

Wallaby Ridge

a kaleidoscope of colour/shine in black&grey



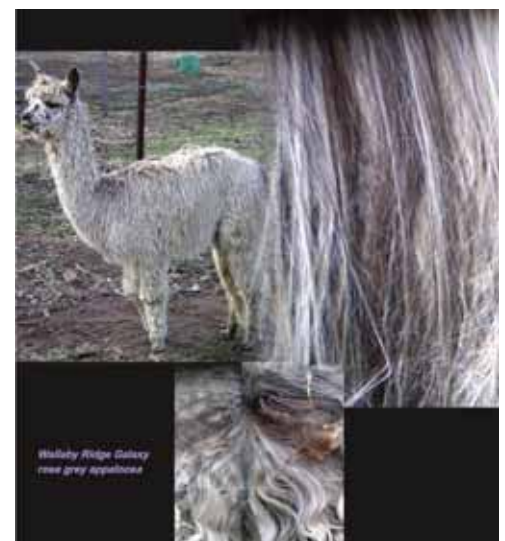
EVEN REGISTERING THAT BLACK or grey alpaca under the colour categories available is in itself not that descriptive. There is, I feel, a case for dividing the blacks into bay black or blue black but some solid blacks defy even that split, see WVR Eureka, solid black. a

deep smoky grey black but he has been shown quite successfully and never been queried on his colour.

And if you thought black is hard, the greys are even more difficult, beautiful but difficult.

The rosegreys are the most interesting in all

their colours and hues, there are some that are a soft rosepink grey, others that are lavender; others that have a smoky grey cloud under a subtle pink. These alpacas do not even own their colour category but instead have to share with the roans! Roans visually (in my opinion) have a reddish main colour; sometimes



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If you are breeding for black or grey, it is amazing how many hues fall under those two categories! *It is a colour kaleidoscope*



greying of the neck, often with the white patterning of a grey.

Wallaby Ridge recently had an interesting dilemma, having initially registered a female called Galaxy as fawn but when it came time to enter her in her first show, she had turned a smoky taupy grey at the skin so we entered her as rosegrey. Upon vetting the decision was mixed and the two judges had to adjudicate on her official category. She was deemed to be rosegrey.

And last year in our article we talked about our male called Graffiti whose fleece was a kaleidoscope of rosegrey, grey and black, almost every colour. As he has grown he has achieved a mostly grey saddle so we entered him as rosegrey ... he didn't disappoint and

has won his share of classes and broad ribbons.

Our decision to breed these rare suri colours was pivotal in our purchasing program and as most of the imported coloured suris came from Bolivia, Wallaby Ridge have many suris with strong Bolivian connections.

Colour is magical!

There is certainly room for registries to expand the colour classes available for blacks and to split the rosegreys from the roans ... or am I the only one who thinks so?

And as for an update on our laziest farmhand, Moggi still has the same work ethic

... play in the sun, roll in the hay, catch a free ride in the wheelbarrow.

And on a last note, even the alpacas seem to group themselves with alpacas of the same colour:

