

Curriculum Vitae – Alpaca Halter and Fleece Judging

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Marital Status

Married with 2 children. Oliver and Georgia.

Education

1994 Graduated with university entrance chemistry, biology, English and mathematics from Marist Regional College – Burnie, Tasmania, Australia.

1998 Graduated from the University of Tasmania with a science degree majoring in aquaculture and minors in microbiology and biochemistry.

Judging Qualifications (Alpaca)

The British Alpaca Society (BAS)

Status: Certified Judge – Halter and Fleece: 2006

Level 3 Completed: September 2005

Level 2 Completed: September 2005

Level 1 Completed: March 2005

General Alpaca Experience

I grew up in Australia with alpacas and was involved in many facets of my family's alpaca herd. I was mainly involved in alpaca selection, breeding, showing, fibre harvesting and sales. As well as my involvement with the family herd I also held a position on the Australian Alpaca Association Tasmanian Regional committee and was involved in show organisation throughout the region.

In the mid nineteen nineties I was lucky enough to spent time in Victoria with Coricancha Alpaca Stud. Here my knowledge increased further as I gained experience in large scale alpaca farming. In 1998 I graduated from the University of Tasmania with an Applied Science degree and in 2002 I came to England to work for one of the leading alpaca producers in the UK. Here I undertook a herd manager's role of approximately 170 alpacas.

Two extensive trips to Peru selecting stock for export in 2003 and 2004 increased my knowledge further as I had the pleasure of working alongside the Tijera family (Koricancha) and Rural Alianza EPS who own 43000 alpacas. I qualified as a BAS judge in 2006 and have had the privilege of judging alpaca shows all over the world. I have visited China as a selection and breeding consultant on invitation from a Chinese University and Government agency.

As my own herd of alpacas grew I left my employment and began farming full time in 2006. Along with my wife and two children we now enjoy my herd of well over 200 black and grey alpacas and the breeding challenges they present. My recent judging highlight was judging the 2011 BAS National Show.

- Tasmanian Regional Committee member of the Australian Alpaca Association (AAA), 1998 – 1999.
- BAS Show Committee member, 2005 – 2006.
- Selection of export stock in Peru 2003 and 2004.
- Show convenor for the Royal Bath and West Show, 2003 – 2006.
- Herd operations manager for some 170 head of alpaca in the UK, 2002 – 2006. Tasks included, breed programme formulation, seed stock selection (Australia and Peru), fibre grading, sales, show team selection, marketing and herd management.
- Presentations and tutorials for the British Alpaca Society South West Region on Shearing, Husbandry, Fibre grading and sorting, showing, seed stock selection and breeding.
- Shown Alpacas extensively in the UK and Australia including the AAA National Show.
- Selected seed stock from Australia, New Zealand and Peru on behalf of breeders in Norway, Finland, Spain, Germany, Italy, France, Switzerland and Britain.
- Accepted as a judge Tutor for the British Alpaca Society.

Seminar Attendance and judging experience

1995

- Dr Kendal Crocker. 'Alpaca nutrition and breeding practices'.

1996

- Marty McGee handling and training course.

1998

- Dr Jane Vaughn. 'Nutrition and Reproduction'.

1999

- Dr Richard Dickson. 'Mineral and trace element requirements in alpacas'.

2002

- BCA Conference – Mr Brad Smith, MS Karen Timm. ‘Reproduction’, Gian Lorenzo D’Alterio. ‘Camelid medicine’, Maggie Krieger. ‘Fibre preparation for processing and showing’.

2003

- BCA Conference – Mr David Anderson. ‘Veterinary care for camelids’.
- Private seminar – Mr Mike Safely. ‘Breeding practices, male selection and marketing’.

2004

- Dr Julio Sumar – Alpaca Management.
- BCA Conference – Mr Chris Cebra. ‘Digestive disorders and guidelines for medical success in Camelid herds’.
- Mr Eric Hoffman. ‘History of camelids in South America and fibre evaluation’.
- British Alpaca Fibre Co-op. Mr David Williams. ‘Fibre harvesting, handling and classing’.

2005

- Dr Jim Watts. Primary Breeders Meeting Australia.
- Mr Dominic Lane and Mrs Jill MacLoud – Fibre analysis, breeding and marketing.
- BAS Judge training.
- BAS Judges re-certification.
- Dr Jane Vaughn. ‘Nutrition and Reproduction’.
- Acted as a consultant in Shanghai addressing owners of alpacas in China.

2006

- May – Presented a one day workshop in Spain on alpaca husbandry, nutrition, breeding and selection of alpacas.
- June – Presented a one day seminar and workshop in Norway on alpaca selection, breeding, showing, husbandry, farm structure and marketing.
- July – Judged the Cumberland Show in Carlisle Cumbria. Composite show.
- July – Judged the Mid Devon Show in Tiverton Devon. Fleece on show.
- October – Presented a one day seminar and workshop in Germany for the Alpaca Association on alpaca selection for breeding and showing as well as industry and breeder marketing and development.

2007

- April – Presented a two day workshop in Finland for the Finish Alpaca Society. The practical and theoretical course covered all aspects required for a new country starting out in alpacas.
- May – Judged the French National Show. Fleece and halter classes.
- May – Judged the Northumberland show. Halter classes only.
- June – Judged 160 alpacas at the Kenilworth show. Halter classes only.
- September – Presented a two day course to the Swiss Alpaca Association on fibre characteristics, harvesting, handling and show preparation.

2008

- April – Judged the Swiss National Alpaca Show in Zurich comprising of 130 alpacas.

- April – Judged the BAS Spring Alpaca Fiesta comprising of 170 alpacas.
- May – Judged the Spanish National Alpaca Show and conducted a workshop on selective alpaca breeding.
- August - Judged the Hope Fleece Show. 40 fleece entries.
- September - Judged the Westmorland's Short Fleece Show. First show in the UK to conduct a short fleece event.

2009

- June – Presented a 2 day judging workshop in Norway for the Norwegian Alpaca Association.
- October – Judged the Alpaka Show Ost, Germany. 40 fleece entries and 160 alpacas.
- October – Judged the Yorkshire County Alpaca Show at Thirsk. 114 alpaca entries.

2010

- February – Judge 85 white suri and huacaya fleeces at the British Alpaca Futurity.
- March – Judged an International Show in Hapert Holland. Fleeces and halter classes. 35 fleeces and 160 alpacas.
- April – Judged the BAS Spring Show. Halter classes only. Approximately 130 alpacas.
- May – Judged the BAS South of England Show. 160 alpacas.
- May – Judged the Devon County Show. Approximately 140 alpacas.

2011

- March – Judged 180 suri and huacaya alpacas in one day at the Hapert Show in Holland. Also judged 30 fleeces the day before.
- May – Judged the huacaya halter section at the British Alpaca Society National Show. 302 huacaya entries over two days.
- September – Judged halter classes at the first ever Italian Show run by SIA.
- September – Hosted and attended a veterinary day with Karin Muller.
- September – Judged halter classes at the Romsey Agricultural Show. 90 entries.
- October – Judged halter classes at the Yorkshire Alpaca Show. 110 entries.