



The British Alpaca Society

SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2012

BRETT KAYSEN SEMINAR – Oral Reasons and Alpaca Conformation

9.30 to approximately 16.00

TOFT ALPACAS, Toft Manor, Dunchurch, Rugby CV22 6NR

Announcing an exciting opportunity for BAS members who want to learn more about form and function and oral reasoning. The seminar will cover theory on form and function in the morning and oral reasons in the afternoon.

Brett Kaysen, an expert in oral reasoning (used for the training of AOBA and many other animal judges) and animal "form and function" (conformation) is travelling from the USA to deliver three seminars; two for existing judges and one for other interested BAS members.

Brett has been an influence in the Alpaca Community in the United States on many levels since 2001 when he brought his professional animal science background to the alpaca livestock industry. He travels coast-to-coast teaching seminars on alpacas consisting of classroom presentations, as well as "hands-on" workshops.

In order to gain sufficiently from the experience, participants should have attended the Alpaca Assessment (Foundation) course at least, but preferably the Alpaca Assessment (Advanced) or Alpaca Judge stage 1 or 2 courses.

Cost £105 + Vat (£126) including lunch

Please book your place with Claire Waring (secretary@bas-uk.com)

Brett Kaysen was born in Denver and his family still resides on a small farm there. While growing up, Brett was an active 4-H member and successfully competed in livestock shows at many levels and in many events. While attending middle school, Brett took an interest in livestock judging and competed at several youth contests around the state of Colorado as well as on a National level. Brett continued to participate on livestock judging teams throughout his undergraduate career at Northeastern Junior College and Colorado State University where he majored in Animal Sciences and earned a bachelors degree in 1997. Brett was a member of a Reserve National Champion Livestock Judging Team while pursuing his undergraduate degree. Brett continued his education at CSU, earning a Master's degree in Cooperative Extension and Education in 2003.

Brett joined the Department of Animal Sciences during the spring of 1998. He managed the university beef, swine and sheep units at the university farm. The diverse position at CSU has allowed him to broaden his horizons and diversify his education, two traits Brett considers very important as an educator of Animal Sciences.

Currently, Brett's staff position with Colorado State University's Department of Animal Sciences is composed of 50% teaching and 50% extension. Brett currently teaches Swine Production and the CSU Livestock Judging course. Brett also coaches the CSU Livestock Judging Team which won three contests in 2004 alone, and was named Reserve National Champions in 2002.

EDUCATION:

Master of Agriculture, 2003, Colorado State University
BS, 1997, Animal Sciences, Colorado State University