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Why I Keep Alpacas - new Facebook feature

We are starting a feature on the BAS Facebook page called "Why I Keep Alpacas". Every week we want to feature an alpaca owner with a biography of how you came to keep alpacas, why you keep them and what you enjoy about them.

Remember it is your story and whether you keep a few pets, a breeding herd, fibre animals, you go to shows or run some sort of diversification business, we want to hear from you.

Please send your stories and pictures by email to Duncan ceo@bas-uk.com or what's app to Sue on 07930578083.

We will try and publish every story, feel free to include your herd name and location, if you want to include details of breeders you have bought from then please just use their Christian name rather than herd name.

Come on everyone, we want to hear from you all

BAS webinar

Vet Andrea Turner will be giving a Webinar on 28 Feb on First Aid for Cria. Full details and link below.

Change of day for Newsletter

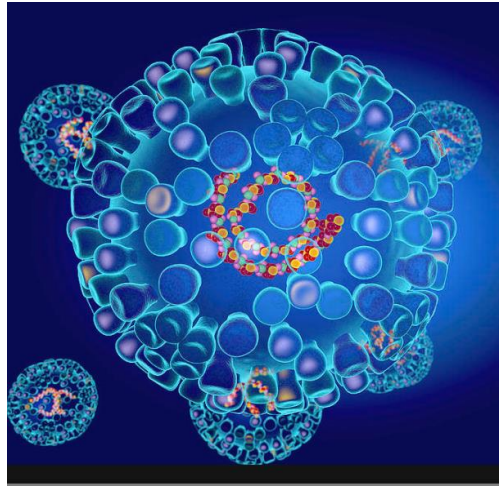
For the next couple of months we are going to issue the newsletter on a Monday morning. The idea behind this is to see if it improves open rates and click throughs to stories that include a link. After a couple of months we will review the data and see if a different day of sending has any impact on Newsletter opening rates.

New "My Society" Offer

The Organisation of Horsebox and Trailer Owners are offering 2 months free break down cover to BAS members when they take out box or trailer insurance. With the show season coming up its a good time to check you have the right cover in place for your needs. 01488 657650 <https://www.ohoto.co.uk/> . Please make sure you have your Herd prefix code ready to secure this discount.

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO 07496 578781



A note from Defra regarding Bluetongue

DEFRA are pleased to have the opportunity to share this note with members of the British Alpaca Society. Control of Bluetongue disease relies on a partnership between herd owners and DEFRA to ensure timely and proportionate control measures are implemented for the benefit of all.

A new strain of Bluetongue, BTV-3, was first reported in September 2023 in the Netherlands. Cases have since been found in Germany and Belgium. At the time of writing there are in excess of 50 individual cases of bluetongue in England, at more than 30 premises in Kent and Norfolk although there is currently no evidence that bluetongue virus is currently circulating in midges in Great Britain.

There is no vaccine for BTV-3.

Infected animals have been humanely culled to minimise the risk of onward transmission through biting midges. [Temporary Control Zones \(TCZ\)](#) surrounding the premises where the infected animals were located are in force in Kent and Norfolk. To prevent further disease spread, movement restrictions continue to apply. These restrictions apply to all ruminants including cattle, sheep, deer, and all camelids, including alpacas and llamas, onto and off all premises in the TCZ.

Bluetongue is a **notifiable disease**. If you keep livestock, you must continue to keep a close watch for, and report, any suspicion of bluetongue disease in your animals.

You can keep up to date with the latest information [Bluetongue: how to spot and report it - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk).

Bluetongue (BTV) is an insect-borne viral disease, which affects all ruminants (e.g. sheep, cattle, goats, and deer) and camelids (such as llama and alpaca). Bluetongue virus does not affect people or food safety but can result in serious animal health and welfare implications in some animals.



Bluetongue (BTV-3) technical webinar

Wednesday 7 February 2024, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Please register now to join this online webinar covering:

Latest BTV-3 update
Netherlands insights from 2023 outbreak

Book on the AHDB website to register for the webinar and receive the recording:

Webinar brought to you by:



Bluetongue hotline: 024 7771 0386



Bluetongue hub: www.ruminanthw.org.uk/bluetongue-virus/

Sign up via: <https://ahdb.org.uk/events/bluetongue-virus-technical-webinar-4>

Heart of England Training - Preparing for Shows and Exhibiting Alpaca



New to alpacas and considering entering a halter show, but nervous about what to expect?

