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CEO NOTES

Next Week

I am on leave next week. This means there won't be a 29th April Newsletter. You can email as normal but the reply will take a week!!!

BAS Board Blog

This week Kate is amazed by the connections possible over the internet, click [here](#) to find out more.

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

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO 07496 578781

British Alpaca Society Certificate of Pedigree Registration BREEDING FEMALE	
UKBAS:JAE	FEMALE
<i>yn ynolgi Sigrante</i>	
Born : 21/06/2009	Sex: Female
Origin : U.K. Wales	Colour : Solid Black
Ear mark : B=AAOF P=	
Microchip : 502219198731446	
Breeder : Cherie Pym (UKBAS:JAE) 7th April 2009, 21/06/09, 1st B.	
<p> <i>yn ynolgi Sigrante</i> Sire: <i>yn ynolgi Sigrante</i> (UKBAS:JAE) 7th April 2009, 21/06/09, 1st B. Dam: <i>yn ynolgi Sigrante</i> (UKBAS:JAE) 7th April 2009, 21/06/09, 1st B. </p>	
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Date of issue: 21/06/09	Signed: <i>[Signature]</i>
<small>Issued by: Grassroots Systems Ltd, PO Box 231, Exton, EL2 1PX on behalf of BAS. This certificate is the property of the Society and must be returned to the office on change of ownership.</small>	

Paperless Registration

The Board recently discussed the potential for reducing its carbon footprint and making better use of materials and resources because it is the right thing to do for the environment and will save costs.

One area that emerged as a possible area for action was the routine printing and posting of pedigree certificates for all alpacas registered. Feedback, from a straw poll of members, showed that some love to receive the certificates, and others throw them in the bin as soon as they arrive!!

To accommodate this full range of certificate "treatment" and make better use of resources from now on a pdf copy of the certificate will be emailed to the owner, when confirming registration, with the option to have a paper certificate posted at no additional charge if requested.

The email text will read:

"Please find attached copies of the certificates for the animals you have Registered, Notified or Listed with the BAS. If you would prefer to receive these in a printed format via the post, please do let us know. There is no additional charge for this service."

The BAS Board hope you agree that this change does make sense and still means that all options are available to Members.



East Midlands Alpaca Group - Inaugural AGM

The East Midlands Alpaca Group (EMAG) AGM will be held on the 18th May at 7pm over Zoom. More details can be found on the website (<https://eastmidlandsalpacagroup.co.uk/>).

If you would like to attend then please let me know and we will send you invitations in due course.

All members are welcome to attend the meeting and we are actively looking for committee members for the roles of Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Welfare and General Committee members. If you are interested in attending the meeting as a member or in joining the committee then please do get in contact.

Sarah McRow
(Interim Chair EMAG)



Alpaca Birthing (Parturition)

Introduction

Most births occur during daylight hours and reputedly between 0800 and 1400 hours. Physical signs of approaching parturition are often imperceptible but changes in general behaviour are usually the most obvious outward sign that birth is imminent. Physical signs may include relaxation of the vulva, loss of the cervical mucus plug, slight increase in the size of the mammary gland and waxing of the tips of the teats (only if previously given birth). Behavioural changes may include ~~some, all or indeed none~~ of the following: signs of obvious discomfort (including rolling and frequently lying down and getting up), frequently looking at their tail, they may place themselves in isolation to the rest of the herd and frequent visits to the dung pile with little or no defecation. Other body language includes sitting on one hip, ears laid back, and back arched.

Labour

Normal labour is a continuous process initiated by hormonal changes but it can be broadly divided into three stages.

fluid is released than in other species). Both forelimbs appear together at the vulva and the head emerges either above or below the legs. Once the head appears, delivery is usually completed quickly but the female may rest before pushing out the shoulders. Most females deliver in the standing position. Stage 2 is usually completed in 30-45 minutes.

Stage 3

The placenta or afterbirth is usually expelled within 2 hours of birth. Alpacas do not eat the afterbirth nor lick their offspring.

Veterinary attention is required if -

- Stage 1 exceeds 5 hours without signs of abdominal contractions.
- Stage 2 extends beyond 30 minutes without any signs of progression.
- Stage 3, if the afterbirth has not been expelled within 6-8 hours (or by the next morning for late in the day deliveries.)

Getting ready for birthing

Birthing season is approaching fast so if you need to reassure yourself you are ready here are some handy resources that are available on the BAS website.

The recording of the Webinar from last year.

Sarah Caldwell, Preparing for Birthing <https://youtu.be/WcTeACCBsZI>

The fact sheet that explains the birthing process

<https://www.bas-uk.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Fact-Sheet-3-Birthing.pdf>

Get your birthing kit ready in good time in case you have any unexpected early arrivals. You can buy kits or make them yourself.

Remember that plasma collection is a good idea as a colostrum replacement. It often pays to work with neighbours to get best value from your vets time.



Trekking Code of Practice

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I have had a few enquiries from members who are receiving inspections from their Local Authorities with regard to their Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations .

BAS member experience to date of going through the "vetting process" has shown that being signed up to the **BAS Trekking Code of Practice** is a very good thing to do to demonstrate your competence to run an alpaca business for the public. You can see more on the BAS website click [here](#) for the BAS web page on the trekking COP or ask Duncan for information. ceo@bas-uk.com

The Regulations are administered by your Local Authority and came into force on 1 October 2018. If you run, or are thinking of starting, a trekking or a petting business you need to register.



