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CEO NOTES

Agistment

In the past week or two a couple of issues have reached me regarding agistment arrangements. In both cases some of the problem could be put down to the lack of written agreement between the Agistor and the Owner. I am sure most BAS members who offer or use this approach to alpaca ownership will have a written agreement in place which describes the services and costs involved. If you haven't got this in place then it might be a good idea to implement a written agreement.

To make life easier we have posted a template agreement on the BAS Website. The idea is that the template can be customised to suit specifically agreed arrangements. For some people parts won't be relevant, so you can remove those, and you may have other ideas or terms you may wish to include. You can find the template [here](#)

BAS Board Blog

The latest entry is from Judith Newman. Judith has a canter round some topical subjects including waiting for births, haymaking, and the joy of fleece shows.

<https://www.bas-uk.com/alpacapedia/the-bas-board-blog/>

You can email about this or anything else using ceo@bas-uk.com

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO

Camelibra Pellet Size

Some recent batches of Camelibra were made as 3 mm diameter pellets rather than the usual 2mm which had the knock-on effect of making the pellets more robust so they tended to be 12 to 15 mm rather than the usual 5 mm. For adult alpacas this was not a problem but for some cria swallowing a mouthful of large pellets was not easy. **The manufacturing process has reverted to 2mm pellets.**

BAS contacted GWF Nutrition – manufacturers of Camelibra - who have responded to customer comments relating to the change.

Technical Manager, Wesley Habershon, says, “As with all our products, Camelibra is subject to continual development in order to ensure it provides the very best in health and well-being for the animal. This can take the form of nutritional development and the manufacturing processes used. Although not designed specifically for uptake by cria, we fully understand the comments of some customers that have indicated their young animals often share their mother’s feed and for that reason, we are re-adopting our unique 2mm diameter pellet to optimise palatability and ensure stress-free uptake.”



The **HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show 2021**, comprising Junior, Intermediate, Adult and Senior Classes for both Huacaya and Suri fleeces, will be judged on **Thursday 30th September and Friday 1st October.**

It is planned for **Mr. Tim Hey** to judge the whites and lights and **Mr. Jay Holland** to judge the other colours.

This may change subject to the number of entries in each category.

The prizewinning fleeces will be eligible to enter the Champion of Champions – National Fleece Show 2022

Art of Fibre have kindly agreed to perform the mid-side micron sample testing for the judging

Entries will open on **Monday, 2nd August 2021** and will close on **Sunday, 5th September** or when the entry limit is reached. Entries can be found on the BAS website, via 'Manage Your Herd' at a cost of £17+VAT per entry (to include the £2 levy).

The deadline for fleeces to be delivered to Julia Corrigan-Stuart, CS Alpacas, Wotton Underwood, Buckinghamshire HP18 ORL, is **Sunday 19th September 2021**. However, if you have entered other Shows around this date, we will liaise for your fleeces to be forwarded but please tell the Show and us that this is required.

Please pack individual fleeces in unmarked clear plastic bags (i.e., no writing/numbers etc), with the entry form that is produced when you make your on-line entry.

Please specify what you would like done with your fleeces after the Show:

1. Collect fleeces from CS Alpacas after the Show, by prior arrangement
2. Have your fleeces sent back or onto another Show– please enclose a return address label. You will be invoiced after your fleeces have been sent – please do not send cheques beforehand
3. Donated to the BAS for training courses (if you do not specify one of the above options at entry, we will assume this is the option you have chosen).
4. Any queries, please contact Julia on mobile: 07803726464 or email: julia@csalpacas.co.uk.

We will not be holding the Open Day in person again this year but will organise a Zoom session to announce the winning fleeces, on Sunday, 3rd October 2021. Further details will be available nearer to the date.



