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CEO Notes

I am on leave this week so the basics are presented below.

Last week the innocol article did not credit the author Claire Whitehead for the information. Our apologies to Claire for that omission.

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Plasma Drive- West Midlands

Field Equine Vets have arranged for an alpaca blood collection day ahead of the breeding season to allow breeders the chance to collect and freeze plasma for later emergency use.

As alpaca breeders you have a responsibility to prepare for cria that do not get sufficient colostrum from their dam in the early hours after birth. Plasma transfusion is a very effective way of providing antibodies, but needs to be prepared for in advance

There are biosecurity issues associated with using other herd's plasma or raw colostrum

The ideal donor is an adult male of 60 kg or more that is in good health and well halter trained.

Plasma can be stored in a suitable freezer for up to five years

The collections will be made on Saturday 20th May at the Field Equine Vets, Blakedown premises (DY10 3JH - Halfway between Kidderminster and Stourbridge) .

If you want more information or to book a place please call 01562 701334

Colostrum Alternative

Immucol Platinum is a complete feed colostrum replacer. It contains high levels of natural bovine colostrum to make a complete feed containing essential nutrients and 20% fat.

If you have a cria that requires supplementary feeding and you can't milk enough colostrum from the dam, you need something to replace that with. Fresh colostrum from another species such as a cow to get those all-important antibodies into the cria is a possibility, however, it can be difficult to ensure that this source is disease-free. In the UK, dairy cows may be a source of TB, Johne's, IBR and EBL and not all herds may know their disease status. This product is certified TB, EBL, IBR and Johne's free, so represents a worry-free source of colostrum.

Immucol Platinum colostrum is prepared using a freeze-drying process: freeze-drying the colostrum ensures that the all-important antibodies (IgG) are preserved. This is a costly process, but ensures a high quality end product that *can* be used as a complete colostrum replacer. Most other colostrum products on the market are spray-dried which is a process that heats the milk above 80 degrees: this reduces the quality of the colostrum and means that the antibodies contained in the product are rarely present in sufficient quantity to be used as a replacement for natural colostrum. This is why most other products are labelled "supplements" rather than "replacers". They are cheaper because it is a much cheaper process to make them.

So if you need to use a powdered colostrum, make sure it's one that has high levels of IgG!

Mixes up to 2 litres. Crias require 10-15% of their body weight fed as milk in 24 hours. This equates to 700-1050 ml for a 7kg cria. Therefore each pack will supply 2-3 newborn crias if fed entirely by bottle, or more crias if this is used as a top-up feed.

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UK National Alpaca Farm Day – Sept 2nd/3rd 2023

The third BAS UK National Alpaca Farm day will be on over the first weekend of September. The idea is to encourage anyone and everyone to come and meet an alpaca.

In a change from previous years established alpaca farms already open to the public are encouraged to join the initiative because entry fees will be allowed for farms participating in the promotional weekend. When registering your farm with Duncan you will need to make clear if an entry fee is being charged or not. Free entry or charging will be flagged on the interactive map.

Farms that are routinely open to the public are encouraged to add a little extra something to their normal offering to mark the weekend.

The aim will be to have dozens of alpaca herds open to the public over the same weekend supported by a central promotional campaign in the weeks that lead up to the event. The chosen dates 2nd/ 3rd of September 2023. Events on either day over that weekend would qualify for support.

For BAS members that already open to the public it is a chance to get a

boost in awareness and for others it could be a first venture in promoting the animals that BAS members are so passionate about.

The aim is for all interested BAS members to register their event with BAS and have it listed on the BAS website so members of the public can find an event near them. BAS members are free to decide on the size and type of event they wish to organize. It can be simple or “all singing and dancing”. It depends on what you can manage.

How big or small?

How big an event you can run will be entirely down to you but there are some important things to think about.

- Small – you could run a private event for neighbours, friend or local interest groups with limited numbers and open for a couple of hours.
- Medium – covering your village or local area and using local schools to invite the children and their families. You might have tours at set times and open for 4 or 5 hours.
- Large - have a number of separate attractions to interest visitors and open for the whole day.

Have a plan for.....

Safety - for all events you need to think about carparking, public liability insurance, a health and safety risk assessment, health and safety instructions, adequate toilets and handwashing facilities. Is there disabled access, do you allow dogs, is smoking allowed?

Where people can go – have a “Welcome area” where you can brief visitors on the correct procedures. Make a choice about what is “in” and what is “out”. Obviously keep visitors away from any areas of danger. Think

about the flow of people around your event make it easy for visitors to follow the right route.

