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CEO NOTES

Alpaca Magazine

The November and December copy of the Magazine - the festive edition!- will be out shortly. As ever if your copy does not arrive in the next week or two let me know and I can send a spare.

BAS National Show 2023

There are 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 to ensure you have the spot you want.

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

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AGM Headlines

The 2022 BAS AGM was held by Zoom on the evening of 2nd November starting at 7.00pm.

Sue Loach thanked everyone who had helped BAS in the last year from Board members through Welfare contacts to helpers at shows.

The headlines from the meeting were:

Over 60 members attended by Zoom

- Emma Taylor was returned to the Board for a 4th term
- Anthony Monkcom was elected to serve on the Board for the first time
- Due to the current economic uncertainty the Board have taken the decision to freeze membership and registration costs for the next 2 years, which they hope will help everyone.
- Accounts approved

Draft minutes will be published in the next week or two.



BAS Board Blog from Elaine Clark

This Autumn, I had the most amazing opportunity to travel to Australia as Roger was invited to judge the prestigious Melbourne Royal Show.

Following two long days of judging, we were able to kick back and spend some time enjoying many of the sights and experiences that Australia had to offer.

Of course our travels were not going to be 'Alpaca Free' and we took the opportunity to visit a good number of alpaca farms en route and get hands on with some of the country's best alpacas. This included both the 2022 Australian National Supreme Huacaya and Suri.

We also had the chance to attend another local alpaca show and this time, I even got roped into exhibiting some alpacas.

Having enjoyed the fruits of Australia's springtime, the worst part of our return was the typical autumnal Irish weather; rain, rain and yes, you've guessed it, more rain! Having had a taste of springtime on the other side of the world, I just can't wait to welcome that season's arrival here too.



Research on the benefits of contact with alpacas - your help needed

We are all very aware of how much joy alpacas can bring. Many of you will see the amazing effect they have on your visitors and trekkers; and some of you engage in therapy with alpacas. Yet while there is lots of evidence about the benefit of animals to humans, there is very little specific evidence about the benefit of alpacas.

Jean and Stuart of Velvet Hall are keen to find out more and to contribute to a research base. To that end, they are about to carry out and evaluate a 6 month project, working with a specialist education provision for young people with severe and complex needs; and evaluate various other visits to day care centres and hospital wards.

They would be really keen to hear what other people are doing, and in particular if anyone has evaluated what they have done. Their plan is to pull all the information together and write it up for the BAS magazine, in the hope it will be of interest to other alpaca owners.

It would be really helpful if you could follow this link to a very short survey, where you'll be asked if you carry out any therapeutic activities with alpacas

in the categories below, whether you've evaluated the impact of what you do and if so, whether you would be happy to be contacted and share your findings. These are the categories:

1. AAT: Animal Assisted Therapy – using an alpaca as part of a therapeutic programme, with a therapist
2. AAA: Animal Assisted Activity – working towards specific goals with people and alpacas
3. Contact with alpacas (visits – to care homes, schools, or people coming to you)
4. Any other work with alpacas you consider to be therapeutic

Here is the link to the survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScU7O0ppxbIGGQeiWZYiAWCn197FSxaDjXpi5iilSnzvpEhlw/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you are willing to be contacted, it will be Penny Rackett who gets in touch – she is a psychologist and (extremely) regular visitor. Also, if you have any questions about this project, please do get in touch with Penny at penrackett@yahoo.co.uk

Jean, Stuart and Penny are all very excited at what we might find out, and hope with your help we can make a useful contribution to understanding how alpacas make a difference to other people's lives, not just our own.

Many thanks!



Ear Tags and ID

A couple of call this week made me think a timely reminder might be helpful. The id requirements for Alpacas on the registry are that alpacas:

- Do need a microchip to be inserted subcutaneously
- Do need to have a tag number allocated.
- Do not need to have an ear tag purchased or inserted unless the owner wishes to use this system.



World of Alpacas - Innovation Competition

Please send your entries to Duncan for the competition for the best Commercial enterprise or product in the UK by a BAS member to celebrate working with alpacas and their products.

First stage to be submitted by 1 Jan 2023 to ceo@bas-uk.com

Entrants will describe in no more than 1000 words their enterprise or product based on:

- Product or enterprise
- Commercial and /or social value
- Environmental and sustainability credentials
- Second stage during January and February 2023.

Shortlist of top three are interviewed by a panel to determine the winner

Third Stage

Substantial prize presented to the winner at the Show



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>

Time: Nov 17, 2022 07:00 PM London

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

Wednesday 30th November

Ami Sawran - Camelid Specialist from Westpoint Vets

Injection techniques and good medicine storage for alpacas

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.

Affiliate courses

Sunday	20th Nov	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	26th Nov	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	10 Dec	Affiliate Course - Cornwall
Sunday	11 Dec	Affiliate Course - Cornwall
2023		
Saturday	Jan 28th	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	Jan 29th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	Jan 29th	Affiliate Course - Devon
Thursday	March 16th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	April 1st	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	April 2nd	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	April 30th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	July 27th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	Sept 3rd	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	Nov 9th	Affiliate Course- Glous

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.

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 Monkomb

EAG Fleece Show

19/20th Aug 2023

East of England Halter Show

7/8th October 2023



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