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BAS Promotional Video

BAS have now released a 6 minute promotional video on YouTube. If members would like to link it to their website they are welcome.. Thank you to everyone who helped with the production.

<https://youtu.be/5HJS5oO8zbs>

New Show Module on the registry

Last night's webinar saw 35 members hear a talk from Libby Henson the new Show management System. You can find a recording of the Webinar here <https://youtu.be/lrvGFa8aldY>

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

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Loose women meet alpacas

Brillbury Alpacas featured on ITV's This Morning and Loose Women on Wednesday.

Following a 'Teaser' slot on Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield's 'This Morning', Anne and Mike were guests of the Loose Women on Wednesday's show. Christine Lampard was the anchor, with Coleen Nolan, Katie Piper OBE and Dame Kelly Holmes. Dame Kelly has 5 alpacas of her own.

With Anne and Mike were 2022 National Show Champion Best Appaloosa Huacaya, Brillbury Eduardo Awesome and 2021 Heart of England Fleece Show Champion Huacaya Fleece, Brillbury Elite Star.

Anne and Mike say. "Thanks to Trevor Smith of Animals Work for organising and to Rob Wells and the team at ITV for the warm welcome we received. Also thanks to our Senior Herdsman, George Knight, for the preparation and his support during filming."

This link takes you to the ITV player but you will need to have an account. The alpaca segment starts at about 30 minutes and 30 seconds in.

<https://www.itv.com/watch/loose-women/1a3173/1a3173a4154>



HoEAG

Skirting & Noodling Workshop 2023

Unsure of how to skirt a fleece, or want to recap?

Want to present your fleeces to the best of their ability at Shows, but don't know how to noodle?

Then this workshop is for you.

Run by BAS judges, Shirley Bettinson and Julia Corrigan-Stuart this is a practical workshop, starting with how to skirt a fleece and then explaining how to noodle them in garden fleece to keep them intact and present well for Fleece Shows for Judges to judge, or just to store them neatly. You can bring your own fleeces to work on, or there will be fleeces provided.

The workshop is being held at CS Alpacas, Yeat Wood Farm, Wotton Underwood, Bucks HP18 0RL and the cost is £10/person (HoEAG Member) and £15/person (non-member).

We will be running this Workshop on Saturday 17th June 2023.

If you are interested in attending, please email: julia@csalpacas.co.uk

Julia Corrigan-Stuart



January / February Husbandry

January

- Feed hay ad lib, feed nursing dams extra protein.
- Body score, check for jaw abscesses and look for evidence of mites.
- Check toe nails and trim if necessary, inspect teeth and arrange to file fighting teeth if needed –possibly at shearing time.
- 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
- Use the winter months to clean equipment thoroughly, such as nail clippers, halters, buckets etc.
- Plan your field/paddock rotation for the coming year.
- Plan matings for the season to come – avoid winter births if you can – gestation is 11.5 months plus or minus 30 days!
- Decide what shows you plan to attend and select your show team.
- Castrate males over eighteen months of age in winter to reduce the risk of fly strike.
- Give your entire herd a supplement of vitamins ADE (paste or injection).

February

- Ascertain the health status of your herd.
- Wean and insert microchips in cria who are now 6 months old.
- Decide what your herd training needs are and start to halter train last year's cria ready for this year's shows.
- Check fences and make repairs to weak spots.
- Feed hay ad lib, feed nursing dams extra protein.
- Book your shearer or prepare your own shearing equipment.
- Body score, check jaws, teeth and look for evidence of mites, check toenails.
- Vaccinate against liver fluke/lungworm if appropriate.

Identifying and treating plant poisoning in South American Camelids (SACs) in the UK

Classification of plants that require no specific treatment

Plants that contain cardiac glycosides & therefore cause constipation with signs of acute shock

- 1) Cape Lily (*Fritillaria* spp.) both the one leaf and two leaf varieties are toxic.
- 2) Chelidonium majus (Chelidonium majus), common garden flower. Only after only a single flower cut.
- 3) Scilla (Scilla) spp., an erect stem with purple flowers, flowers in summer.
- 4) Purple anemone (*Anemone pulsatilla*), the orange-flowering type or the ones seen in gardens.

Symptomatic treatment should be given for shock.

