



## Alpacas

- Jon I'm with Yann Dalieber (?) who has an alpaca farm just outside Mellionnec. So Yann, how many alpaca do you have?
- Yann Then today on the farm we have 19 alpacas, tomorrow one will leave the farm for another life in the other farm and then we will be 18 tomorrow.
- Jon So what's happening to the alpaca? He's going to a farm?
- Yann Then this alpacas will be used like pet animals because his characteristics fleece are not good enough to be work animal
- Jon Do they make good pets- these animals?
- Yann Yes. Very good pets, yes.
- Jon So why do people want them as pets
- Yann I think they want these pets because they are very calm, lovely animals, very proud animals and they don't need much heat because they are from the camelid origins like camels or it's the same animals
- Jon As camels?
- Yann Yes, they are the same origins. Then they don't have too much hot and for people who have little field, it's enough.
- Jon So what exactly do they eat?
- Yann Just grass, and we give them some linseed but for us they don't need linseed but it's like a sweet- like a child..
- Jon It's a treat for being good
- Yann Yes, yes,
- Jon And producing good wool
- Yann Voila
- John So do you actually ever have children visit?

- Yann Yes, we have school visits. We have house for old person we visit too. We have association we can on the farm to make the visit. This week we have industry personnel.
- Jon Trade commission
- Yann We do all of this.
- Jon Ok- so we've looked at the animals- Just now you gave me a tour of the fields. They look very gentle - do they ever fight?
- Yann They never fight with us but between them they fight in the herd. In the herd there is a boss and the rest of the herd and the boss need fight to keep his place.
- Jon Once they've worked out who's boss they're very happy, very content
- Yann Yes, they're content and its good for the herd, for the herds equilibrium. For example when we take the boss for shearing there is another boss who take place in the herd. Its very amazing. and when the first boss comes back in the herd the new boss gives in. No problem. Very, very amazing. Very..... yes
- Jon In terms of the wool what is the main advantage of alpaca?
- Yann Alpaca is the most thin (fine) fleece in the world. Then its high quality fleece it's very warm. For example we say that alpaca is warmer like sheep for example because you have to imagine alpacas live in the, in France we say Cordillère des Andes in Peru. They are very, very, very high. Moin quarante-cinque degrees
- Jon Less than forty degree
- Yann Yes forty degrees under zero. You can't put a sheep or a goat at this temperature but an alpacas can support this weather no problem.
- Jon So they're very happy in the cold but they're unhappy when its very hot.
- Yann Yes - very hot weather is not good for us. They can die if the... if the weather is very, very, very warm, yes.
- Jon Yann, thank you very much.



