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CEO NOTES

New Affiliate Trainers

A reminder that if you are interested in becoming an Affiliate Trainer you need to request an application form from Duncan and return it by 31 October to be included in the next round of training.

BAS National Show 2023

At the time of writing there is one Gold, two Silver and several Bronze pen sponsorship packages not yet taken. If you would like to take one of these packages please let Duncan know before 31 October 2022.

AGM Zoom Link

For those of you that like your diary entries sorted well ahead of time the AGM Zoom link is:

Topic: BAS AGM

Time: Nov 2, 2022 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88307420688>

You can contact me about the above or anything else using ceo@bas-uk.com

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BAS Sponsorship of British Vets to attend Camelid CPD

The British Alpaca Society (BAS) have recognised that there is a deficit in camelid-specific training among vets in the UK and that the costs of CPD may be a barrier to vets completing training in a species that may only cover a small proportion of their workload. BAS have therefore decided to try and bridge this gap by offering subsidies to help offset the costs of training. Last year we trained 20 vets and would like to do that again this year.

BAS are pleased to announce a partnership with Claire Whitehead at Camelid Veterinary Services Ltd to offer subsidised training to up to 20 UK-based vets per year to attend a Camelid Health Course for Vets. This will be run initially as an online course with a practical half day session at the end of the course to consolidate learning. Subsequent course occurrences may include an alternative format “traditional” physically present 1.5 day course if demand exists.

LET YOUR VET OR VET PRACTICE KNOW ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY

The next available course will be starting January 2023. Live sessions take place weekly and recording will be made if the delegate can't make it then..

For more information email: ceo@bas-uk.com. After BAS have confirmed that you are successful in gaining a place, complete the course registration and pay in full at www.ukalpacavet.com/courses. You must complete a separate registration for each delegate: Practice discounts for multiple vets are not available if using this offer.

Vets can send this form, when completed, to ceo@bas-uk.com

Name	
Name of Vet Practice	
Address (Town, County)	
Number of years qualified	



November Husbandry

- Feed hay ad lib, feed pregnant and nursing dams extra protein.
- Body score, check jaws, teeth and toenails, look for evidence of mites.
- 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
- Consider giving an Autumn drench of vitamins and minerals (check with your Vet)
- Cut field hedges



Poisonous Plants Leaflet

[Link to pdf](#)

BAS has a comprehensive leaflet listing many plants that are not good for alpacas to eat. It is very helpful if you are planning hedge planting or moving to somewhere new. You can access the pdf via the BAS website, or you can get paper copies from Duncan if that suits (email ceo@bas-uk.com).

At first glance it does seem like there are an awful lot of poisonous plants! And there are, but most alpacas are pretty good at NOT eating things that are bad for them, especially if there is a good supply of hay available.



YAG Autumn events

	EVENT	SPEAKER/PANEL	COST	BOOKING REF
10 th Nov 75 minutes 18.50 for 19.00	Running a diversified alpaca business – Zoom talk by successful business owners with lots of ideas and tips.	Neil & Michelle Payne	£ 5 for YAG members £ 10 for Non members <i>A proportion of the fee will be donated to a charity of the Paynes choice</i>	DAB 4
17 th Nov	YAG CHAT - Open forum on Alpaca Trekking & Farm visits share ideas and expertise with other members including a Q & A session with experienced members	Debby, Julie, Jacki & Members	Members ONLY Zoom - Free	OFAT5
26 th November 10.30 for 11 to 15.00	What can I do with my fleece? At Wetherby Town Hall 11 am to 13/13.30 followed by LUNCH Ideas on the different options for using fleece; selling, hand spinning, making products. Please bring along a product made from Alpaca	Speakers and demonstrations	Face to Face with a social lunch Cost including lunch £ 15 for members and £ 20 for non-members	Flsoc6

To book any of these events, please contact Liz Barlow - Liz@livanti.com or 07976 671701



German alpaca merchandise

BAS Board Blog from Paul Hetherington Touring Europe

It's a busy time at the moment.

