

# *Pygora Shearing Demo - NW Pygora Owners March 2010*

*David Welton Visits Paradise Found Fiber Farm*

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## *March Visit*

### *Pygoras of the NW*

*Pygora goat shearing demonstration during a NW Pygora Goat Owners gathering.*

*Joining the Pygora Owners was David Welton, a neighbor, a Cardiologist and a Photographer, who visited Paradise Found Fiber Farm on two separate occasions during the winter of 2010.*

*On a cool, but dry day of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010, a small friendly group of Pygora owners met at Paradise Found Fiber Farm, Whidbey Island WA. It was a simple meet & greet and pot luck, with great salads & cookies. It was so nice to put a face to a name, openly share valuable goat information, and exchange handouts on many topics and upcoming events.*

*After lunch Mary Donaty did a goat shearing demo. Our topics centered on health care, shearing and fiber. We talked about what works and what does not. And this year's big issue of lice and just how to keep them off the farm. Not sure we totally answered that one but we gave it a good talk through.*

*Our group consisted of a wide range of owners, from a soon to be a goat owner, to a two month ownership, to years of ownership. It was a good collaborative day and we ended the day with a hope to do this again sometime in the future. Folks came from all over Western Washington and traveled several hours to attend. So from all's account, it was indeed a great day of sharing, shearing, and learning.*

*Most of the pictures from this day were taken by local photographer David Welton, who also saw to it that we were the photo of the day for March 15, 2010, at [noozhawk.com](http://noozhawk.com).*

*Noozhawk.com is an online newspaper based in Santa Barbara, CA, and can be found in their archives section for that date.*

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*This is Annalise and she is getting her spring 2010 haircut by Mary. Annalise is a sweet girl and not bothered by this process at all.*



*The first step is looking for any obvious mats and removing them*



*The next step is to blow out the fleece to remove as much dirt, hay, and whatever else she is wearing*

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*I am "flicking out" a mat.*



*Shearing in process*

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*Found unwanted lice, so she will be treated for that after shearing is complete*



*Stretching here...and wishing mom would get finished soon*

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*Almost complete!*



*Working the back end*

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*Checking for waddles, which are fatty deposits [“goaties earrings”] that hang from the neck area. They need to be identified during the shearing process so they are not hit with the clippers.*



*Photo Credit: Pages 2-6 - David Welton*

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*The NW Pygora Group Gathering on Shearing Day*




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*David Welton (Alpaca & Goats); Sonny Richardson (Basket); Mary Donaty (Llama)*