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CEO Notes

BAS website

We moved the BAS website to a new server this week which may mean some of you will need to update your bookmarks or favourites page .

Many of you go via the BAS website to get to the registry but you can go straight there if you want to using <https://breeds.grassroots.co.uk>

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Complaint Panel Report

A BAS Complaint Panel was recently asked to consider a formal complaint regarding wrongly declared shearing dates for alpacas entered by one member into a number of halter-shows. The complaint was upheld, therefore a number of this members alpacas have been disqualified from the relevant shows and their awards rescinded.

Alpacas placed lower than the disqualified alpacas cannot be promoted because the view of the Judges Committee is that this would constitute a re-judging of the classes which is not allowed under the show rules.

The complaint related to a Suri being shown in a two-year fleece. The declared shearing dates for various shows were as follows.

- In 2021 two shows, shearing date used 4 April 2021
- In 2022 seven shows using shearing dates 10 April 2021 (x2), 11 April 2021 (x2), no declared date (x3)
- In 2023 seven show entries using shearing dates 16 June 2021 (x6) and 1 no declared date.

The online show entry system now stores previously used shearing dates, so it is easy to find the date you previously used. It is possible to overwrite the date (which we recognise might be needed for a range of management and welfare reasons). Changing or removing the date is a deliberate action. All the entered dates are stored, to make it easy for users, but it also means the data can be examined to see if the shearing dates make sense. In this case the shearing dates appeared to alter according to the date of the show being entered.

To try and avoid instances where a shearing date has been used for a show entry but for some reason in a subsequent show entry the member does not wish to declare a date (examples of this were discovered when looking at the data) the options have changed so that the 'not yet shorn box' will no longer be available if there are any shearing dates on file for this alpaca.

To be sure that the Complaints Panel had good background information 8,600 show entries were analysed for 4,450 alpacas. The period analysed covered show entries made before the current show system was put in place as well as more recent years. Around 4 % of entries used more than one shearing date within a showing season but the vast majority were only a day or two apart, which may reflect herds with shearing over more than one day, or people trying to remember shearing dates rather than going to the diary! A very small number of old, but significant, discrepancies were discovered for no apparent reason but were not attributed to any 1 herd.

Through this process of analysis, it became clear that other alpacas from the herd being investigated had used multiple

shearing dates. Three huacaya alpacas had four different shearing dates used in show entries which were 11 April, 12 April, 16 April, and 20 June 2022. Two of these alpacas were entered in 4 shows in 2023 and one in 3 shows in 2023 using the 20 June 2022 shearing date. Many of the entries were under the new system and therefore the owner would have had no reason to alter the already entered date. Because of this and the irrefutable evidence, including evidence from their own social media account, that was presented to the panel it was decided to disqualify 4 alpacas from the 2023 shows. The panel believed that there was a deliberate attempt to deceive rather than merely a clerical error given the number of animals and entries involved.

The good news is the vast majority of show entries are done honestly and in good faith. What this complaint highlighted is that a small number of entries are not done honestly but the data we collect now allows that to be identified and remedied and we shall be monitoring all entries closely so that everyone entering a show is treated equally.

Should anyone require any assistance with show entries or rules you can contact Duncan at the BAS office or Libby at Grassroots

Halter Shows – how to do Online entries.

- Log into the Online Registry grassroots.co.uk/bas.html
- Click on the menu icon top right
- Select Show entries
- Select the correct show
- Tick each animal you wish you enter in turn
- In each case a box pops up that looks like this:

Select the relevant dates from the list of 'Previous Dates' offered (if any), or use the calendar to select a new date, or tick the box to confirm no date is required.

Select the class if more than one class is offered.

Click on Submit to confirm the entry.

Date last shorn: Not yet shorn

Available Classes: Hu. Adult Fem. Brown

The submit button does not come live until you have either put in a shearing date or ticked the 'not yet shorn' box.

All shearing dates are stored, so if an animal has been shown previously you will be offered the shearing dates you used previously

The only change to the system is that the 'not yet shorn box' is no longer available if there are any shearing dates on file for this animal.

Select the relevant dates from the list of 'Previous Dates' offered (if any), or use the calendar to select a new date, or tick the box to confirm no date is required.

Select the class if more than one class is offered.

Click on Submit to confirm the entry.

Date last shorn: Previous Dates ▾

Available Classes: Hu. Adult Male Black
 Hu. 3 Prog.By One Sire

Cancel Submit

You can log back into the site to see your entries and make changes up until the closing date.

After the closing date you can see and download the list of your entries, but no longer make changes.



YAG Events Programme - 2023

These two events will run if we have sufficient bookings so please BOOK NOW.

DATE	EVENT	SPEAKER/VENUE	COST Detail	BOOKING REF
<p>Saturday 9th September</p> <p>9.45 for a 10am start finish around 3/3.30pm</p>	<p>PREPARING FOR A SHOW Talk and Hands on session about shows and showing including how to prepare for a show, show ring etiquette, what the judge is looking for and more. Hints and tips and hands on. Prepare yourself for the Autumn Shows</p>	<p>Liz Barlow former BAS Judge, Trainer and Alpaca Breeder at J & J Alpacas</p> <p>Meadow Farm Clensey Lane, Dry Doddington, Newark Notts NG23 5HT</p>	<p>£ 18 including Refreshments and a 2 course lunch.</p> <p>Menu will be sent for selection before the event.</p> <p>Maximum 20 places</p>	<p>Prep11</p>
<p>Friday 22nd September</p> <p>6pm to 7.30pm</p> <p>This is the night before Stokesely Show</p>	<p>MARKETING YOUR ALPACA BUSINESS Engaging talk from an experienced alpaca breeder and BAS Judge. Including hints and tips on selling alpacas and social media.</p>	<p>TIM HEY</p> <p>BAS Judge and owner of INCA ALPACAS</p> <p>Kildale Village Hall, Kildale YO21 2RG</p>	<p>£ 5 including BBQ</p> <p>YAG Members and Stokesley show entrants</p>	<p>Market12</p>

To book: e mail Liz@livanti.com or call 07976 671701 and then make payment to the YAG Bank Account

Bookings close on 22nd August; full refund if event/s do not go ahead.



