Alpacas are some of the fluffiest animals at the zoo, and their fleece (different from a sheep's wool) is part of why Alpacas (and the similar but larger Llamas) were domesticated from their wild cousins the Vicuña and the Guanaco. Did you know, all of those animals are in the Camel family?! They all have three-chambered stomachs that allow them to eat plants, long necks with a small head, and long legs with two toes on padded feet. Our zoos two Alpacas spend their time grazing and occasionally sparring with each other – you can find them in our barn yard!



Because Alpacas are domesticated, meaning they have lived with and been cared for by people for thousands of years, you won't find these animals in the wild. However, you can find them with people, which means they can live almost anywhere! Here in Montana, or down in South America, they are a strong and cold-resistant animal that can live in a variety of habitats, and they also have some cool adaptations:

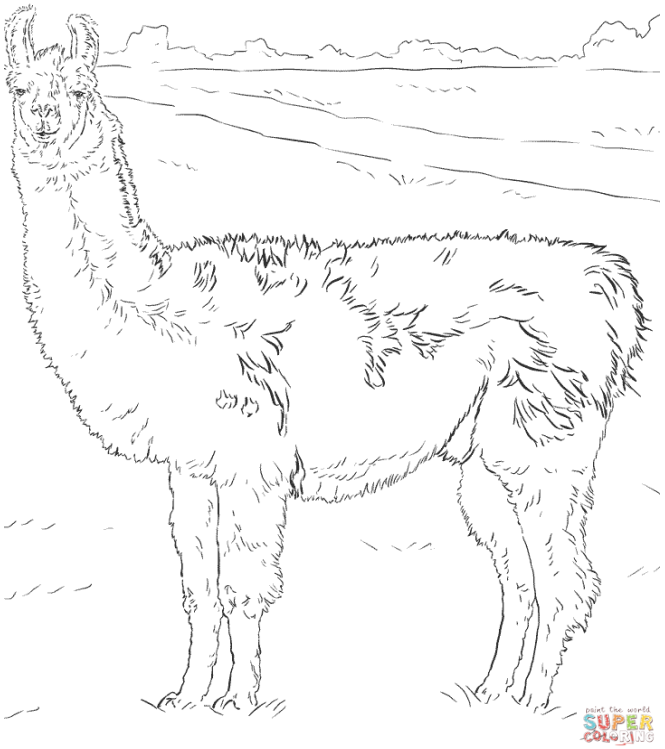
- They have a split upper lip that acts like fingers to help grab food
- They are herbivorous, or plant eaters, whose teeth are constantly growing and being worn down by plant material.
- They can be quite skittish, and so they are herd animals, to help look out for each other.
- They can run fast and kick hard to get away from or discourage predators.

Can you tell which one is the Alpaca, and which is the Llama? They are both closely related, but Alpacas are quite a bit smaller and Llamas are huge and have a longer neck and longer ears. Once you've figured it out, label color them in!

I am the _____



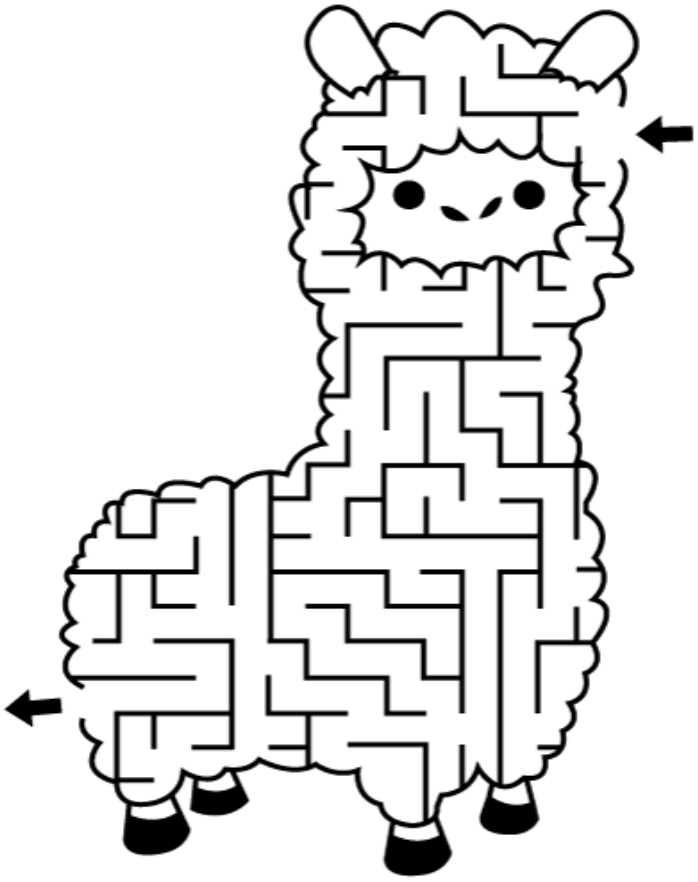
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Baby alpacas are called crias, and they are born after about 11.5 months! They can stand soon after they are born, and are full grown by about 1.5-2 years old.

Can you color in the two alpacas?





Can you make it through this Alpaca maze?

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