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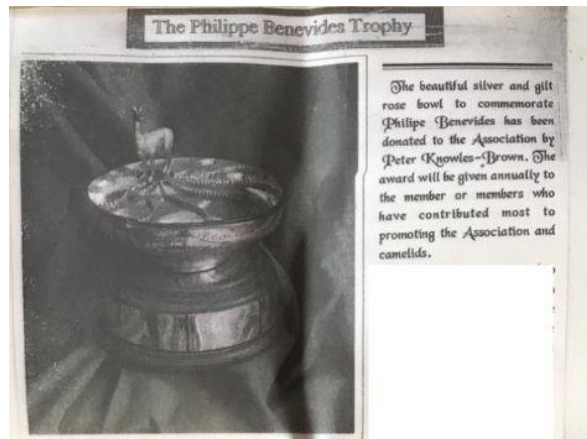
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CEO NOTES

Hot, Hot, Hot

Hopefully you and your alpacas have got through the exceptional temperature in good shape. The importance of shade provision in paddocks was brought home to me by what I saw in a field I walk past on a dog walk (which has some non-member alpacas in). The 6 alpacas were very neatly cushed in the shade of a small tree which was just about big enough to accommodate them. They made a neat "reflection" of the tree and whilst i did not stay to watch i had the image of the alpacas on the sunny side peeling off to join the shady side as the sun moved round.

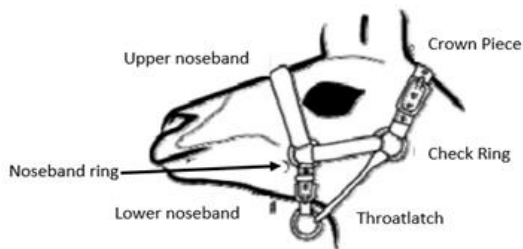
Felipe Benavides Trophy

Congratulation to Di Davies (Alpha Alpacas) who has been awarded the Felipe Benavides Trophy -for her contribution to the camelid industry. Many of you will know Di and experienced her enthusiasm and "can do attitude", that has supported alpaca owners in the South West of England in particular but further afield too.

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

Duncan Pullar

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New Welfare Factsheet - fitting a head collar

The Importance of Correct Head Collar Fit in Alpacas

Head collar fit in alpacas can have major implications for the feeling of health and well-being of your alpacas for two reasons:

- 1) Alpacas are semi-obligate nasal breathers. This means they can only survive by breathing through their mouths for a short period of time (and even this has been shown to be like trying to drink a thick milkshake through a small straw).
- 2) When looking at their skull, the bone which forms the nose only extends a short way in front of the eye, beyond which it is cartilage.

For this reason, alpacas with an incorrectly fitting head collar can feel that they are either being or about to be suffocated. This can cause behaviour that appears almost “brainless” in an otherwise very calm alpaca. Haltering issues such as these can easily be solved by checking and correcting (if necessary) the fit of your halter.

Full fact sheet available on the BAS website

[Welfare Fact Sheets – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](http://bas-uk.com)



July/ August Husbandry

- Continue to cut hay if you have hay fields, ensuring there is no ragwort in the grass.
- Start a new dung heap leaving the old one to break down into manure to sell.
- 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.
- 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
- Look out for fly strike.



Paying BAS Fees by Direct Debit

The majority of members now pay their annual membership subscription by direct debit, thank you. If you give your permission, we can collect all other fees in the same way. (Registry, show entry, DNA testing, transfer fees etc). All you need to do is send an email to pedigree@grassroots.co.uk to say :

I (Name or member number / herd letters) give permission for my existing direct debit instruction to be used for all BAS fees.

The Online Registry will know not to charge you online

- Grassroots will send you a VAT invoice after they process each transaction, with a note to say that no further action is required
- Grassroots will send out certificates, DNA kits etc immediately
- A few days before the end of the month you will get an automated email from SmartDebit to say the funds will be collected on the first of the next month.
- Grassroots will send a receipt to confirm the funds have arrived and cleared.

We very much hope you will take up this option and look forward to hearing from you



Autumn Education Programme

If you are interested in attending the **Intermediate Alpaca Assessment course** the next one is planned for 21st, 22nd and 23rd October 2022 at Toft. Tutors will be Mr Tim Hey and Mr Jay Holland.

The British Alpaca Society Course offers the following value to members:

- 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 Alpaca Evaluation course before proceeding with the Intermediate Alpaca Assessment course.

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. ceo@bas-uk.com

I have several names already listed, now the dates are confirmed if you have already expressed interest then please confirm you can attend these dates.

