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Alpaca Magazine

The Spring edition of Alpaca magazine should be with you shortly. If you have not had your copy in the next week or so let me know and I can send you one of the spares.

EBV Data

In the recent EBV webinar a question came up regarding colour and average fibre diameter. I have had a look at the data from all years and the results is as follows. Data has been standardised to a 3rd year fleece. Darker colours do seem to be of higher micron at the same age.

Colour	Mean Micron at 3rd fleece
Black	22.95
Dark Brown	21.22
Mid Brown	21.15
Light Brown	22.02
Dark Fawn	21.18
Mid Fawn	20.51
Light Fawn	20.50
Beige	20.72
White	20.48

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

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Kept Animals Bill

The Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill will address several significant animal health and welfare issues through the introduction of vital measures, such as those designed to tackle livestock worrying.

The Kept Animals Bill was first introduced in the House of Commons on 2 June 2021 and subsequently carried over into the 2021-22 Parliamentary session, with its remaining stages scheduled for 19 September 2022.

Understandably, this date was cancelled due to national events at the time. Progress of the Bill has since stalled.

The Bill is a golden opportunity to improve the health and welfare of alpacas, and we are worried Government will let this important piece of legislation slip through the net.

You could help by writing to you MP!!

Here is a template letter for you to personalise
You can find you MP here www.writetothem.com

Dear [insert name of MP]

As an alpaca owner and resident in your constituency of [insert constituency], I am calling on you, as my MP, to urge the Government to deliver on its promised commitment to animal health and welfare, by ensuring the continuation of the crucial and long-awaited Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill through Parliament.

This vital Bill will address some of the most pressing animal health and welfare issues of our times. With this in mind, it is essential that it continues to include vital measures, such as those designed to tackle livestock worrying including alpacas.

[Add text here about your personal experiences in relation to the above i.e. why these measures are needed. This will be especially powerful if you can link that to you and/or the MP's constituency to make it more relevant to them.]

While I understand that recent national events have understandably led to changes in the parliamentary programme in recent weeks, it is essential that this important piece of legislation does not slip through the net as a result. The Bill is a golden opportunity to improve the health and welfare of alpacas.

With this in mind, I am asking you to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, urging her to ensure that this vital piece of legislation remains high on the agenda and fulfils its commitment to animal welfare

Yours sincerely



Shearing - New Fact Sheet

full fact sheet is available here

[Shearing \(bas-uk.com\)](http://bas-uk.com)

As the shearing seasons approaches we have had a review of the shearing fact sheet to try and bring together all the useful thoughts that might help. Hopefully you find it useful.

What you should expect from your shearer

- You should expect your shearer to communicate clearly with you – confirming the date and time they expect to arrive and any specific requirements they might have which might include access to power, decent lighting, suitable undercover facilities in case of poor weather. If they do not give you this information you should request it.
- You should expect your shearer to tell you if they need or expect assistance; again if they do not you should check.
- You should expect your shearer to advise you of any changes to their planned arrival; If they plan to arrive and shear in the dark you may wish to use your fall back date unless you feel happy you have

appropriate facilities/lighting. Shearing by head torch etc. should be a last resort endeavor as it carries much more risk and less chance of picking up issues.

- Your shearer should disinfect all their equipment before starting on your animals and you should satisfy yourself before allowing them to commence.
- You should expect your shearer to handle your animals with sensitivity and respect – manhandling animals by picking them up by the tail is not acceptable. Restraining animals should be done in a gentle manner – animals and people can and do get hurt if this is done poorly. Additionally turning animals should be done carefully, evenly and gently. If you are unhappy in any way you must make it known. If the shearer persists you should ask them to stop and find another shearer.
- In general it is best to restrict the days activities to just shearing and possibly toenail trimming as this is a stressful time for the animals and trying to ‘fit in’ other jobs can cause unnecessary stress at best and at worst may reduce the effectiveness of the ‘treatment’ – specifically vaccinations and worming.

What your shearer should expect from you

- You should communicate clearly with your shearer – be clear about your dates, confirm the number of animals (males, females) , if appropriate also the number pregnant and how many months at the time of shearing. Confirm this when they arrive. Don’t spring extra animals on them without prior notice -they have a timetable to keep.
- Have a plan for the day – how to move animals around so the shearer is not kept waiting.
- Make sure you can have animals where they can easily be caught and moved – the shearer should not be expected to go chasing your animals around a big field.

- Plan for poor weather before or after shearing so they can be sheared dry and kept dry afterwards – consider coats for any you expect or know to be thin or affected by the cold.
- Have adequate lead ropes and halters if required.
- Have enough people to help get the job done and some ‘spares’ you can call on at short notice should you be let down.
- Make sure helpers understand what their role is – give them specific jobs.
- Think carefully before inviting lots of spectators – they will get in the way and distract you from the job in hand – people wandering about can cause accidents both to themselves and potentially to you your animals and the shearer – there is very sharp blades, electricity ropes and stressed animals – a bad combination.
- Make sure you have all the things your need – paper/notebook/pens/markers/first aid kit/ working electric/ water and disinfectant/brushes for clearing up fibre/ old t-shirts/rags/towels for pee/poo and spit/ bags/bins for fleece(First/seconds/thirds/floor sweeping.
- Tell/remind the shearer what you expect (checking teeth, trimming toenails, type of haircuts / topknots/ tails/fibre samples for analysis/ show fleeces)
- If you intend to give injections etc be aware of the level of stress the animal(s) are under – whilst convenient it may not be the best time. Also make sure you are not hindering the shearing process.



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Alpacas unpacked



Are you expecting crias this year?

Join us at 6.30pm on the 27th April
at our surgery at Brock Auction for
Our ALPACAS UNPACKED evening!

