

ALPACA FACTS



Australian Alpaca
ASSOCIATION

ALPACAS AS HERD GUARDS

Alpacas are known to be effective as guard animals for sheep, goats, poultry and smaller livestock flocks. While they can't take on huge predators or packs of dogs, they're quite effective at keeping foxes and smaller carnivores away from their charges.

- Male Alpacas (castrated) minimum age 18 months to 2 Years old.
- Two alpacas to a paddock are common but one will work well, however, his does not give the animal a chance to rest.
- Introduce pregnant Ewes or Goats 4 – 6 weeks before lambing or kidding.
- Successes in reducing lambing losses to foxes, crows and eagles have been reported by producers
- *Want more information? Ask an Alpaca Breeder.*

