



7.1 Welfare Policy

The well-being of all alpacas is of primary concern to members of the British Alpaca Society.

The emergency contacts of the BAS exist primarily to structure a safety net for the health and welfare of all alpacas in the UK:

- providing a 24-hour first point of contact for all welfare issues
- providing a structured and immediate response to any situation which arises where alpacas are neglected or mistreated
- liaising with national organisations such as Trading Standards, the RSPCA and other animal welfare organisations to provide a support network for the recovery and rehabilitation of neglected and mistreated alpacas.

The National Welfare Committee also exists to provide the members with an accessible information service on general Health and Welfare of alpacas:

- operating a fast response service via the membership for the general health and welfare concerns of members' animals
- providing a point of contact and a fast response information service on health and welfare for members in case of emergency via a network of experienced breeders both local and national.

In addition to the safety network, the National Welfare Committee will advise members on:

- current safe husbandry practices via the Guide to Welfare
- codes of conduct for the sale of alpacas.

Should members become aware of any cases of mistreatment or neglect in relation to alpacas, it is their duty to take action and contact the BAS office (0845 331 2468 or info@bas-uk.com).