OR

Want to improve your handling skills in the show ring and find out what the Judge is primarily looking for at a halter show?"

Then the Heart of England Alpaca Group can help you!

Former **BAS Judge and Trainer Liz Barlow** is running a workshop on....

Preparing for Shows and Exhibiting Your Alpacas – Show ring Etiquette, Procedures, and Insights

VENUE: CS Alpacas, Wotton Underwood,
Buckinghamshire HP18 0RL

DATE: Saturday, 2nd March 2024

9.45 for a 10am start, to finish around 3.30 pm

COST: HOEAG Members - £10 each
(incl. light lunch) Non-Members - £15 each



This is an interactive and practical course, designed for those new or relatively new to showing or those who simply want to learn more.

The current BAS show rules can be found at

<https://bas-uk.com/wpcontent/uploads/2023/08/BAS-SHOW-RULES-19th-edition-2023.pdf>

There is NO need to read the show rules before the Workshop, but it could be useful to have a look through before your next show.

Email: admin@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk to reserve your place.

Numbers are limited so please book soon to avoid disappointment!



Global ONLINE Camelid Conference

organized by Claire Whitehead

Have you ever thought that there are so many great people to learn from in the field of Camelid Care, but wouldn't it be great if I could listen to them all in one place? Instead of having to travel to some conference on the other side of the world?

Well, finally that opportunity is here! We have 16 fantastic world-renowned speakers lined up for one incredible virtual conference... People like Chris Cebra, David Anderson, Norm Evans and Jane Vaughan. It's a pretty comprehensive list of the world's top veterinary speakers in the field of Camelid Medicine & Surgery. Definitely an opportunity not to be missed and the investment in your learning will be well-worthwhile.

The dates of the conference are Thursday 22nd to Saturday 24th February. The timings for those in the UK will be split between first thing in the morning and the evening, so it won't interrupt animal feeding or the day job! The reason for the slightly strange timings is to try and enable people from all over the world to tune in... If you can't make a particular session, don't worry because recordings will be available so you'll be able to view them later.

We've extended the deadline for early bird pricing (from just £197 +VAT) until midnight on the 5th February! For more information, and to register, please head to: <https://keap.page/jxy193/virtual-camelid-conference-early-bird.html>

Numbers are limited so please book soon to avoid disappointment!



BAS National Show Update

The Halter Show

Organiser: Barbara Hetherington barbara@beckbrowlpacas.co.uk

NOW CLOSED

A note on Progeny Groups – these are not counted as part of your block booking allocation. Sire's Progeny Groups can be entered at the show (by 12 noon Saturday) but Dam's progeny MUST be entered in your named entries.

Key dates: Named Entries Open until midnight Sun 4th February

The Stud Auction

Organisers: Harley Laver harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk

Barbara Hetherington barbara@beckbrowlpacas.co.uk

The Auction is underway! Apologies if anyone was unable to place a bid on the first day due to a technical hitch – but we are now full steam ahead.

Thanks to everyone who has already placed a bid and good luck to all in securing some fabulous matings.

Key dates: Auction runs Mon 29th January for 4 weeks

Advertising Opportunities

Organiser: Tom Scott tomandwendy@darkskyalpacas.com

Halter Sash Sponsorship Packages

There are only 12 sash sponsorship packages still available. Unbelievably one of these is the Supreme Champion Huacaya, and with the competition likely to be so

tough this year at least it's a way of guaranteeing being in the pictures at the end of the Show!

The deadline for producing the sashes is the end of this month (February) so don't delay in taking up one of these brilliant opportunities. Details of the packages that are still available can be found here: <http://basnationalshow.co.uk/sponsorship/>

Thank you to those Herds and Companies who have already generously sponsored:



Poldark Alpacos



JG Animal Health



Wool Testing
Authority Europe



Ambermoon
Alpacas



Castlings
Alpacas



Lythe Brow
Alpacas



**PLEASE PUT YOUR
DOG ON A LEAD**

**WORRYING LIVESTOCK AND DOG
ATTACKS ARE A SERIOUS OFFENCE**

Call 999 if you see an attack happening or
101 if you have information about an offence

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POLICE 'Your dog, your responsibility'

New bill on livestock worrying

Government backs legislation to clamp down on livestock worrying

- New measures aim to reduce dog attacks on livestock
- Greater police powers to help secure successful prosecutions that recognise impacts on farmers
- Progresses an Action Plan for Animal Welfare pledge

Tougher powers to tackle livestock worrying have taken a significant step forward today (2 February) with the announcement of government backing for new legislation.

