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## CEO NOTES

### Education

If you are thinking of doing the introduction to alpaca assessment course please do sign up. If we haven't reached the minimum of 8 for a course 2 weeks before the delivery date we will have to cancel that event and hopefully re-direct anyone who has signed up to another venue. Details below.

### Plasma

I have had several requests from members asking where they can source plasma for their cria. Selling and buying plasma is illegal so there is nowhere that you can buy it. So the only option really is to collect it yourself or ask your organised friends. But borrowing from other herds has a couple of drawbacks, . namely the antibodies are not going to be as "tailored" to the disease challenges your herd might experience and there is a biosecurity risk through sharing biological material.

Some BAS members routinely collect plasma each year as an insurance against their own possible needs and some do share what they have, but it would be much better all round if more breeders collected their own plasma for the welfare of their alpacas. Some regional groups have a plasma drive each Spring to keep costs as low as possible. If you are expecting any cria its definitely worth doing.

### Magazine

Remember you can access past copies of Alpaca Magazine digitally if want to check on something you read about. <https://bas-uk.com/members-area/media-marketing/back-issues/>

It is in the members area so you will need to login.

You can email about this or anything else using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

## Survey of vaccinations and treatments

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

**If you have done this survey already don't do it again but we could do with 20 or 30 more responses please to get a good sized sample.**

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 10-45 minutes to complete. This survey is open until 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and 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](mailto:amiddleton18@rvc.ac.uk) .



## June / July Husbandry

- Shear your alpacas, check and trim teeth, fighting teeth and toenails where required.
- Sort and skirt the fleece ready for processing.
- Have your fleece samples analysed and join the EBV programme if you want to.
- Continue to clear the fields of unwanted and poisonous plants before they flower.
- Body score, check jaws, teeth and look for evidence of mites, check toenails
- Weigh new born cria, record the birth, weight and other details.
- Cria need to be vaccinated against clostridial disease.
- Book a fleece processing slot for the following year.
- Look out for fly strike
- If needed plant clover on cold slopes.
- Wean and insert microchips in cria who are now 6 months old and get them logged onto the registry via 'Manage your Herd' in the on line herd book or by asking the registry office to send you a paper application form . [registry@bas-uk.com](mailto:registry@bas-uk.com)

# Alpaca Education

## Introduction to Alpaca Assessment

There will be a maximum of 12 people on the day. Each course requires a minimum of 8 people to run.

Cost: BAS members £65 + VAT; non-members £85 + VAT

If you want to sign up for this course then please email Duncan ASAP using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

**This is a one day course on alpaca conformation and fibre, running from 10 am until 4pm.**

Covering:

- Basic conformation including teeth, stature, genitalia, legs, gait and body scoring;
- Fleece – how to recognise the different qualities and traits of fibre including weight and value, fineness, density, crimp, uniformity, length, colour, amplitude and frequency and an introduction to histograms.

You will have the opportunity to assess fleeces and discuss the merits of different qualities and styles.

Tutor	Area	Day	Date	Status
Jay Holland	Gloucs	Friday	1st July	Spaces
Rob and Shirley Bettinson	Warwicks	Saturday	16th July	Spaces
Jo Bridge	Essex	Monday	18th July	Spaces
Nick Harrington Smith	North Bucks	Saturday	2nd July	Spaces
Mary Jo Smith	Co Tyrone, NI	Saturday	13th Aug	<b>FULL</b>
Barabara Hetherington	Scotland	Saturday	27th Aug	<b>3 spaces</b>

If you want to sign up for any of these courses then please email Duncan ASAP using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com). It will be first come first served if we are over subscribed.

## 2022 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email Duncan using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

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Saturday	18-June	Affiliate Course - NI
Sunday	19-Apr	Birthing and cria - NI
Saturday	15-Oct	Alpacas in therapy - NI

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)

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 from the forms for the first shows.

#### **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 - 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Judge: Jo Bridge

Entries open: 14th May

Entries close: 2nd July

Max entry 150

Entry fee: £18

**Fleece delivery to Julie Cattell, Crabtree Orchard Alpacas, Willow Road, Martley, Worcestershire, WR6 6PS Email:**

[crabtreeorchardalpacas@gmail.com](mailto:crabtreeorchardalpacas@gmail.com) Mobile: 07970169895

Organisers Roger Mount, Jay Holland, Iain Sharp, Trish Tatchell

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07722953635 -07789257222 -07989183126

**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](mailto:didavies@alphaalpacas.com), 07739 382483 or 01308 488661

**East of England (Fleece) Show organised by EAG**

Dates: 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Limit on entries: 120



Judge: Mr Roger Clarke

Venue: Essex Young Farmers Centre

Entries Open: 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

Dates: Judging 29th/30th September. Results announced Sunday 2nd October 2022

Judges: Mrs. Mary Jo Smith and Mrs Barbara Hetherington

### **East of England Show organised by EAG**

Dates: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Limit on entries: 140

Judge: Mr Jay Holland

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

Entries Open: 1<sup>ST</sup> July 2022

Entries close: 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:treasurer@easternalpacagroupuk.org) ; Electric Hook ups £35 (EAG to collect fees)

Arrivals are on 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk) / 07934 463342

#### **Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show**

Dates: 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Venue: York Auction Mart.

#### **Welsh Alpaca Show**

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

Judge: Julia Corrigan Stuart

Venue: Welshpool Livestock Market

Entry fee: £20 + vat

Entries open: 15<sup>th</sup> August

Entries Close: 8<sup>th</sup> September

Organisers: Susan Myerscough 07796 678637 and Michael Henderson 07793 081388

Email: [susan@alpacas.wales](mailto:susan@alpacas.wales)

#### **Midlands Championship Halter Show**

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> November.

## 2023

### **BAS National Show 2023**

Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th 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

### **Scottish Alpaca Championship**

Dates; 22nd and 23rd April 2023  
Venue: Lanark Auction Market  
Entries Open: 17 Feb 2023  
Entries Close: 6th March 2023  
Organiser Stuart Ramsay



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