

One Short Cut to Rome, Please, By Sue Wilde

All roads lead to Rome. There are about 20 really good diet plans out there that all lead to weight loss Rome. But why don't North Americans lose weight like they would like? They are looking for a short cut to Rome and sometimes the short cuts just don't get us there as quickly as we would like or at all! What's the best way to get to weight loss Rome? Pick a road and stick to it and you'll get thin!

There are several good grooming plans and tools out there to get all the hay, sticks, straw and mats out of llama hair. We are always trying to find a short cut to this tedious, frustrating, painful and sometimes life threatening process. There are slicker brushes to get the mats out but they are painful for the llama and strip out the locks of fiber. Boar bristle brushes are kinder but not as effective. There are the plastic big tooth curry combs, a personal favorite and the curry gloves. (Shearing of the tough stuff is one short cut that does work well!) I have tried a lot of shampoos and conditioners over the last 19 years. I put them to the test on my own hair first and I have concluded and always go back to Matrix Biolage energizer shampoo and detangler. But....at Celebrity this year I did get talked into a (hopefully) new short cut to grooming Rome with a new shampoo and conditioner for my new type of fiber. Another \$25 U. S. tax deductible short cut ticket!

There are a lot of roads to halter training Rome for young llamas out there. Special halters, elastic lead shanks, bicycle tire tubes tied to fences, walk it with its Momma, put it behind the gator (don't get mad and put it in front now!) click and reward it, have it follow snacks, start at birth! Pick a road, this is a long road, and not my favorite one to travel. The short cuts always sound good but the road to "well trained llama Rome" is a straight and narrow one and sadly one less traveled by, so we have a lot of llamas that have suffered from the short cuts!

There are a lot of good ways out there to make milk appear in a llama who doesn't really want to make any of her own. There are the magic mushrooms, I mean herbs, that work pretty well for some. There's domperigon not even sure if this is spelled right!) There's brewers yeast or brewed yeast. I bought this great ale out of Scotland, the expensive stuff, and the girls got to really love that stuff! There are warm compresses, milking, milking, milking etc., etc., There is just no short cut to milk production Rome! You have to just get on the road and milk it for all it's worth!

There are a lot of ideas out there on how to get suri llama Rome. You can breed a suri to a suri and maybe get a suri or breed a suri to a silky and maybe get a suri or you can breed a suri to a double coat and maybe get a suri or you can breed a silky to a silky and maybe get a suri. Or, you can take that tempting shortcut and breed an anything llama to a suri alpaca and maybe get a suri but then do you have a suri llama or a.....? There are getting to be a lot of suri llamas hanging around Rome and how they all got there was on route SS.....well all roads lead to Rome don't they?

Finally arriving at Rome after all those frustrating shortcuts is always rewarding and gratifying. Getting thinner is nice, a beautiful clean, shiny llama is nice, the llama that walks smartly and reliably beside you is nice. A baby llama that gains weight with out you feeding it is nice. A suri llama that appears is a nice thing for those on the suri road to Rome and it's always such a nice surprise! Ahh, Rome is such a nice place to be.

Pick your path and I'll see you all in Rome! (or along the road somewhere-probably getting some stress relief at a Krispe Kreme doughnut shop!!)