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Timely Advice & Current News



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CEO NOTES

Hot Weather

Most BAS members will be prepared for the period of hot weather about to arrive for most of the UK.. Making sure there is shade provision and drinking water is vital. Alpacas do like water, so a paddling area is a good plan, but not a good idea to hose them down especially avoid the blanket area if using a hosepipe. Obviously any unshorn alpacas are at higher risk.

Heat stress in alpacas can cause longer lasting problems so is best avoided. In stud males heat stress can cause infertility that may be transient, lasting for 6 to 8 weeks, or could be permanent. Special care should be taken if transporting stud males in a trailer or van to avoid excess heat. If the temperature gets above 30 degrees C it may be worth housing your stud males in a cool barn for the day and letting out to them graze early morning and evening. .

Odds and ends

Please take a look at the Newsletter below for two things that you don't want to miss. First is a member discount offer that is new to BAS. The second is a request for a survey on plasma collection and use.

If you have items of interest you want to share with BAS members through the Newsletter remember you can send them to me by email anytime you like.

BAS Board Blog

This week Kate urge everyone to take time to enjoy their alpacas [The BAS Board Blog – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](#)

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

Duncan Pullar

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New member offer from Mudcontrol

Don't bury your investment. Mudcontrol - the perfect and carbon friendly alternative to concrete.

Mudcontrol are pleased to be associated with The British Alpaca society and would like to offer an ongoing discount to the members of £1 per square metre. Simply State on your order form that you are a **BAS Member** and tell us your ***Herd Identifier Reference*** and we will apply then discount to your invoice.

MUDCONTROL slabs are revolutionary – a simple D.I.Y. way to create instant, removable hard-standing for people, animals and almost any vehicle, rated to 60 tonnes load capacity.

Used to create instant heavy-duty ground protection to create solid pathways, driveways, storage areas, Turnouts, feeding stations and much-much more quickly and easily with minimal mess and disturbance, MUDCONTROL slabs are the answer, you can solve your mud issues in a matter of minutes, make muddy gateways and hight traffic areas safer and more robust for your business.

Each slab measures 50cm x 50cm x 5.3cm and weighs 7kg (1 stone). They interlink with adjacent slabs to provide a stable, free-draining surface, either temporary or permanent, on any soil type.

Mudcontrol fencing is made from 100% recycled plastic, inert and stable, with a 20 year warranty. The posts can be installed by hand or by machine and stapled, nailed or screwed into just like wood. There's a huge range of options - lengths from 85cm

to 6m, diameters from 4.5cm to 25cm, square, round or cross-profile posts, rails, boards etc also available.

www.mudcontrol.co.uk
sales@mudcontrol.co.uk



Camelid Plasma Survey

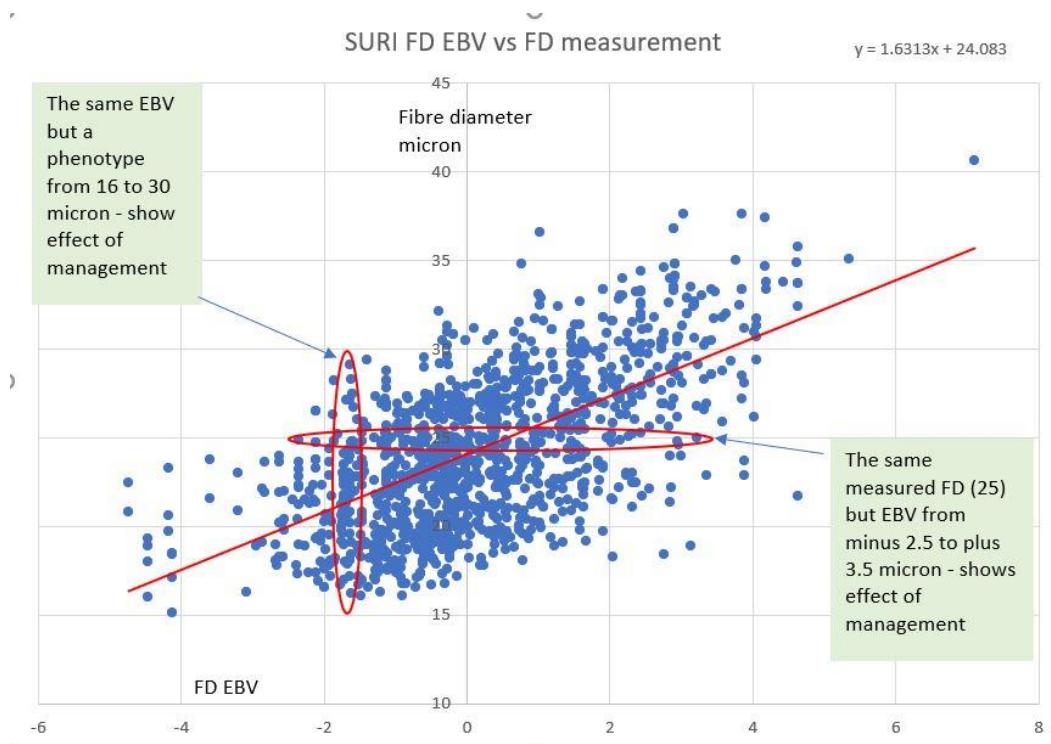
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Camelid Veterinary Services are conducting this survey to identify what the current practices are regarding the use and collection of plasma in Camelids within the UK. The data collected from this survey will remain ANONYMOUS and we are not asking for you to identify yourself! It will be used to investigate where improvements can be made in terms of blood plasma sourcing.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey - we really appreciate you doing so!

