



The British Alpaca Society

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Important Announcement for all Camelid Owners

TB is a zoonotic disease (that is it can be passed on to people) and it is a notifiable disease. TB can be caught from wildlife, from other infected livestock and from infected alpacas. It kills alpacas and other camelids, in some cases very quickly.

There has been an alarming increase in the post mortem diagnoses of TB in camelids in the UK over the past 2 to 3 years. In some cases herds have been devastated by TB in just a few short months.

If we act honestly and responsibly, and educate ourselves about the problem, we can reduce the risks and help to keep *your herd* TB free and possibly reduce the impact if your herd does become infected. If you are fortunate to live in a TB-free area, you cannot ignore the problem. We may need to change the way we operate to keep it that way.

The BAS has a duty to make sure that its members and all other camelid owners are fully aware of the facts about TB so that they can assess the risks they face and act accordingly. The Society has therefore organised a series of presentations by camelid vet, Dr Gina Bromage, MA, Vet MB, DVM, MRCVS, at 14 venues around the UK during the early part of 2010.

Gina will give the veterinary perspective on the facts about the disease, the symptoms to look out for, the precautions you can take to reduce the risk of your herd becoming infected, the actions that you have to take if you find TB in your herd and the tests available. As well as her talk and PowerPoint presentation, you will be able to ask questions on the subject.

We have the support of Animal Health and the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA) and hope to have representation from them wherever possible.

There is no charge to attend.

This is your opportunity to get the facts about TB. For any of you who think this may be an overreaction, this is your chance to find out if you are right. Whatever your viewpoint, this is the single most important issue that has faced the Camelid community in recent years. You owe it to your own herd, and all other herds with which your animals come in contact, to attend.

We also need your help to spread the word to all camelid owners who are not members – all are welcome. The more of us who are aware of the facts, the more effectively we can reduce the impact of this terrible disease.

You will find a list of dates and venues on the enclosed sheet. Please don't miss this opportunity.

It will be a great help if you can let us know to which venue you will be coming. Please e-mail secretary@bas-uk.com to let us know which meeting you are planning to attend.

Thanks for your participation – let's beat TB together!

Mike Birch

Mike Birch
Chairman, British Alpaca Society

British Alpaca Society TB Awareness Meetings

Presented by BVCS Vet, Gina Bromage, MA, VetMB, DVM, MRCVS

Meeting dates and venues are summarised in the table. Details are given below.

Date	Area	Venue	Time
Thursday 14 January	South West England	Bristol	7.30 pm
Saturday 16 January	Southern England	Lyndhurst, Southampton	7.30 pm
Saturday 23 January	Yorkshire	Wetherby	2.00 pm
Monday 8 February	Wales	Swansea	7.30 pm
Saturday 13 February	South East England	Reigate, Surrey	12 noon
Saturday 13 February	East Midlands	Weedon, Northampton	7.30 pm
Sunday 14 February	East Anglia	Cambridge	1.00 pm
Sunday 14 February	North Midlands	Sutton Bonnington, Loughborough	7.30 pm
Monday 15 February	West Midlands	Cannock, Staffordshire	7.30 pm
Saturday 20 February	Devon	Exeter	7.30 pm
Sunday 21 February	Cornwall	Bodmin	2.30 pm
Saturday 27 February	Cumbria	Carlisle	7.30 pm
Sunday 28 February	Scotland	Paisley, Glasgow	7.30 pm
Monday 1 March	North West	Preston, Lancashire	7.30 pm

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

Thursday 14 January – 7.30 pm
Venue: Holiday Inn Bristol – Filton
Filton Road
Bristol
BS16 1QZ
Tel: 0871 942 9014

University of Nottingham
College Road
Sutton Bonnington
Loughborough
Leicestershire
LE12 5RD
Tel: 0115 951 6413
www.nottingham.ac.uk/vet

SOUTHERN ENGLAND

Saturday 16 January – 7.30 pm
Venue: Best Western Crown Hotel
High Street
Lyndhurst
Nr Southampton
SO43 7NF
Tel: 0238 0282 922

WEST MIDLANDS

Monday 15 February – 7.30 pm
Venue: Premier Inn Cannock South
Watling Street
Cannock
Staffordshire
WS11 1SJ
Tel 0870 197 7048

YORKSHIRE

Saturday 23 January – 2.00 pm
Venue: Wetherby Town Hall
The Town Hall
Market Place
Wetherby
LS22 6NE
Tel: 01937 583584

DEVON

Saturday 20 February – 7.30 pm
Venue: Jury's Inn
Western Way
Exeter
Devon
EX1 2DB
Tel: 01392 312400

WALES

Monday 8 February – 7.30 pm
Venue: The Marriot Hotel
Maritime Quarter
Swansea
SA1 3SS
Tel: 01179 275702

CORNWALL

Sunday 21 February – 2.30 pm
Venue: Westberry Hotel
Rhind Street
Bodmin
PL31 2EL
Tel: 01208 72772

SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

Saturday 13 February – 12.00 noon
Venue: Best Western Reigate Manor Hotel
Reigate Hill
Reigate
Surrey
RH2 9PF
Tel: 01737 240125

CUMBRIA

Saturday 27 February – 7.30 pm
Venue: The Best Western Cumbria Park Hotel
32 Scotland Road
Carlisle
CA3 9DG
Tel: 01228 522887

EAST MIDLANDS

Saturday 13 February – 7.30 pm
Venue: Premier Inn Daventry
High St
Weedon
Northampton
Northamptonshire
NN7 4PX
Tel: 0870 990 6364
www.premierinn.com

SCOTLAND

Sunday 28 February – 7.30 pm
Venue: Premier Inn – Glasgow Airport
Whitecart Road
Glasgow Airport
Paisley
Scotland
PA3 2TH
Tel: 0870 238 3321
www.premierinn.com

EAST ANGLIA

Sunday 14 February – 1.00 pm
Venue: The Cambridge Belfry
Cambourne
Cambridge
CB23 6BW
Tel: 01954 714600

NORTH WEST ENGLAND

Monday 1 March – 7.30 pm
Venue: Premier Inn Preston East
Bluebell Way
Preston East Link Road
Fulwood
Preston
PR2 5PZ
Tel: 0870 197 7215
www.premierinn.com

NORTH MIDLANDS

Sunday 14 February – 7.30 pm
Venue: School of Veterinary Medicine & Science