BAS Training Opportunities for 2022

If there is sufficient demand, the aim is to run at least one each of the following courses in the late Summer/ Autumn of 2022.

- **Intermediate Alpaca Assessment** (<https://bas-uk.com/education-welfare/>)
- **Advanced Alpaca Assessment** (<https://bas-uk.com/education-welfare/>)
- **Judge Training 1** <https://bas-uk.com/members-area/education-and-training/how-to-become-a-bas-judge/>

Dates and venues will be confirmed later in the year but at this stage an indication of your interest in attending would help with planning. Some members have already expressed an interest but feel free to reinforce that with a further email to me using ceo@bas-uk.com

Please remember that you have to complete the training in order. To qualify for JT1 you must have successfully completed the Advanced Alpaca Assessment, and to enter the Advanced Alpaca Assessment you have to successfully completed the Intermediate Alpaca Assessment.

2022 Event Diary



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

Saturday	11 June	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	12 June	Affiliate Course - Devon

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

2022 Show Diary



Champions and judges from National Show 2022

Make a note in your diary!
(New information in red)

Scottish Alpaca Championship

Dates; 23rd and 24th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Venue: Lanark Auction Market

Organiser Stuart Ramsay

South of England Spring Live Alpaca Halter Show.

Dates: Saturday 23rd April & Sunday 24th April 2022
Judge: Jay Holland
Venue: South of England Showground, Ardingly RH17 6TH
Organisers: Tony & Hilary Monkcom hilary@pinnaclealpacas.com

North Somerset Show

Date: 2nd May,
Judge: Jo Bridge

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max 120 places, £25 inc Vat entry fee. Max 6 entries per exhibitor
Organisers: Garry Naish 07785 116211, Judith Newman 07901 683802

Northumberland Championship

Date: Friday June 3rd
Judge: Tim Hey
Entry Fee: £25 + VAT
Show site: <https://www.northcountyshow.co.uk/>

West Shires Alpaca Group - Three Counties Halter Show

Date: June 18th Huacaya and June 19th Suri
Judge: Roger Clarke
Entry fee: £26.40
Entries open: 25th April
Entries close: 31st May
Venue: Three Counties Show Ground WR13 6NW
Max entry 120 per day
Organisers:
roger.mount@btinternet.com 07711044106
jay@purealpacas.com 07722953635
iain.c.sharp@gmail.com 07789257222

CCA Cornwall Fleece Show 2022

Date: 9th July 2022
Judge: Barbara Hetherington
Venue: Carn Tremayne Farm, Praze, Cornwall TR14 9PG.
Collection point - Sandra Muriel, Carn Tremayne Farm, Praze, Cornwall TR14 9PG
Please mark boxes CCA Fleece Show
Entries open - 4th May 2022
Close - 17th June or when entry level of 60 fleeces is reached.

Entries to arrive at collection between 28th June and 5th July. Not Before 28th June.
Entry fee £18 plus £2 BAS levy and VAT. CCA members will receive a £3 per entry discount.

West Shires Alpaca Group - Three Counties Fleece Show

Date: 23rd and 24th July

East of England (Fleece) Show organised by EAG

Dates: 20th & 21st August 2022

Limit on entries: 120

Judge: Mr Roger Clarke

Venue: Essex Young Farmers Centre

Entries Open: 29th June 2022

Entries close: 31st July 2022 or when full

Entry Fee: £16 EAG members: £22 non-members (prices include the BAS Show levy & VAT on the levy). Fees collected by EAG who will invoice exhibitors direct, treasurer@easternalpacagroupuk.org

Fleece Delivery: Harley Laver, Elmlea, Cold Norton Road, Latchingdon, Essex, CM3 6HP by 11 Aug 2022.

Organiser: Harley Laver - harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk / 07934 463342

Westmorland Show 2022

Date: Wednesday 7th September 2022

Judge: Shirley Bettinson

Venue: Lane Farm, Crooklands, Kendal, Cumbria, LA7 7NH

Organisers: Steven / Tracey Ellershaw - lythebrowalpacas@yahoo.com / 07710957107

SWAG Halter & Fleece Show

Dates: 17th & 18th September 2022

Venue: The Somerset County Show 1@ Taunton Racecourse

HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show:

Sunday 2nd October 2022

Judges: Mrs. Mary Jo Smith and Mrs Barbara Hetherington

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates: 15th & 16th October

Venue: York Auction Mart.

East of England Show organised by EAG

Dates: 9th October 2022

Limit on entries: 140

Judge: Mr Jay Holland

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

Entries Open: 1ST July 2022

Entries close: 11th September 2022 or when full

Entry Fee: £31.20 EAG members: £36 non-members (prices include the BAS Show
levy & VAT on the levy GRASSROOTS WILL COLLECT FULL AMOUNT AND
MEMBERS WILL BE REFUNDED THE DIFFERENCE BY EAG)

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

treasurer@easternalpacagroupuk.org ;Electric Hook ups £35 (EAG to collect fees)

Arrivals are on 8th October 2022 between 15.00 & 17.00. Arrival is the day prior to
the show only (except in exceptional circumstances)

Organiser: Harley Laver - harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk / 07934 463342

Midlands Championship Halter Show

Date: 5th November.

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BAS National Show 2023

Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March 2023
Telford.

HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta:

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th April 2023

Judge: Mr. Roger Clarke