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Profile

Liz is a farmer's daughter who has been involved with animals for most of her life. Raised on a mixed farm, she helped to look after cattle, pigs and horses from a very young age. She had her own pony from the age of 5 and was heavily involved in the local Riding Club.

She and her husband started breeding Alpacas in 1999 with two pregnant females and they have increased their herd through a selective breeding and purchase programme, to become a successful enterprise. Liz joined the BAS and BCL before purchasing her alpacas and as a keen learner has made every effort to find out as much as she can about the care, breeding and fibre of alpacas. She was the driving force behind the first independent breeders alpaca auction in March 2003 and is an active member her local alpaca group. She began showing Alpacas in 2000 and has had champion alpacas in 2000, 2002, 2004 and 2006.

Liz is a BAS qualified judge; one of the first three UK accredited Alpaca Breeders Fibre School breeders in the UK and a tutor on BAS courses. Since she began judging in 2003 she has judged alpacas at the following shows:

2006

May 9th Councours European D' Alpagas et Lamas, Dordogne, France
May Apprentice to Rick Hodgson for Junior females at BAS National Show
May Northumberland County Show (BAS)
June Kenilworth Show (BAS)

2005

June Apprentice to Dominic Lane for Junior & Intermediate Huacaya Classes
 Royal Bath & West Show (BCL)
June Kenilworth Show (BAS)
June Three Counties Show (BAS)

2004

May South of England Show (BCL)
June Three Counties Show (BAS)
September Henley Show

2003

May South of England Show (BCL)
June Classes with Amanda VandenBosh at Royal Show
Sept Henley Show
Nov National Fleece Show (BCL/British Alpaca)

Liz also assists at shows and in 2005 and 2006 she has acted as inspection steward for the BAS National Show and East of England Show, as Fleece Steward for International Judges at Bath & West and she has commentated for the public at the BAS National Show and East of England Show.

Liz is also keen to pass on her knowledge of alpacas and gives talks to local groups such as Women's Institutes, Young Farmers and NFU. She hosts courses on her own farm and has run workshops for her local alpaca group on showing and judging and fleece sorting. She has also run a one day workshop for the North East Borders Alpaca group on showing and judging and given talks on alpacas and the industry at other breeders' open days.

She has been approved by the BAS to deliver Foundation Alpaca Assessment/BAS Show Judging Level one course following delivery under the tutelage of Amanda VandenBosh in March 2005. She has delivered three of these workshops to date, with other British Judges.

Relevant Education & other Alpaca Activities

2006

March Joint Tutor on BAS Alpaca Assessment/Level 1 Course
 May Inspection Steward and Commentator BAS National Show at Newark & Notts
 June Inspection Steward and Commentator, East of England Show
 November BAS Alpaca Show Judging Re-certification (Amanda VandenBosch)
 November Joint Tutor on BAS Alpaca Assessment/Level 1 Course

2005

March BAS Alpaca Show Judging Re-certification (Amanda VandenBosch)
 March Co-presenter BAS Level 1 Show Judging
 Approved as BAS Tutor by Amanda VandenBosch
 May 1 Day Camelid Behaviour and Training (Cathy Spalding)
 May Inspection Steward and Commentator BAS National Show at Newark & Notts
 June Apprentice at Bath and West Show Huacaya Classes (Dominic Lane)
 June Fleece Steward and Inspection Steward, Bath & West Show
 June Inspection Steward and Commentator, East of England Show
 October 1 day Camelid Dynamics (Marty McGee)
 November Joint Tutor on 2 day BAS Foundation Alpaca Assessment/Show Judging Level 1 course

2004

April Fleece sorting workshop (David Williams)
 October/November Alpaca Breeders Fibre School, Peru – 12 days (Dr Julio Sumar & Maggie Krieger)
 Husbandry, Faults & Deformities, Nutrition, Alpaca selection, Judging, Fibre Production & Processing.

2003

March BAS Alpaca Show Judging Level 3 (Amanda VandenBosch)
 June BAS Alpaca Show Judging Certification Day (Amanda VandenBosch)

2002

July BAS Alpaca Show Judging Level 2 (Amanda VandenBosch)
 October BLAA Conference – 2 Days (Brad Smith & Karen Timm)
 November BLAA Alpaca Screeners Training – Part 2 (Maggie Krieger)

2000

October BLAA Conference – 2 Days (D G Pugh)
 November BLAA Alpaca Screeners Training (Maggie Krieger)
 November Two day visit to Wales to investigate fibre with other founder members of AFF
 Processing, weaving and finishing

1999

April BAS One Day Seminar on Showing and Judging (Maggie Krieger)
 October BLAA Conference - 2 Days with various speakers
 November BAS Alpaca Show Judging Course Level 1 (Amanda VandenBosch)