

Sederholm Game Farm

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As the seasons change so does farm activity. The peafowl are fanning, the guineas chasing and once again the emus pace the fence line. Moo has been let out to pasture while the goats protest that they are still in the barn. The horses and llamas are eating every new blade of grass they can find taking short breaks to soak up the sun. The reindeer have started growing new antlers and shedding coat; and again we are building fence.



Visit our booth May 10, 2008; 10am–5pm

CHA Animal Expo

Bay Area Community Center, Ashland WI

Alaska was wonderful—we began in Fairbanks at the Large Animal Research Station learning about the studies and differences in Caribou and Reindeer. While viewing these



animals side by side one could see an obvious structural difference. This facility also does research on

Musk ox. These are beautiful animals. Qiviut is a product combed from the coat of the Musk ox, and spun into a yarn. Qiviut is said to be 40% warmer than wool. At the Reindeer Research Center we were given a tour of the facility including a brief education on reindeer nutrition; we observed the handling facilities in use as



yearling calves were caught in a reindeer squeeze and vaccinated with a clostridium vaccine. Cows were caught, vaccinated, weighed and transported to the calving pasture. The morning continued with the handling and moving of many reindeer. Indoors we listened to a series of presentations on different research projects that were going on at the university. From here we flew to Nome for a meeting with the reindeer herders. Eventually we went out on snow mobiles to observe a



free ranging in the tundra see their reindeer laid around just have a few hundred more.



Eventually we had the opportunity to meet Velvet the very spoiled reindeer. Velvet travels by pick up truck, I think she forgot she had the ability to fly. What did I learn; Nome has only a little snow, and there are people shorter than me. I had to duck to



go through this door! But seriously there was a lot of education involved in this trip, much of what was learned can be applied to our herd.

Soon I will have more information from this trip on our web site. There is much to sort out so be patient and keep checking www.sederholmgamefarm.com.



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