needed

9. Create, establish and utilize new programs within framework of IRC and the lama community for IRC use

a. National Minimum Standards of Care

b. National Minimum Standards of Practice

c. National transportation trust for lama relocation

d. National transportation network of paid and volunteer transporters

1. Single to several lamas (i.e., van suitable)

2. Large groups

3. Urgency in transport timeframe

e. Others as needed