We will be discussing common pit falls during unpacking
and managing the young cria with a focus on problem
prevention and proactive health care.

PLACES ARE LIMITED: CALL NOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

£20_{pp}

Food provided!

Lanes Farm Vets

Brockholes Arms Auction Mart

Garstang Road, Claughton-on-Brock,

Preston PR3 0PH

01995 602468 / 01995 641000

farmteam@lanesfarmvets.com

2023 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

Wed	April 19 th	Affiliate Course – Herts (shearing/fleece focus)
Sunday	April 30 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	April 30 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Sunday	May 21 st	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Sunday	June 4 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Thursday	July 27 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	July 30 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
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 2023

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

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

Spring Live South of England Halter Show 2023

Dates: 22nd and 23rd April 2023
Judge: Tim Hey
Entries Open: Friday 10th February 2023
Entries Close Sunday 5th March 2023
Entry Fee: £32 (NO VAT) Minimum of 3 Entries per herd
Venue: South of England Showground, Abergavenny Building, Ardingly
West Sussex RH17 6TL
Organisers: Hilary and Tony Monkcom
Pen Clean Up Service: £20 (NO VAT)
Electric Points: £30 (NO VAT) at least one is compulsory

North Somerset Show

Date: 1st May 2023
Venue: North Somerset Show ground BS48 1NE
Judge: Julia Corrigan Stuart
Entries:Open 13 March 2023
Entries Close: 10 April 2023
Entry Fee: £25 in VAT
Max Entry :120 max 6 per exhibitor
Organizer: Garry Naish 07785 116211 : oakviewalpacas@aol.com

Devon County Show

Dates: 18,19,20 May 2023
Venue: West Point, Exceter, EX5 1DJ
Judge: Mr Nick Harrington Smith
Entries Open: 28th March
Entries Close: 10th April
Entry Fee £29

Organisers Chas Brooke and Victoria Lee

chas@alpaca-uk.co.uk

Victoria Lee - hello@littleorchardalpacas.com

Northumberland Championship Halter Show

Date: 27th May 2023

Venue: Bywell Hall, NE43 7AB

Judge: Mrs Shirley Bettinson

Entries Open: 1 Mar 2023 9am

Entries Close: 28th April 2023 (or when maximum numbers reached).

Entry fee £25 + VAT

Organisers: Paul and Rachel Vaclik

rachel.vaclik@gmail.com 07990 871838

paul.vaclik@gmail.com 07802 829792

Royal Three Counties - 17 & 18th June

Date: 17th & 18th June 2023

Venue: Three Counties Show Ground, WR13 6NW

Judge: Mary- Jo Smith

Entries Open: 24 April

Entries Close: 31 May 2023 (or when maximum numbers reached).

Entry fee £26.40 inc VAT

Organisers: Roger Mount, Jay Holland, Iain Sharp

snowhillalpacas@btinternet.com, jay@purealpacas.co.uk,

iain.c.sharp@gmail.com

07711044106 – 07789257222 -07722953635

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 Royal Three Counties Fleece Show -

22nd and 23rd July 2023

Judge: Mr Nick Harrington Smith

Entries Open: 13 May 2023

Entry fee: £18

Max Entries: 150

Venue and fleeces delivered to :Julie Cattrell, Crabtree Orchard Alpacas,
Willow Road, Martley, Worcestershire, WR6 6PS

Email: crabtreeorchardalpacas@gmail.com

Mobile: 07970169895 Organisers: Roger Mount, Jay Holland, Iain Sharp
snowhillalpacas@btinternet.com, jay@purealpacas.co.uk,

iain.c.sharp@gmail.com

07711044106 – 07789257222 -07722953635

East of England (Fleece) Show organised by EAG

Dates: 18th & 19th August 2023

Limit on entries: 120

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Venue: Essex Young Farmers Centre

Entries Open: 26th June 2023

Entries close: 31st July 2023 or when full

Entry Fee: £18 EAG members: £24 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 9th Aug 2023.

Organiser: Harley Laver - harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk / 07934 463342

Westmorland County Halter Show

Date: 13/09/2023

Judge: Jo Bridge

Entries Open: 03/07/2023

Entries Close: 28/07/2023

Max number of entries - 120

Fee inc VAT TBC

Organisers: Steven & Tracey Ellershaw lythebrowalpacas@yahoo.com

Somerset County Show - Halter and Fleece

Date: 16th & 17th September 2023

Venue: Taunton Racecourse TA3 7BL

Judge: Mary- Jo Smith Fleece, Roger Clarke- Halter

Entries Open: 1 July 2023

Entries Close: 19 Aug 2023 (160 Halter places).

Entry fee Halter: £36 inc VAT and Fleece: £18 inc VAT

Organiser: Tim Hey timhey@incaalpaca.co.uk / phone 078755328827

Fleeces delivered to Southern Sands Alpacas, Southport Farm, Highbridge, Somerset, TA9 4HA by 27/8/23

Stokesley Show

<https://www.stokesleyshow.co.uk/>

This is a new show to be hosted by the Yorkshire Alpaca Group. The YAG 2 day Halter Show in Oct will still be taking place and those entering this show as well as Stokesley will receive an incentive (specifics to follow).

Date: Saturday 23rd September

Venue: Stokesley Agricultural Showground

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Entries Open: 3rd July 2023

Entries Close: 13th Aug 2023

Organiser: James Stanger jameslstanger11@gmail.com 07757687378

Heart of England Autumn Fleece Show

Judging: Thursday 28th & Friday 27th September 2023

Results: Sunday 1st October 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

NEBAG Autumn Halter Show

Date: 18 November 2023

Judge: Cathy Lloyd

Opening Date 04/09/23

Closing Date 16/10/23

Max number of entries 175

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

WSAG Midland Show

27th January 2024



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