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Hi there!

My name is Kristen Murray. I had the privilege of working in the veterinary field for over 17 years, and studied Veterinary Practice Management as well as, Business Administration. Throughout my career, I focused on hospital operations, client care, geriatric medicine, and was a lead communication technician. During this time, I even worked at one of the largest animal hospitals in the country. I transitioned out of veterinary medicine to gain a better work life balance, and presently work as a Recruiter for a large manufacturing company overseeing staffing for four locations.

The deep love affair I have with animals has always been present in my life and lead me to alpacas in 2021 when it was recommended that I go on a tour at a local alpaca farm. From that moment, I was hooked! These majestic, mysterious, and peaceful creatures captivated me. My husband and I purchased our first two alpacas that same year, and the rest of the herd followed since.

My motto with alpacas has always been: "Health and wellness first, fiber is a bonus." I am passionate about medical management/treatment, stress reduction, and geriatric care. Developing and executing treatment plans based on research, and the knowledge I've gained from those who have come before me, many of which are PAOBA members. I truly enjoy needle felting and educating the public about alpacas. Participating in the fiber short this year helped honed my skills and yielded new friendships.

It is my wish to continue to learn, grow, and serve the alpaca community within this wonderful organization, so we can best support the animals who give so much to us. Working collectively to allocate our talents and distribute knowledge to all in search of it, in an effort to develop a stronger community of alpaca owners/enthusiast.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shine on,  
Kristen Murray