

**February 2011:** Life brings changes – not only for us, but also for our alpacas. Our core herd of females and cria, including 4 pregnant females, have made the long trip from Noordhoek, in the Western Cape, to Graaff Reinet in the Eastern Cape.

It's been a long road – an approximate 10-hour drive by car with the 4-meter trailer and our precious cargo. Summer in the Karoo is not for the feint-hearted – the heat of up to 40C degrees around Beauford West had all of us panting. Our main concern was the de-hydration of and the extreme stress to the animals. About 100 kilometres before Graaff Reinet the rain clouds made

**In April 2011** we moved our alpaca 'boys', who lived out in the "Klein Karoo" of the Western Cape and on Doornkraal Farm around Ceres, to join our herd at Crickleywood Farm in the Eastern Cape. We arrived after dark the previous evening - the males were more than happy to be greeted by a group of beautiful, healthy ladies and their off spring early the next morning

At the moment our herd comprises of around 27 – 30 animals, obviously varying with births and sales being part of a farming enterprise.

"For an alpaca to be healthy in body , mind and soul it needs to have the freedom to roam and be one with nature"