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This Edition

A bumper edition this week so do please have a careful look through to make sure you don't miss anything vital.

The survey on Vitamin D is important, so please fill in if you have an interest, we want to make sure we get the right amount of product ordered for the benefit of UK alpacas.

The Suri special interest group SNUG are going to hold an AGM so if you are interested in Suri then make sure you note down when that will be.

BAS Board Blog

This week Clara re-lives a tricky alpaca birth that worked out well in the end, click [here](#) to find out more.

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

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Survey on demand for Vitamin D next winter

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HBNHHLM>

As you are probably aware, during last winter, there were problems obtaining injectable vitamin D products to use for prevention of vitamin D deficiency. This problem arose due to EU legislation that increased the withdrawal periods* for products containing vitamin A in food-producing animals to the extent that farmers stopped using it and therefore the manufacturers stopped making it. This included Bimeda who made Belavit AD3E. Injectable vitamin D products fall under the Veterinary Medicines Legislation which means that you must purchase these from your vet. It is illegal to bring them into the UK or to use these products in animals in the UK by other routes.

Claire Whitehead has been attempting to source an injectable product for the UK camelid market and found a suitable product that contains 100,000 IU of vitamin D per ml, 100,000 IU of vitamin A per ml and 30mg of vitamin E. The recommended dose would be 1000-2000 IU per kg of body weight given every 2 months during the winter months (October to April, starting in September if August is dull). This will be equivalent to 0.1-0.2ml of this product per 10kg of body weight. The product will come in 100ml bottles and **you should, ideally, only keep bottles for one month**

after first using the bottle (after this the product deteriorates in quality and can harbour bacteria).

The manufacturer will make it for the UK market and supply to a UK distributor who is willing to import it for us. However, we need to give them an estimate of how much we will need as an industry. Therefore we need your help to estimate how much product is needed for the UK camelid industry. Please note that you are not placing an order at this point, but just helping us to calculate how much product is required so that we can ensure that it is available for you in time for this Autumn. [Please also note that just in case you are wondering, Claire is not doing this for financial gain! You will be buying your vitamin D products from your vet as usual and she will not be making any money out of trying to source this product for you!]

Please could all camelid owners based in the UK complete this very brief survey to indicate the volume of vitamin D product you would like to have in stock for the winter. Please also respond to say if you use oral products because that will help us understand the proportion of the industry that have responded and also what the demand is overall for vitamin D products for the UK camelid industry!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HBNHHLM>



Suri Network UK Group (SNUG)

The Suri Network (UK) Group would like to give notice of its AGM, via zoom, at 7.00pm on the 9th June 2022.

Whilst being an interest group SNUG has been recognised by the BAS as a Regional Group since 2016 and is open to all members of the BAS who have, have any interest in, or simply want to know more about Suri.

With an increase in Suri ownership and approaches by both existing and new owners, SNUG is being revitalized to better reflect the needs of its members and are actively looking for new members to join what will be a vibrant and active group. To request a membership form or for more information please contact Jay Holland (interim Chair) at jay@purealpacos.co.uk or on 07798 257222.

In accordance with the SNUG Charter, committee members will be elected at the AGM and, if you would like to be considered for the committee, please send your nomination and a brief CV to Duncan Pullar. (ceo@bas-uk.com).



NFAN Conference - discount for BAS members

As a Member of the British Alpaca Society, the National Farm Attractions Network (NFAN) would like to offer you a 10% discount to attend the 2022 Conference & Trade Exhibition at ICC Wales, Newport on 7th, 8th and 9th June.

For only £125 +VAT per person (including discount), you can join fellow operators from over the UK. You don't have to be a NFAN Member to attend the Conference, all attractions are welcome to attend.

[Take a look at the exciting jam-packed Conference Programme](#)

With expert speakers, invaluable talks from Members, motivational keynote, pre-conference attraction visits, Open Day at Cattle Country Farm Park, glitzy awards dinner, great networking opportunities and a huge trade exhibition, this event is going to be spectacular!

If you're interested in attending, please send an email to Jodie Kimble info@farmattractions.net and she will organise your booking.

Booking Deadline is 20th May 2022, so please make sure you book before the deadline – no bookings will be taken after that date.

[National Farm Attractions Network \(NFAN\)](#)

Tel: 03333 448987

Email: info@farmattractions.net

Web: www.farmattractions.net



Research Survey

An Investigation into the Routine Vaccinations, Treatments and Supplementations of Alpacas

Fourth Year Veterinary Medicine student Abby Middleton, who studies at the Royal Veterinary College, is conducting an online survey about the routine vaccinations, treatments and supplementations that alpaca owners are currently giving to their alpacas. This is with the hope that it may aid us in getting a better understanding of the recommended routine treatments for our alpacas in the future!

This survey is aimed at anyone who owns any number of alpacas, whether you own 1 or 1,000, any response to the survey is helpful and extremely appreciated! The survey is completely anonymous and depending on the level of detail you wish to provide, the survey should take between 10-20 minutes to complete. This survey does not have to be completed in one sitting. Please share this survey with anyone you may know who owns an alpaca, as the more responses there are, the more useful your information will be!

Please find the link below where you will be taken to the introduction page of the survey which contains a few more details for you to read before deciding whether or not to begin the survey.

<https://rvc.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/alpaca-management>

Thank you very much in advance for taking part! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Abby Middleton at amiddleton18@rvc.ac.uk



Premature cria birth

Jo Bridge, Welfare officer from the East Anglia Alpaca Group, recently had a cria born at 305 days with undeveloped lungs which was struggling. Looking for help from any direction Jo put out a an appeal out on social media for oxygen to help him .

There was amazing response from the public supporting Jo but the most important call came from the Suffolk Fire service, who then came to visit the cria and they had a pet oxygen mask with them that fitted him perfectly .

Sadly he didn't make it but it did really help and Jo thought it might be of interest to other breeders to consider if they find themselves in the same situation .

Vets were consulted !



Somerset County Show needs an Organiser

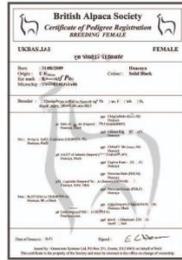
Due to the changing circumstances of various SWAG members the position of Show Organiser for the Somerset County Show is available.

The SWAG group have done well to secure the Halter and Fleece Show within the Somerset County Show and the opportunity to spread the joys of the alpaca world amongst the show visitors is too good to lose.

There are plenty of willing helpers and a good routine for the show but no one to lead the event. Previous organisers will be more than willing to help the new person with their knowledge.

If you feel that you could be the person to take this on then please drop me a line as soon as possible.

07496 578781 or ceo@bas-uk.com



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)

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!

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

Ellingham and Ringwood (Short Fleece Halter Show)

Date: 13th Aug 2022

Judge: Shirley Bettinson

Venue: Somerley Park, Ringwood, Hants BH24 3PL.

Entries open: Mon 20th June 2022

Entries close: Monday 1 Aug 2022.

Entry limit: 120

Entry fee £20 inclusive of levy and VAT.

Organiser: Di Davies didavies@alphaalpacas.com, 07739 382483 or 01308 488661

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

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

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates: 15th & 16th October

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Venue: York Auction Mart.

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.

NWAG Alpaca Championships

Saturday 1st April 2023

Borderway Mart, Carlisle, Cumbria.

Judge Mrs Julia Corrigan-Stuart

HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta:

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th April 2023

Judge: Mr. Roger Clarke



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