Livestock worrying - when dogs chase, attack, or cause distress to livestock - can result in significant injury and suffering and in the worst cases, the death of the animals involved. These incidents are also distressing for livestock keepers and can have significant financial costs.

Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Bill – a Private Members' Bill sponsored by Dr Thérèse Coffey MP - the police will be given greater powers to respond to livestock worrying incidents more effectively - making it easier for them to collect evidence and, in the most serious cases, seize and detain dogs to reduce the risk of further attacks.

Since the original 1953 Act was brought in, the number of livestock in England and Wales has doubled with more people visiting the countryside.

By supporting the Bill, the Government is delivering on pledges made in its Action Plan for Animal Welfare and recognising the financial and emotional impacts farmers face as a result of dog attacks on livestock.

Farming Minister Mark Spencer said:

“Livestock worrying has a devastating impact, causing distress to farmers and their animals, as well as the financial implications.

“This Bill will crack down on this issue, widening the scope to protect more farm animals covered by law and giving police more powers to act. We will do all we can

to support its swift passage through Parliament.”

Dr Thérèse Coffey MP said:

“We have heard from the police that they need more up to date powers to help them identify the dogs that are attacking and worrying livestock, and subsequently their owners. It is great to get out and enjoy nature, but dog owners should be careful and ideally put their dogs on a lead when on or near a working farm to avoid such attacks.”

The Bill would modernise existing legislation to ensure it remains fit for purpose, including extending the livestock definition to include alpacas and llamas and widening locations where enforcement can be taken to roads and paths.

The Bill will also address current enforcement challenges and give the police more powers to seize dogs after serious incidents and greater powers of entry, as well as the power to take evidence samples from livestock and dogs help investigate these crimes.



Payments - change of terms

The Board have instructed Grassroots that in 2024, applications for registration, transfers, DNA and Show entries should not be processed until payment has been received.

If you log into the Online Registry, on the landing page there is a panel on the left called My Membership. That confirms your current payment method.

If you are a **"Direct Debit Everything"** person no action is required. All your applications will be processed as soon as possible, and funds will be collected at the end of each month as they are now.

If you are a **"Direct Debit subscription"** person, it means that your subs will be collected at the discounted rate on 1st April, but that all other fees are collected manually. If you could please send an email to pedigree@grassroots.co.uk to say: Please use my direct debit mandate to collect all BAS fees. This will mean that:

- When you use the Online Registry, you will be taken to the shopping basket to confirm the tally, but no payment will be requested.

- Grassroots will process your applications as soon as possible, and send you an invoice for information only, no action required
- At the end of the month you will receive a statement confirming the funds to be collected
- Finally you will be sent a VAT receipt.

If you do not send this instruction you must pay for all applications as you go along, via the Shopping basket. You can pay by Stripe using a credit or debit card, by direct bank transfer or by cheque made payable to British Alpaca Society.

If you are a **"Manual Payer"** – please do consider signing a direct debit mandate. This will give you a £10 per year discount on your membership and mean that all your applications can be processed as soon as they are received. To obtain a form please email pedigree@grassroots.co.uk

If you are a Manual Payer and do not sign a direct debit form, you must pay for all applications as you go along, via the Shopping basket. You can pay by Stripe using a credit or debit card, by direct bank transfer or by cheque made payable to British Alpaca Society. PayPal is still an option but will be phased out because the commission is high compared to other options.

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.

BAS Webinar by Vet Andrea Turner

1st aid for Crias

In this webinar, vet Andrea Turner will be discussing what owners and breeders can do to maximise the health and success of their crias in the event of an emergency or sickness, both at the time of birth and beyond. The webinar will cover troubleshooting for neonatal crias as well as what you can do to give a sick cria the best chance before you call the vet, or while you await their arrival.