July Husbandry

- Finish shearing and skirting your fleece, have the fleece processed or store securely.
- Book a fleece processing slot for the following year.
- Send fleece samples for analysis and join the EBV programme if you want to.
- Look out for fly strike
- Continue to clear fields of poisonous plants.
- If needed plant clover on cold slopes.
- Body score, check jaws, teeth and look for evidence of mites, check toenails
- Weigh new born cria, record the birth, weight and other details.
- 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 . alpaca@grassroots.co.uk



Intermediate Training September 2023

just a few places left

The next Intermediate Alpaca Assessment Training course will be on the 8th, 9th and 10th September 2023 based at Toft near Coventry. If you would like to join this training please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com. Tutors will be Tim Hey and Jo Bridge.

The course costs £395 + VAT (BAS members) or £495 + VAT (non-members).

Course description can be found [here](#).



Introduction to Alpaca Assessment in Northern Ireland 7/10/23 **(revised date)**

We need a couple more if this one is going to run so please sign up if you are thinking of attending and then we can confirm for everyone.

An Introduction to Alpaca Assessment course will be held on 30th September 2023 tutored by Roger Clarke and hosted by Amberly Alpacas.(BT76 0XJ).

If you would like to join this training please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com .

The course costs £65 + VAT (BAS members) or £85 + VAT (non-members).

Course description can be found [here](#).

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.

Full listing of all affiliate courses available using the link below.(next 3 months shown here)

[Education – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](http://bas-uk.com)

Affiliate courses

Thursday	27 th July	Affiliate Course- Gloucs
Friday	28 th July	Affiliate Course – Herts
Sunday	30 th July	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Wednesday	16 th Aug	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Thursday	17 th Aug	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Sunday	3 rd Sept	Affiliate Course- Gloucs
Saturday	16 th Sept	Affiliate Course – Devon
Sunday	17 th Sept	Affiliate Course – Devon
Thursday	9 th Nov	Affiliate Course- Gloucs

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.

Full [Shows information 2023/2024 – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](https://www.bas-uk.com)

2023

Cornwall Fleece Show

Date: 15th July 2023

Venue: Carn Tremayne Farm, Praze, Cornwall, TR14 9PG

Judge: Jo Bridge

WSAG Royal Three Counties Fleece Show -

Dates: 22nd and 23rd July 2023

Venue: Crabtree Orchard Alpacas, Willow Road, Martley, Worcestershire, WR6 6PS

Judge: Mr Nick Harrington Smith

Ellingham and Ringwood (Short Fleece Halter Show)

Date: 12th Aug 2023

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

Judge: Joanne Bridge

East of England (Fleece) Show organised by EAG

Dates: 18th & 19th August 2023

Venue: Essex Young Farmers Centre

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Westmorland County Halter Show

Date: 13/09/2023

Venue: Lane Farm, Crooklands, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7NH

Judge: Jo Bridge

Somerset County Show - Halter and Fleece

Date: 16th & 17th September 2023

Venue: Taunton Racecourse TA3 7BL

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

Stokesley Show

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

Date: Saturday 23rd September

Venue: Stokesley Agricultural Showground

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Heart of England Autumn Fleece Show

Date: Judging: Fri 29th & Sat 30th Sept 2023, results: Sunday 1st October 2023,

Judges: Mrs. Julia Corrigan-Stuart and Mr. Roger Clarke

East of England Halter Show

Date: 7/8th October 2023

Venue: Beechwood Equestrian Centre

Judge: Jo Bridge

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates: 14th and 15th October

Venue: York Auction Mart, YO19 5GF.

Judge: Roger Clarke

Welsh Alpaca Halter show

Date: 21st October 2023

Venue: Welshpool livestock centre

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Northern Ireland Halter Show

Date: 5th November 2023,

Venue: Eccelsville Equestrian Centre, Fintona.

Judge Julia Corrigan-Stuart.

NEBAG Autumn Halter Show

Date: 18 November 2023

Judge: Cathy Lloyd

Northern Fleece Show 2023

Date: Wednesday 29th November.

Venue: Beck Brow, Ainstable, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA4 9RE

Judge: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith

2024

WSAG Midland Show

27th January 2024

NWAG Alpaca Championships

Date: Sat 6th April 2024

Venue: Borderway Mart, Carlisle, Cumbria.

Judge: Roger Clarke

BAS National Show 2024

Dates: 22nd, 23rd, 24th March 2024

Venue: Telford International Centre

Judges: Mary Jo Smith and Shane Carey

Heart of England Spring Alpaca Fiesta

Dates: Friday 12th, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April 2024

Venue: Bury Farm Equestrian Centre

Judge: Mrs. Julia Corrigan-Stuart

South of England Spring Live Alpaca Halter Show

20th and 21st April 2024

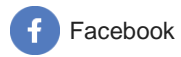
26th and 27th April 2025

SCOTTISH ALPACA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: 27th and 28th April 2024

Venue: Lanark Ag Centre, ML11 9AX

Judge: Tim Hey



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