

## Alpaca-mac helps keep newborn warm and safe



**Malton** Newborn alpaca Nerissa has been given a high-visibility raincoat to keep dry in the April showers until her wool grows. The premature arrival and her mother live at Cranbe Grange, at the foot of the Howardian Hills, near Malton, North Yorkshire, and have been bred by Graham and Jenny MacHarg from stock from around the world. The couple expect 20 cria — or baby alpacas — this spring. There are an estimated 30,000 alpacas, which have been bred for 5,000 years for their super-soft fleeces in the Andes, now being reared for their wool in Britain.