Dates for BAS Education Autumn 2021

Intermediate Course- 22nd, 23rd and 24th October 2021 at Dunchurch, near Coventry

A thorough overview of the major fleece performance and conformational traits for both suri and huacaya alpacas. This enables delegates to:

- gain confidence to assess and verbally deliver fibre and conformational characteristics to other owners and potential customers.
- make informed selection decisions within their own herd, at shows and when buying stock in.
- gain the necessary information to make appropriate breeding choices.
- a great place to share information about all aspects of alpaca ownership with other enthusiastic alpaca owners.
- gain valuable experience at handling and assessing a high number of alpacas of varying quality, sex and type.

Suitable for all members and overseas guests who are interested in learning more about assessing conformational and fibre traits. Owners with less than 2 year's

experience in breeding alpacas MUST complete the BAS Introduction to Alpaca Evaluation course before proceeding to the Intermediate Alpaca Evaluation course.

Tutors: Mr Tim Hey and TBA

Price: £ 395 plus VAT for Members and £495 plus VAT for non-members

Up to 16 places are available for this course on assessing alpaca conformation and fleece. This course is a comprehensive package in basic alpaca assessment and applicable to all, as well as being a prerequisite for those wishing to enter the BAS judge training scheme.

The course will only run if the minimum number of 12 delegates is met. A place can be secured by booking with Duncan and making your course payment via Grassroots.

A Covid risk assessment has been made and systems are in place to minimise risk. In the event of a cancellation for Covid (or other) reasons a full refund will be made. Contact Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com or 07496 578781 to make a booking or for any questions.

Places will be awarded on a first come first served basis

Advanced Course 4th and 5th December 2021 at Kingswood near Aylesbury, Bucks

Advanced Alpaca Assessment - 2 days of training face-to-face with classroom and hands-on sessions Cost £450/ person. You must have completed the Intermediate (previously called Foundation) course before the advanced course.

Tutors: Mr Tim Hey and Mrs Mary-Jo Smith

Further details of each course are available on the BAS website (<https://www.bas-uk.com/education-welfare/>)

Places will be awarded on a first come first served basis

2021 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email
Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com

Monday	26-Jul	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
Wednesday	28-Jul	Affiliate Course - Cornwall
Thursday	29-Jul	Affiliate Course - Shropshire
Thursday	29-Jul	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
Saturday	31-Jul	Affiliate Course - Cornwall
Friday	06-Aug	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
Thursday	12-Aug	Affiliate Course - Shropshire
Friday	13-Aug	Affiliate Course- Suffolk
Saturday	14-Aug	Affiliate Course- Suffolk
Thursday	19-Aug	Affiliate Course - Cornwall
Saturday	21-Aug	Affiliate Course - Shropshire
Saturday	21-Aug	Affiliate Course - Cornwall
Sunday	22-Aug	Affiliate Course - Cornwall
Thursday	26-Aug	Affiliate Course- Suffolk
Friday	27-Aug	Affiliate Course- Suffolk
Saturday	28-Aug	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	29-Aug	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	04-Sep	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
Saturday	04-Sep	National Alpaca Farm Day
Sunday	05-Sep	National Alpaca Farm Day
Saturday	11-Sep	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
Thursday	16-Sep	Affiliate Course- Suffolk
Friday	17-Sep	Affiliate Course- Suffolk
Tuesday	21-Sep	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
Thursday	23-Sep	Webinar Emma Taylor
Wednesday	03-Nov	BAS AGM

If you would like your BAS, Educational or Regional group **event** included in this section (not shows) please send details to Duncan.

2021 Show Diary



Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

Breeders considering entering more than one fleece show may need the organisers of one show to forward the fleece(s) to the next show the fleeces are entered for. Please could entries to multiple fleece shows advise the organisers of the plan to ensure they know those entries need to be despatched asap to the next show. Please ensure that all the necessary entry forms are included in the box separately to the forms for the first shows.