We are currently in Germany on the third leg of our European Tour 2022 judging a two day halter show. The tour started in Ireland a couple of weeks ago then moved on to Norway last weekend. It was a good chance to catch up with our Norwegian Alpaca friends.

102 fleeces were judged on Friday which is actually much more tiring than judging 160 animals at a halter show. Barbara had to adapt to judging under the Australian rules which doesn't seem to me to be as good as the New Zealand based system that we are moving to in the UK.

Saturday was a halter show for around 65 Huacayas with both age and colour champions being awarded. The age championship was interesting – contrary to popular opinion it wasn't always the white alpaca that came out top!

Sunday was filled with a series of seminars showing prospective alpaca owners what to look for and fleece evaluation for existing breeders.

I was the designated driver for the weekend which was fun as it's nearly 25 years since I last drove a lefthand drive car. I managed not to run over any Mooses!

Prices were a bit of a shock with the cheapest bottle of wine at the hotel coming in at £50!

After Germany it's off to Italy. We are going to take a couple of days off to go and have a look round Florence, which is somewhere I've always wanted to go, then on to Milan for more fleece and halter judging.

Hopefully all the travel plans will work out. So far two out of our four flights have been cancelled and rescheduled! The return from Norway changed from a leisurely 11.50am flight to a sleep depriving 06.30am flight.



BAS Autumn/ Winter Webinars

Please find below the first confirmed webinars for the Autumn/ Winter series for 22/23

Other titles will follow as they are confirmed. As we did last year the links are made available here to members so you don't need to register your interest. Where the presenters give their permission a recording will be made and posted on Youtube which can be accessed via the BAS Website members area. Click [here](#) to access previous Webinars.

Thursday 17th November

Magdalena Sobula (Research Student supported in part by BAS)

British alpaca fibre for comfort textiles and its alignment with Slow Fashion

BA Hons Design for Textiles, MA Design for Fashion & Textiles, (Research student supported in part by BAS), (Alpaca Auntie too!)

<https://www.artsthread.com/profile/magdalenasobula>

Topic: BAS Webinar - Magdalena Sobula

Time: Nov 17, 2022 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81921523829>

Wednesday 30th November

Ami Sawran - Camelid Specialist from Westpoint Vets

Injection techniques and good medicine storage for alpacas

Topic: BAS Webinar - Ami Sawran

Time: Nov 30th, 2022 07:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88464539933>

Wednesday 7th December

Sam Lane - Technical Manager at Cotswold Grass Seeds

An introduction to Seed Mixes and Pasture Management for Alpacas

Topic: BAS Webinar - Sam Lane

Time: Dec 7, 2022 07:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85066853719>

January 2023

Mary Jo Smith- Breeder and BAS judge

Introducing the new fleece judging system for 2023

Date TBC

2022 Event Diary



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

Intermediate Alpaca Assessment

Tim Hey/ Jay Holland Dunchurch Fri/Sat/Sun 2/3/4 Dec
NOW FULL

Affiliate courses

Sunday	20th Nov	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	26th Nov	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	January 29th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	March 16th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	April 30th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	July 27th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	3rd Sept	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	9th Nov	Affiliate Course- Glous

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.

Northern Fleece Show

Date: Wednesday 16th November 2022

Judge: Julia Corrigan-Stewart

Venue: Walkerburn Village Hall.

Entries Open: Monday 12th September

Entries Close: Monday 17th October

Entry Fee: £24.00 including the levy and vat

Entry limit: 70.

All fleeces should be delivered to Westyett Alpacas, Westyett Farm, Lanark ML11 8NT and arrive no later than Friday 11th November.

NEBAG Halter Show

Date: 19 November 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Venue: Hexham Mart, Tyne Green

Entries open 20 Sept 2022

Entries Close: 10 October 2022

Fee: £30 in VAT and judge levy

Organisers: Paul and Debbie Rippon info@barnacre-alcas.co.uk 0790 334 7790

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 Monkom



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