BAS Training Courses

Alpaca Assessment (Advanced) (2 days)

This courses builds on the Alpaca Assessment (Foundation) course. It would be helpful if delegates had already attended this course but those with a minimum of two years alpaca ownership will find the course of benefit. Content will be mainly practical and will be approximately one-third classroom, two-thirds hands-on practical. It will cover both Suri and Huacaya.

This course is not part of the judge training programme and does not include formal oral reasoning.

Course Content:

- Review of basic alpaca assessment
- Conformational faults – more detail on limb angulation, dentition and other issues
- Practical on confirmation including testicles
- Advanced fleece assessment:
  - Primary and secondary follicles
  - Elite fleece
  - Detailed examination of fleece qualities – density, fineness, etc
  - Micron assessment
  - Understanding fleece testing and histogram
  - Relationship between characteristics
- Hands-on shorn fleece assessment including comparisons
- Hands-on alpaca assessments – putting it all together
  - In groups and individually
  - Making choices from groups of alpacas
- Stud assessment
  - Heritability
  - Considerations specific to choosing a stud