Signage – put signs out around your local road to bring people into your event. If you have narrow lanes it might be worth having a one-way system that avoids congestion. Free standing signs on a post are fine but don't attach your signs to the council's "street furniture".

Helpers – make sure you have enough trusted helpers to run the day. Depending on the size you might need carpark attendants, welcomers, handwashing supervisors as well as people to talk about the animals you have or the products you make from alpaca fibre.

If it rains – do you go ahead? If so, how will your plan change.

Marketing

BAS will work on national and regional promotion in TV and radio. BAS will provide electronic templates for flyers, facts sheets and invitations. All participating members can add their own materials to the standard mix. Support material from BAS will be free to participating herds.

BAS will have a dedicated page on the website to the events which can carry all the information (including links to a participant's website) for each event that the organisers want to share.

Register your interest

This event is free to all BAS members. If you would like to be part of the BAS UK National Alpaca Farm Day then send an email to Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com.



Introduction to Alpaca Assessment

A series of one-day face-to-face "Introduction to Alpaca Assessment" courses are planned for the Summer. Details are still being firmed up but the plan is to run as many as needed.

A minimum of 8 delegates per event is required to ensure they run. Some changes may be need to accommodate popularity/ demand.

Date	Venue	Tutor	Number signed (min needed 8)
27 May	Surrey (RH5 5QT)	Mary Jo Smith	8
3 June	South Wales (SA20 OUW)	Jay Holland	8
delayed to autumn	East of England (TBC)	Nick Harrington Smith	
15 July	East Midlands (TBC)	Julia Corrigan Stuart	0
cancelled	Cumbria		
TBC Jul/Aug	Northern Ireland (BT76 OXJ)	Roger Clarke	1

Introduction to Alpaca Assessment

A one day course on alpaca conformation and fibre.

Covering:

Basic conformation including teeth, stature, genitalia, legs, gait and body scoring;

Fleece – how to recognise the different qualities and traits of fibre including weight and value, fineness, density, crimp, uniformity, length, colour, amplitude and frequency and an introduction to histograms. You will have the opportunity to assess fleeces and discuss the merits of different qualities and styles.

Course notes will be provided including a glossary of terms.

There will be a maximum of 12 people on the day.

Cost: BAS Members £ 65 + VAT Non Members £85 + VAT

This course will only run if there is a minimum of 8 people signed up..

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE email Duncan
using ceo@bas-uk.com

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BAS CEO 07496 578781

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

Sunday	May 21 st	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Sunday	June 4 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Saturday	June 10 th	Affiliate Course- Devon
Sunday	June 11 th	Affiliate Course- Devon
Friday	June 16 th	Affiliate Course - Herts
Saturday	June 17 th	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Sunday	June 18 th	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Thursday	July 27 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Friday	July 28 th	Affiliate Course - Herts
Sunday	July 30 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Sunday	Sept 3 rd	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	Sept 16 th	Affiliate Course- Devon
Sunday	Sept 17 th	Affiliate Course- Devon
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.

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

Northumberland Championship Halter Show

Date: 27th May 2023

Venue: Bywell Hall, NE43 7AB

Judge: Mrs Shirley Bettinson

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

Trish Tatchell, trishtatchell@hotmail.co.uk, 07989 183126

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

Any entries to the Cornwall Fleece Show on 15th July AND Three Counties Fleece Show on 22nd/23rd July, please ensure they include their entry form and an address label for their fleeces to be forwarded to the Three Counties Fleece collection point in separately with their Cornwall entries, this will ensure your fleeces are promptly and correctly forwarded. You will be invoiced prior to despatch, for the onward courier.

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 Avalon, 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

Trish Tatchell, trishtatchell@hotmail.co.uk, 07989 183126

Ellingham and Ringwood (Short Fleece Halter Show)

Date: 12th Aug 2023

Judge: TBC

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

Entries open: Mon 12th June 2023

Entries close: Monday 12 July 2023.

Entry limit: 120

Entry fee £22 inclusive of levy and VAT.

Organiser: Wendy Williams alpacaadventure@gmail.com 01747 853180,
07977 342888

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

2024

WSAG Midland Show

27th January 2024

NWAG Alpaca Championships

Venue: Borderway Mart, Carlisle, Cumbria.

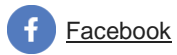
Sat 6th April 2024

Judge: Roger Clarke

South of England Spring Live Alpaca Halter Show

20th and 21st April 2024

26th and 27th April 2025



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