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CEO NOTES

Dry, dry, dry

For many people in the south of England grass has died off completely and I have heard reports that full winter rations are being fed now. This will put pressure on hay supplies so if you have not got your winter supplies sorted it would be wise to get organised. From what i have been told the hay crop from 2022 in the barn is good quality and relatively plentiful.

AGM and Board positions

There will be two Board position to be filled at the AGM this year. if you are interested in joining then please make contact with Duncan or Sue for a chat. BAS needs members of all types of herds to help guide it in to the future,.

Vitamin D

You may remember we did a survey of demand for injectable Vitamin D a few months ago with Claire Whitehead. The good news is that a UK distributor has 1000 bottles ready for import once the paperwork part is all complete. This can take up to a month for the VMD to approve. Assuming they take the maximum amount of time the product should be in the UK by mid-September. More info to follow when its available.

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

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BAS CEO 07496 578781



The **HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show 2022**, comprising Junior, Intermediate, Adult and Senior Classes for both Huacaya and Suri fleeces, will be judged on **Thursday 29th September and Friday 30th September.**

Judges: Mrs. Mary Jo Smith and Mrs. Barbara Hetherington

*The prizewinning fleeces will be eligible to enter the **Champion of Champions – National Fleece Show 2023***

Art of Fibre have kindly agreed to perform the mid-side micron sample testing for the judging

Entries will open on **Monday, 1st August 2022** and will close on **Friday, 2nd September** or when the entry limit is reached. Entries can be found on the BAS website, via 'Manage Your Herd' at a cost of £20+VAT per entry (to include the £2 levy).

The deadline for fleeces to be delivered to Julia Corrigan-Stuart, CS Alpacas, Wotton Underwood, Buckinghamshire HP18 0RL, is **Sunday 18th September 2022**. However, if you have entered other Shows around this date, we will liaise for your fleeces to be forwarded but please tell the Show and us that this is required.

Please pack individual fleeces in unmarked clear plastic bags (i.e., no writing/numbers etc), with the entry form that is produced when you make your on-line entry.

Please specify what you would like done with your fleeces after the Show:

1. Collect fleeces from CS Alpacas after the Show, by prior arrangement
2. Have your fleeces sent back or onto another Show – please enclose a return address label. You will be invoiced after your fleeces have been sent – please do not send cheques beforehand
3. Donated to the BAS for training courses (if you do not specify one of the above options at entry, we will assume this is the option you have chosen).
4. Any queries, please contact Julia on mobile: 07803 726464 or email: julia@csalpacas.co.uk.

The Results will be announced via a Zoom session on Sunday, 2nd October 2022. Further details will be available nearer to the date.

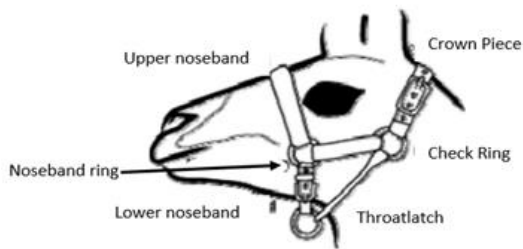


Trekking Code of Practice

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.



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)

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

Intermediate Alpaca Assessment

Tim Hey/ Jay Holland Dunchurch Fri/Sat/Sun 21/22/23 Oct

Other courses

Fri to Sun	August 5th-7th	Working with Alpacas and Llamas in Animal Assisted Activity - Worcester
Mon to Thurs	September 5th-8th	Working with Alpacas and Llamas in Animal Assisted Therapy - Worcester
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.

Ellingham and Ringwood (Short Fleece Halter Show)

Date: 13th Aug 2022

Judge: Shirley Bettinson

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

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

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

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 close: 24th August 2022 or when full

Entry Fee: £25 in VAT

Organisers:: prwonsor@icloud.com 01934 732324 07540

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South West Alpaca Group Fleece Show

Judge: Mrs Jo Bridge

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.

HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show 2022

Judges: Mrs. Mary Jo Smith and Mrs Barbara Hetherington

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

Entries open: **Monday, 1st August 2022**

Entries close **Friday, 3rd September 2022** or when the entry limit is reached.

Entry Fee: £20+VAT (includes judge levy)

Fleece delivery to CS Alpacas, Wootton Underwood, Bucks, HP19 0RL by **Sunday 18th Sept**

Results announced via Zoom on Sunday 2nd oct - details to follow.

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

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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: 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 Monkomb



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