Plants that cause neurological signs

- 1) Acute Monardella (*Monardella* spp.), a small flower found in gardens.
- 2) Blood grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*), a very common plant found on hills and common throughout the UK. It is most toxic in small amounts.
- 3) Branched anemone (*Anemone pulsatilla*), originally from northwestern America. A perennial plant with a white flower and a rhizome.
- 4) Field poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*), a herbaceous plant with white flowers found as weed in gardens.
- 5) Colchicine (*Colchicum autumnale*), the garden flower affects suckling offspring.
- 6) Ranunculus (*Ranunculus* spp.), a white flower found in ditches. A danger after ditch clearance.
- 7) Laburnum (*Laburnum anagyroides*), a very toxic tree with yellow hanging flowers.
- 8) Ligustrum (*Ligustrum* spp.), found in gardens and hedgerows. The seed pods are toxic.
- 9) May tree (*Ostrya* spp.), the seed is very toxic.
- 10) Juniper (*Juniperus communis*), a problem with sucking animals.
- 11) Maize (*Zea mays*), a very common pasture plant. Only when it is flowering.
- 12) Marsh mallard (*Malva parviflora*), a common water plant that only causes problems to suckling young.
- 13) Poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), a star in gardens with pale orange flowers.
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- 19) Poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), a star in gardens with pale orange flowers.
- 20) Poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), a star in gardens with pale orange flowers.

Specific treatment is symptomatic to control the neurological signs.

Plants that cause blood clotting deficiency

- 1) Sweet clover (*Medicago sativa*), only causes poisoning when crushed to a pulp or made into hay.

Specific treatment is vitamin K1 injection.

Plants that cause colic

- 1) Black Bryony (*Taxus canadensis*), a common hedge climbing plant with white green flowers. Only the berries are toxic.
- 2) White seed (*Parthenocissus vitacea*), originally from the USA but now common in gardens in the UK.
- 3) White Bryony (*Prunella vulgaris*), a hedge-climbing weed that is very toxic.

Treatment is symptomatic to control the colic signs.

Plants that cause bloat

- 1) Clover (*Trifolium* spp.), an excess in pasture causes problems.
- 2) Chewing Wills (*Wills* spp.), large quantities need to be ingested.

Treatment is symptomatic to control the bloat, to lubricate and/or replace fluids.

Plants that contain taxine

- 1) New Zealand flax (*Phormium tenax*), a very common evergreen tree found in churchyards and in hedges in gardens.

There is no realistic treatment. However recent observations (Shoemaker 2010 and Davidson 2010) indicate that although yew is extremely toxic to cattle it may not be so toxic to small ruminants.

Plants that cause irritation of the oral mucous membranes

- 1) Spurge (*Euphorbia* spp.), found in hedgerows or on wasteland.

Treatment is symptomatic and it requires copious flushing with water.

Plants that cause gastro-enteric signs with diarrhoea

- 1) Autumn crocus (*Colchicum autumnale*), highly toxic because the toxic colchicine is excreted in the milk. Also called Meadow saffron.
- 2) Anemone (*Anemone* spp.), the stems are often consumed from compost heaps. The toxic genes affect the cellular and tissue matrix.
- 3) Foxglove (*Adonis vernalis*), a common garden plant in gardens. Not to be confused with foxglove which occurs when gardeners are not watering.
- 4) Garden nasturtium (*Raphanistrum* spp.), a common weed with yellow flowers seen in compost bins.
- 5) Chelidonium (*Chelidonium* spp.), a common weed with yellow flowers seen in compost bins.
- 6) Colchicine (*Colchicum* spp.), a common weed with yellow flowers seen in compost bins. Also called 'Fork and Beer'.
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Specific treatment is symptomatic and includes decontamination, IV fluids to treat the patient and antibiotics to treat any secondary bacterial infection.

Plants that cause haematuria (blood in the urine)

- 1) Monardella (*Monardella* spp.), a roadside border crop in garden areas.
- 2) Rye (*Lolium* spp.), another grass field crop.
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- 20) Rye (*Lolium* spp.), another grass field crop.

There is no realistic treatment except to remove the animal from the plants.

Toxic Plants Leaflet

There is an informative leaflet on plants that can be a hazard to alpacas which is available on the BAS website (<https://bas-uk.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/camelid-tox-plant-low-res.pdf>) and can be obtained in hard copy if needed.

It might be useful background information if you are doing some hedge maintenance or planting a new hedge or woodland near your alpaca paddocks.



