

## **Mary-Jo Smith**

BAS Alpaca Judge (Certified November 2010)

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### **Profile:**

I was brought up in rural Northern Alberta, Canada. Worsley is a small farming community and although my parents did not farm I was always helping out on friends farms. I was a member of 4H Light horse and beef, I rode horses and showed cattle.

Upon graduating from St. Francis Xavier University with a business degree in 2000 I moved to England and joined Joy Whitehead at Bozedown Alpacas. I was meant to stay for 6 months to 2 years and I now find myself still here 11 years later. I found that as most people do I fell in love with the alpacas and found a keen interest in the breeding program at Bozedown.

I have become very interested in all aspects of the alpaca industry and have attended many seminars and been involved in a lot of committees in helping to develop the British industry. I also spent two years as a board Member for the BAS.

I have also played a large role in developing the Bozedown herd, I have been to Peru to select alpacas from some of the top breeders in the world on 3 occasions along with traveling to other countries to see where the UK herd is in comparison to the rest of the world. I have had opportunity to assess thousands of alpacas in the process. At Bozedown Alpacas we have a large herd of both Suris and Huacayas and enjoy the challenge of improving our herd each year.

I am a firm believer in continuing education and with this ethos I attend all the education seminars and clinics that I can each year with regards to Judging and alpacas in general.

Foundation Assessment 2007

Alpaca Judging: Stage 1 Training Course 2008  
Alpaca Judging: Stage 2 Training Course 2009  
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CPD - Reviewed Jan 2016

**2015**

NWAG Alpaca Championships - Halter  
Devon County Show - Halter  
Royal Three Counties Show - Halter

**2014**

Royal Bath & West Show - Huacaya Halter

**2013**

Yorkshire Group Show  
Spring Alpaca Fiesta

**2012**

Swedish Alpaca Association Show  
World Alpaca Conference Suri Fleece Show  
Heart of England Fleece Show

**2011**

Norwegian Alpaca Association Show  
Northumberland County Show