2022 Event Diary



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

Introduction to alpaca assessment

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| Mary Jo Smith | Co Tyrone, NI | Saturday | 13th Aug |
| Barbara Hetherington | Scotland | Saturday | 27th Aug |

Intermediate Alpaca Assessment

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| Tim Hey/ Jay Holland | Dunchurch | Fri/Sat/Sun | 21/22/23 Oct |
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| Saturday | 15-Oct | Alpacas in therapy - Co Down, NI |
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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.

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

Entrants to this show will be required to bring their own penning and gazebos (if desired) as the alpacas attending the above show are penned at the back of their trailers/vans

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 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

Entries Open: 11th July 2022 @9.00am

Entries close: 25th July 2022 or when full (max 120/ 198 breeders)

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

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

07710957107

Entry Fee: £18 non-members / £13 Westmorland Show Members

SWAG Halter Show

Dates: 17th & 18th September 2022

Venue: The Somerset County Show 1 @ Taunton Racecourse TA3 7BL

Limit on entries: 160

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Entries Open: 11th July 2022

Entries close: 24th August 2022 or when full

Entry Fee: £25 in VAT

Organisers:: prwinsor@icloud.com 01934 732324 07540

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didavies@alphaalpacas.com 01308

488661 07739 382483

South West Alpaca Group Fleece Show

Judge: Mrs Jo Bridge

Entries Close: 26/07/2022 or when full

Entry Limit: 60

Entry Fee is £20 per fleece to inclusive of BAS Judges Levy and VAT

A full range of classes is offered including those for 48 – 72 and 72+ months

Organiser: Judith Newman

Fleeces must be delivered to Judith Newman, Apple Tree Farm, Bason Bridge.

Highbridge TA9 4RF by no later than 12 noon on the 13th September, 2022. No exceptions.

Dates: Fleeces will be judged on the 14th September 2022 and there will be a display of winning fleeces at the Somerset County Show at Taunton Racecourse on the 17th & 18th September, 2022.

Fleeces can be collected from the Somerset County Show at close of play on the 18th September or from Judith Newman from the 19th September onwards. If you wish your fleece(s) to be returned to you please include an address label in the box. You will be invoiced for the cost of postage.

If you would like your fleeces to be sent onwards to the Heart of England Show please include a note to this effect along with the relevant paperwork for each fleece and they will be couriered for you. You will be invoiced for the cost of postage.

HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show 2022

Judges: Mrs. Mary Jo Smith and Mrs Barbara Hetherington

Judging on **Thursday 29th September and Friday 30th September**

Entries will open on **Monday, 1st August 2021** and will close on **Friday, 3rd September** or when the entry limit is reached.

Look out for more details soon.

East of England Halter 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

Number Entries Open: 18th July to 25th August 2022 - Minimum 3 per herd

Name entries open 1st Sept to 7th Sept

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

Onsite catering & evening meal & quiz - details to follow

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates: 15th & 16th October

Judge: Mrs Jo Bridge

Venue: York Auction Mart, YO19 5GF.

Entry fee: £27 inc VAT and judge levy

Entries open: 18th July

Entries Close: 4th September

Maximum of 200 Entries

There will be a compulsory clean up fee of £20 per herd payable direct to the YAG.

This will be invoiced once entries close and payable before the show starts. There
will be a minimum of 3 entries per herd. The show will be running over 2 days.

Judging will commence at 10am on Saturday 15th - we hope to end the Show by
4pm on Sunday 16th.

Arrivals from 3pm on Friday the 14th October - 8-9am on Saturday 16th October.

Organiser: James Stanger jameslstanger11@gmail.com 07757687378

Fan hook up £25 per hook up (2 fans per hook up)

There will be a compulsory £20 clean up fee payable direct to YAG group. There is a
minimum of 3 entries per herd. Arrivals from 3pm on the 14th October.

Welsh Alpaca Show

Date: 22nd October 2022

Judge: Mrs Julia Corrigan-Stuart

Venue: Welshpool Livestock Market

Entry fee: £20 + vat

Entries open: 15th August

Entries Close: 8th September

Organisers: Susan Myerscough 07796 678637 and Michael Henderson 07793 081388

Email: susan@alpacas.wales

Midlands Championship Halter Show

Date: 5th November.

NEBAG Halter Show

Date: 19 November 2022

Judge: TBC

Venue: Hexham Mart, Tyne Green

Organisers: Paul and Debbie Rippon

2023**BAS National Show 2023**

Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March 2023

Venue: Telford.

Judges: Mrs Barbara Hetherington, Mr Roger Clarke, Ms Amanda VandenBosch and Mrs Natasha Clark

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

Judge: Mrs Molly Gardner

Entries Open: 17 Feb 2023

Entries Close: 6th March 2023

Organiser Stuart Ramsay

South of England Spring Live

Dates: 22nd and 23rd April 2023

Venue: Ardingly

Judge: Tim Hey

Organiser Hilary and Tony Monk



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