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

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScU7O0ppxbIGGQeiWZYiAWCn197FSxaDjXpi5iilSonzvpEhIw/viewform?
usp=sf_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScU7O0ppxbIGGQeiWZYiAWCn197FSxaDjXpi5iilSonzvpEhIw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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/1FAIpQLScU7O0ppxblGGQeiWZYiAWCn197FSxaDjXpi5iilSnzvpEhlw/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!

Thank you very much to those of you who have already replied. If you do carry out any kind of therapeutic work with alpacas and have not yet completed the questionnaire, this is your chance.



BAS Winter Webinars

Please find below the last confirmed webinar for the Autumn/ Winter series for 22/23

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.

Andrea Turner - Langford Vet

Birthing alpacas: forewarned is forecalmed

Birthing time is always stressful no matter how experienced you or your alpacas are, but feeling confident in your preparation and decision making capabilities can remove a huge amount of anxiety. During this webinar I will discuss how best to prepare yourself, your set-up and your alpacas for the birthing season and give some clear guidelines on how to know when to intervene or call for help.

Date : Mar 20, 2023

Time 07:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87831496146>

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

2023		
Saturday	Feb 24 th	Affiliate Course – Hertfordshire

Sunday	Feb 25 th	Affiliate Course – Hertfordshire
Saturday	March 4 th	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Thursday	March 16 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	April 1 st	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	April 1 st	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Sunday	April 2 nd	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	April 30 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	May 21 st	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Thursday	July 27 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	Sept 3 rd	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	Nov 9 th	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.

2023 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.

2023

BAS National Show 2023

Champion of Champions Fleece Show

Date: 18 Feb 2023

Entries open Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023

Entries Close: Sunday 15th Jan 2023

Judge: Mr Roger Clarke

Fleeces on display at Telford 17th to 19th March 2023.

Prize giving Friday evening 17th March

Halter Show

Dates: 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

Entries Open: 01/02/2023 at 9am

Entries Close: 20/02/2023 or when maximum numbers reached

Fee: £25 + VAT

Max numbers 160

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 Monkcom

Northumberland Championship Halter Show

Date: 27th May 2023

Venue: Bywell Hall, NE43 7AB

Judge: Mrs Shirley Bettinson

Entries Open: 1 Mar 2023

Entries Close: 28th April 2023

Organisers: Paul and Rachel Vaclik

rachel.vaclik@gmail.com 07990 871838

paul.vaclik@gmail.com 07802 829792

Royal Three Counties - 17 & 18th June

Cornwall Fleece Show

Date: 15th July 2023

Entries open: 12th May 2023

Entries close: 14th June 2023

Max number of entries 60

Fee inc VAT (if known) £24

Judge: Jo Bridge

Fleeces Delivered to Sandra Muriel, Carn Tremayne Farm,
Praze, Cornwall, TR14 9PG
between 1st to 12th July 2023

WSAG Fleece Show -

21/22 July 2023

EAG Fleece Show

19/20th Aug 2023

East of England Halter Show

7/8th October 2023

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates: 14th and 15th October

Judge: Roger Clarke

Venue: York Auction Mart, YO19 5GF.

Entries open: 17th July

Entries Close: 3rd September

Organiser: James Stanger jameslstanger11@gmail.com 07757687378

YAG have negotiated discounts on accommodation at the Holiday Inn Express in York with 20% off flex rate for rooms booked before 28th Feb and 15% off for rooms booked after March 1st - the booking

link is <https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&hotelCode=YORUK&rateCode=AL21P&PMID=99502056&corpNum=787077128&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

Welsh Alpaca Halter show

Venue: Welshpool livestock centre

Date: 21st October 2023

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Entries open: 14th August 2023

Entries close: 17th September 2023

Organisers Susan Myerscough and Michael Henderson

WSAG Midland Show

4th November

NEBAG Autumn Halter Show

Date: 18 November 2023

Opening Date 04/09/23

Closing Date 16/10/23

Max number of entries 140

Judge TBA

Northern Fleece Show 2023

Date: Wednesday 29th November.

Judge: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith

Entry: £20 + VAT

Entries Open: :2nd October

Entries close:: 1st November (or if the maximum of 70 is reached before that date)

Fleeces to be sent to: Beck Brow Alpacas, Beck
Brow, Ainstable, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA4 9RE
by Monday 20th November

Fleeces will be displayed on Sunday 3rd December at a morning fleece activity at Beck Brow Alpacas (free to NWAG members) followed by Christmas lunch at the Heather Glen Hotel in Ainstable.

If you are interested in attending the Sunday event please
email: barbara@beckbrowalpacas.co.uk



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