Andrea Turner Vet MB Dip ECBHM MRCVS
Lead clinician
Langford farm animal practice
Langford Vets

Topic: BAS Webinar First aid for cria
Time: Feb 28, 2024 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82653746697>

Meeting ID: 826 5374 6697

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

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

BAS Affiliate courses

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| Fri | 1st Mar | Affiliate Course- Herts |
| . | 24 | Modules 1, 2 & 3 |

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| | | https://www.yewtreealpaca.co.uk/alpaca-events/courses-workshops |
| Sat | 2 nd Mar 24 | Affiliate Course- Shrops Modules 1, 2 & 3 www.clivewoodfarm.co.uk |
| Sat | 9 th Mar 24 | Affiliate Course- Herts Modules 5 & 6 https://www.yewtreealpaca.co.uk/alpaca-events/courses-workshops |
| Sat | 9 th Mar 24 | Affiliate Course- North Somerset Modules 1-3 https://booking.bookinghound.com/fe/booking?og=43ad7082-5cec-4abe-8742-1aed3926c302 |
| Sat | 16 th Mar 24 | Affiliate Course- Herts Modules 4, 7 & 6 https://www.yewtreealpaca.co.uk/alpaca-events/courses-workshops |
| Sat | 23 rd Mar 24 | Affiliate Course- Shrops Modules 4 to 9 www.clivewoodfarm.co.uk |
| Sat | 6 th April | Affiliate Course- South Wales Modules 1-3 https://fancythatalpacas.com/events-education/ |
| Sat | 27 th April 1 24 | Affiliate Course- North Somerset Modules 5-8 https://booking.bookinghound.com/fe/booking?og=43ad7082-5cec-4abe-8742-1aed3926c302 |

Full details including description of module content:

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

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 2024 – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](https://www.bas-uk.com)

2024

BAS National Show 2024

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

Venue: Telford International Centre

Judges: Mary Jo Smith and Shane Carey

NWAG Alpaca Championships

Date: Sat 6th April 2024

Entries Open: 12th Feb

Entries Close: 26th Feb

Max 175

Fee £22 + VAT

Venue: Borderway Mart, Carlisle, Cumbria.

Judge: Roger Clarke

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

Entries for numbers open: Monday 12th February

Entries for numbers close: Sunday 3rd March

Named entries open: Monday 11th March

Named entries close: Monday 25th March

Contact: fiesta@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk

South of England Spring Live Alpaca Halter Show

Dates: 20th and 21st April 2024

Entries will open for named entries on Saturday 10th of February at 09:00am and close on Sunday 10th March at midnight night or when maximum numbers have been reached.

Venue: South of England Showground, RH17 6TL

Judge: Mr Rob Bettinson

Ring Steward: Mr Paul Wills

Organisers: Tony and Hilary Monkcom, hilary@pinnaclealpacas.com

26th and 27th April 2025

SCOTTISH ALPACA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: 27th and 28th April 2024

Venue: Lanark Ag Centre, ML11 9AX

Judge: Tim Hey

North Somerset Halter how

Dates: 6th May 2024

Venue: North Somerset Showground, BS48 1NE

Judge: Mr. Nick Harrington-Smith

Max entries: 6 per exhibitor

Max total entries: 120

Entries open: 25th March 2024

Entries close: 15th April 2024 or when maximum entries reached.

Entry fee £30 Inc vat.

Devon County Show

Dates: 16th, 17th and 18th May 2024

Venue: West Point, Clyst St Mary, EX5 1DJ

Judge: Tim Hey

Northumberland Championship Halter Show

Dates: 25th May 2024

Venue: Bywell, near Stocksfield, Northumberland NE43 7AB

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Entry Fee: £25 +VAT

Cornwall Fleece Show

Dates: 20th July 2024

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

Judge: Mrs Julia Corrigan-Stuart

Organiser: Sandra Muriel

East of England Alpaca Fleece Show organised by EAG

Dates: 16-18 August 2024

Venue: Essex Young Farmers, Chatham Green, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 3LQ

Judge: TBC

Organiser: Harley Laver


East of England Alpaca Halter Show organised by EAG

Dates: 13th October 2024

Venue: Beechwood Equestrian Centre, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford CM3 8DY

Judge: TBC

Organiser: Harley Laver

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