

Jay Holland - Alpaca Judge (Halter and Fleece)

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Judging Qualifications:

Level 1 completed: 2006
Level 2 completed: 2008
Level 3 completed: 2010
BAS Status: Certified Judge – Halter and Fleece 2010

Coming to alpacas in 2004, my wife and I run a medium sized herd of both huacaya and suri, full-time. Having always had a keen interest in animal behaviour I have attended seminars and courses on the subject and have been teaching this and other subjects over the last few years. We run a small fibre co-operative and produce mainly yarn for re-sale but also try to find innovative uses for the lower quality fleece.

I have been involved in the selection and purchase of breeding stock from both North and South America and have also helped other owners in selecting and purchasing their alpacas for export into Europe.

Being an advocate of the show ring, I firmly believe that it is a great place in which to raise awareness of the importance of careful breeding and in which to educate the public. My hope in being a judge is to continue to educate and help others where I can and also ensure that both exhibitors and the public enjoy the showing of alpacas.

Selected seminar attendance and show experience:

2007-2010: Ring Steward – British Alpaca Futurity, Spring Show, South of England, Devon, Bath and West, Three Counties and North Devon shows.

2009: Suri Clinic with Amanda VandenBosch

2009: Apprenticed as a judge at the South of England, Bath and West, Royal and Westmorland shows under Val Fullerlove and Liz Barlow.

2009: Attended judges clinic

2009: Acted as Compere for the Hope Show

2010: Attended judges clinic

2010: Lectured in Sweden for the Swedish Alpaca Association on alpaca assessment, genetics and fibre.

2011: Irish Alpaca Show

CCA Cornish Alpaca Show

Drymen Alpaca Show

Kenilworth Show

Three Counties Show

North Devon Show – Fleece and Halter

2011: Lectured in Sweden on Alpaca Behaviour for the Swedish Alpaca Association