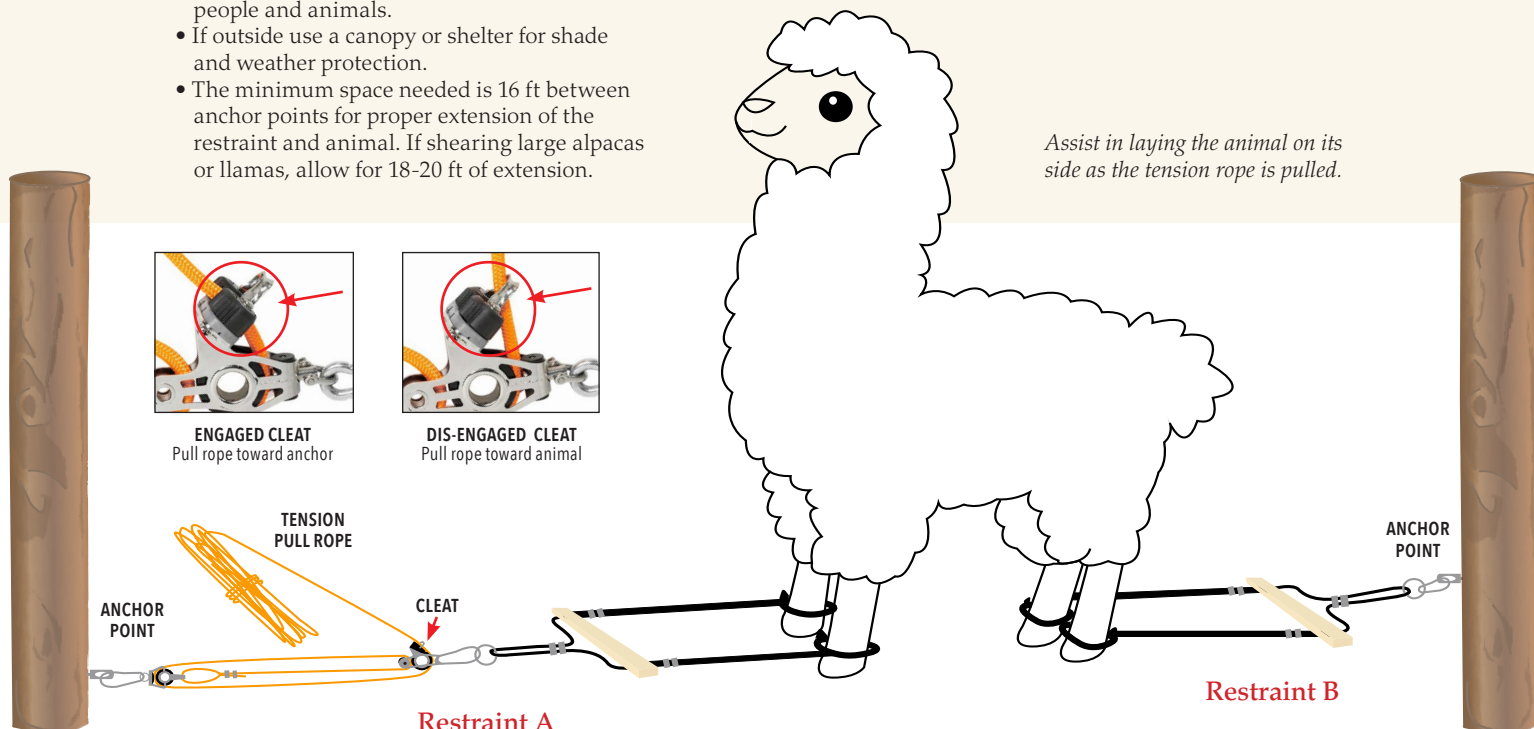


How to assemble BEST Alpaca Pro Shearing Restraint

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Shearing area selection

- Choose an area that's level and well-lit
- An area large enough for a good flow of people and animals.
- If outside use a canopy or shelter for shade and weather protection.
- The minimum space needed is 16 ft between anchor points for proper extension of the restraint and animal. If shearing large alpacas or llamas, allow for 18-20 ft of extension.



Setting the anchors

The restraint is a two-piece design:

1. **Restraint A (front legs)**
Block/pulleys and leg ropes
2. **Restraint B (back legs)**
Leg ropes

Each piece has a carabiner that is attached to an anchor point. An anchor point may be any stationary object that will not move when tension is applied to the restraint. The restraint's carabiners attach to an anchor point via an eye-bolt or piece of rope or chain. It is preferred to have the anchor points set far enough apart to allow for full extension of the restraint.

Readying the restraint

Once the anchor points are established, connect the carabiner of (**Restraint A**) and layout the leg set. A knot at the end of the rope should stop movement when it comes in contact with the cam cleats.

Attach (**Restraint B**) to the other anchor point. Ideally, the two sets of leg loops should be about 30" apart. This is the distance between an average sized alpaca's front and rear legs. The distance can be increased by pulling the end of the rope with the knot, or decreased by pulling on the restraints attached to the pulley.

Attaching to an Alpaca

Lead the alpaca into the shearing area alongside the leg sets with the alpaca facing the pulley anchor.

It is best to have a handler holding the animal's head and another steadying the hips. A third helper puts the loops of each leg above the pastern (joint) and pulls the loops tight. On heavily fibered animals, push the fiber up and out of the way as loops are put on.

After all four legs are looped, pull on the pulley rope until the alpaca is stretched.

The handlers at the head and hips ease the animal to the ground as the rope is pulled. The rope with the knot must be pulled into the cam cleats to lock the rope in place.

Releasing

To release tension, the knotted end of the rope is pulled toward the animal, to release the rope from the cam cleats. A handler should be holding down the alpaca's head, and another putting pressure on the hips until the leg loops are removed and it is safe to allow the animal to its feet.



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