



Mood: SPRING 2020 – Small Animals

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Proposals due by: **March 1, 2019**

We want to focus on spinning the cute, **small animals** that fiber workers love – can you help? What do you know about spinning **rabbit, chinchilla, mink, brushtail possum, dog, and cat** fur? These fur-bearing critters are both a curiosity and a pleasure to spin and work with, and we need your help to share them with the spinning community.

How do you work with **angora**? How do you spin it and/or blend it? Will it always be **fuzzy**?

What is the difference between **English, French Satin, and German** angora rabbits? Are they as distinct as wool breeds? Can you tell us about spinning dog? Which breeds have spinnable fur? How do you collect, clean, and spin it? Do you have a story on how you used your spinning to commemorate a beloved pet?

Fur vs. hair vs. wool -- are they really different? Do you know any tips for spinning and/or blending them? How do you spin something that is **short**, has little to no **crimp**, and can be **slippery**? What yarn structures and preparations are the best for this type of fiber? What projects make it sing?

Brushtail possum is one of the warmest fibers. How do you blend it with other fibers, and which fibers work best? **Chinchillas** make great pets and have beautiful soft fur that can be combed out and spun. How long does it take to get enough to spin? Do you blend it? Some **cat breeds** seem to be nothing but fluff. Are yarns spun from these breeds as fluffy as the cats?

Heat-o-meter – compared to wool, where do these small spinnable animals rate? Can you temper the temperature (or other traits) with blending?

How do fur and hair **take dye** differently than wool? What should you consider if you want to dye fur?

We're looking for perfect **projects** using angora, dog, chinchilla, and other fur-bearing critters. What have you got for us? Do you knit, crochet, or weave with them, or maybe use them for other crafts?

Article and project proposals are due by **March 1, 2019**. We'll get back to you in April, and final pieces are due Sept 1, 2019.

Thanks,

Jacey



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