It should take you a maximum of 10-15 minutes to complete.

<https://forms.gle/ds4qks5xBrWc3g1D8>



EBV Programme

In the last 2 years we have seen very successful start to the BAS EBV project with 40 herds contributing data from 6,000 alpacas. The data collection will carry on this season. If you would like to join in with this development project then you can.

Any member can join anytime.

You can bring some proven science to your breeding for fleece quality.

What you need to do is weigh your shorn fleece and get a mid-side-sample analysed. Art of Fibre are project partners and offer preferential rates for participants in the project.

Duncan can supply you with a template spread sheet for the data. Phone or email to register your interest or just discuss what is involved. ceo@bas-uk.com / 07496578781

More information on the BAS Website [here](#)



Alpaca Husbandry

The BAS website has a whole host of resources to help members with their husbandry both routine and emergency.

Check out the husbandry video here [BAS Caring for Alpacas Videos – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](https://www.bas-uk.com/resources/videos/bas-caring-for-alpacas)

There is also a growing series of videos from the BAS webinar series that go into a bit more detail on specific subjects.

YouTube links for Webinars:

Libby Henson, Using the registry and App https://youtu.be/sas_w6ljEpA

Dr Kylie Munyard – Colour genetics in alpacas <https://youtu.be/ShuwaozkmBA>

Victoria Barret, Camelidynamics <https://youtu.be/lleZEpK3fjg>

Neil Payne, Diversification <https://youtu.be/Xoph2hzXNsE>

Paul Vallely, Fleece Analysis <https://youtu.be/x61SOhudTMQ>

Tim Hey, preparing for Shows <https://youtu.be/3piyyaokGHY>

Sue Loach, Basic Husbandry https://youtu.be/V8h_ho9x2uI

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

Duncan Pullar Estimated Breeding Values <https://youtu.be/qnuHyMdjfBU>

Kate Brookes, Make Alpacas your business <https://youtu.be/wlwbJctTzPo>

Ami Sawran, Alpaca Parasites https://youtu.be/ABab_fSXFGI

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

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

Saturday 15-Oct Alpacas in therapy - Co Down, 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.

West Shires Alpaca Group - Three Counties Fleece Show

Date: 23rd and 24th July

Judge: Jo Bridge

Fleece delivery to Julie Cattell, Crabtree Orchard Alpacas, Willow Road, Martley, Worcestershire, WR6

6PS Email: crabtreeorchardalpacas@gmail.com Mobile: 07970169895

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

roger.mount@btinternet.com, jay@purealpacas.com, iain.c.sharp@gmail.com,

trishtatchell@hotmail.co.uk 07711044106 – 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, 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 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

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

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: 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

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: 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

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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: 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 Monkom

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