Royal Three Counties Fleece Show

Dates: 24th/25th July

Judge: Mrs Mary Jo Smith

Venue: Great Witley Village Hall

CLOSED

Fleece delivery: Anne Cheston, The Orchards, The Village, Abberley, Worcs. WR6

6BN by 16th July

Organiser: Roger Mount Roger.mount@btinternet.com or

snowhillalpacas@btinternet.com

East of England (Fleece) Show organised by EAG

Dates: 14th/15th August

Judge: Mrs Julia Corrigan-Stuart

Venue: Essex Young Farmers Centre

CLOSED NOW FULL

Fleece Delivery: Harley Laver, Churchfield Alpacas, Elmlea, Cold North Road, Latchingdon, Essex, CM3 6HP by 11 Aug 2021

Organiser: Harley Laver - harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk / 07934 468842

Westmorland Show

Date: Wednesday 8th September 2021

Judge: Julia Corrigan-Stuart

Further details to follow

South West Alpaca Group (SWAG) Fleece

Dates: 16th September 2021

Judge: Mrs Mary Jo Smith

Venue: East Huntspill Village Hall, Church Road, East Huntspill. Highbridge TA9 3PQ

Entries Open: 16th July

Entries close: 21st August

Entry Fee: £20

Fleece Delivery: J.Newman, Apple Tree Farm, Westhill Lane, Bason Bridge. Highbridge TA9 4RF

Organiser: Judith Newman judith-newman@outlook.com 01278 795699

HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show 2021

Judges: Tim Hey (lights and whites) & Jay Holland (other colours)

Judging days: Thursday 30th September and Friday 1st October

Open Day: Sunday 3rd October

Venue: Yeat Wood Farm, Wotton Underwood, Bucks HP18 0RL

Entries open: Monday 2nd August 2021

Entries close: Sunday 5th September 2021

Entry fee: £17 + vat

Fleece Delivery (deadline: 19th September 2021): Julia Corrigan-Stuart, Yeat Wood Farm, Wotton Underwood, Bucks HP18 0RL

Show Organiser: Julia Corrigan-Stuart; julia@csalpacas.co.uk; 07803726464

East of England Alpaca Show 2021 organised by EAG

Dates: 10th October 2021

Judge: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith

Entries Open: 1st July 2021

Entries close: 12th September 2021

Venue: Beechwood Equestrian Centre, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford CM3 8DY,

Arrivals: pm of 9th or early am of 10th. Judging on 10th

Show Organiser: Harley Laver- 07934463342, harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk

Entry fee including levy and VAT: £31.20 members and £36 non-members

Including Levy & VAT (GRASSROOTS WILL COLLECT FULL AMOUNT AND MEMBERS WILL BE REFUNDED THE DIFFERENCE BY EAG)

Max no. of entries: 140

Extras: Pen Cleaning, £40 compulsory but will be refunded if pen is cleaned. (EAG to collect fees)

Electric Hook ups £35 (EAG to collect fees)

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates; 16th and 17th October 2021

Judge: Mrs Barbara Hetherington

Venue: tbc

Entries open: 1st August

Entries Close: 31st August

Entry fee: £22 +VAT

Northern Halter Show

Dates; 30th and 31st October 2021

Judge: Tim Hey

Venue: Penrith Auction Mart

Entries open: 1st Sept

Entries Close: 17th Sept

Entry fee: £22 +VAT

Organiser: Ian Mitchell, treasurer@bas-uk.com, 07813 145013

Midlands Championship Halter Show

Date: 6th November 2021

Judge: Tim Hey

Venue: Three Counties Show Ground

Entries open: 11th Sept

Entries Close: 17th Oct

Entry fee: £32.40 +VAT

Organisers:

ROGER MOUNT roger.mount@btinternet.com 07711044106/01386853841

IAIN SHARP iain.c.sharp@gmail.com 07722953635

JAY HOLLAND jay@purealpacas.co.uk 07789257222

HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta 2022

Show Dates: Friday 8th, Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

To be held at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre



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