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Timely Advice & Current News



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CEO NOTES

Benavides

As you will see from the picture above Doug Steen took possession of the Benavides trophy for his work on camelid welfare awarded by the BCL earlier this year. Congratulations to Doug!. Although the award was made in March thanks to Covid restrictions the opportunity for a handover was not possible until August.

Doug and I had a good chat over a cup of tea as we sat with some his alpacas on a lovely sunny day in Teesdale. As ever Doug had some interesting thoughts to share on all sorts of issues. Thanks Doug for making me and my wife welcome.

AGM

Preparations for the AGM on the 3rd October are ramping up. To make sure our Zoom connection can cope I will be asking people to contact me for the Zoom link. If we exceed the threshold for our current contract I will need to up the numbers. Full details will follow in subsequent newsletters and you will receive an email link for your voting. Just for now please keep the date and time free. Saturday 3rd October at 3 pm.

Duncan Pullar
BAS CEO

Animal Imports

Switch to IPAFFS for POAO/CHED-P import notifications on 7 Sept 2020

The European Commission communicated its intention to no longer allow new imports using the CVED-P module of Traces Classic on 15 September 2020 as part of its move to a new import system, Traces NT. In response to this Defra announced its intention to move GB users to a new national imports system – IPAFFS.

This week the European Commission has decided **NOT** to transition to TRACES NT on the 15 September. They have been reviewing their preparedness and will be setting out a new timeline. At this time we have not been given a new date for when this transition will take place.

What this means

- **Defra do not require anyone to raise any notifications on IPAFFS from 7 September, you should continue to use Traces Classic**
- **If you have raised a notification for any consignment arriving after 7 September, this will need to be raised again in Traces Classic**

In the meantime, you should note that IPAFFS will be our national import system from 1st January 2021 and we still intend to transition users ahead of that date. We are continuing our discussions with the Commission to confirm their timelines for the transfer to TRACES NT and we will be in touch in the near future on our IPAFFS transition plans.

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch by email using ImpExPMO@defra.gov.uk

SPS IT Programme - Business Readiness Team – Imports and Exports DEFRA

Alpaca death from new infection

Roger Mount reports....

Vets in the Midlands have recorded the first case of *STREPTOCOCCUS Equi Zooepidemicus Polyserosites* (commonly referred to as “Alpaca Fever” in the Americas) causing the death of an Alpaca in the UK. Although it has not been confirmed by culture, APHA and the veterinary pathologist are of the same opinion as the PM photos are textbook for it.

I have been told that this bug is basically around and about and that many horses are unaffected carriers. Up ‘til now, it has mainly affected sheep and goats – although still not a particularly common cause of death in those either. Stress, and in particular, heat stress, is the most likely cause for this bug getting a hold (it is rarely contagious to unstressed animals) – Porschia, being black, large (100kg), pregnant until mid-July and with 13 months fleece did get very hot in the recent heatwaves.

APHA now think that a number of alpaca deaths recorded as “neurological” by vets plus some recorded as being Septicaemia and Meningitis were quite possibly caused by this bug. This is particularly likely in those cases where Blood analysis showed no apparent infection – which is a signpost of this bug (and was the case with Porschia). If caught very early with antibiotics, Penicillin based drugs and Streptomycin, there’s a 50% chance of a full recovery (other survivors have some permanent damage). However, as we all know, Alpacas are notorious for not showing symptoms until very late – so they are difficult to catch early enough to treat for this infection – she was given antibiotics and metacam as soon as her condition manifested. A few cases have been recorded in the USA and only one farm had several with the disease (this was put down to being caused by the stress of having been moved a long distance and many were in poor body condition – so generally immunocompromised).

The illness mainly affects the meningeal layer around the brain and spinal

cord plus the pericardium (the sack around the heart). Porschia suddenly went down and didn't seem able to work her front legs properly. Other than that, she seemed happy and was eating well. She initially had a slight temperature, however, on the morning of the 3rd day, this rose rapidly to 42.8 c and she soon after had a seizure and died.

I've had no advice to give antibiotic to the other alpacas in her group except for a precautionary dose to her cria. It is thought quite unlikely to be generally contagious to otherwise unstressed animals and people. However, it is recognised as being a Zoonotic bacterium – so people with any immunity issues need to take suitable precautions when handling an animal that has potentially been infected.

Grassroots office Move

Grassroots Systems Ltd – who manage our registry and membership services - are delighted to report that they are moving into larger office premises next week. This will facilitate the whole team, who have been working from home, to come back to work in a Covid19 secure environment. This will not affect :

- the phone number (01392 270421)
- email address (registry@bas-uk.com)
- or postal address (PO Box 251, Exeter. EX2 8WX)

However **the office will be closed from noon on Thursday 3rd September until noon on Monday 7th September** to allow the move to be completed.



The **HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show 2020**, comprising Junior, Intermediate, Adult and Senior Classes for both Huacaya and Suri fleeces, will be judged on **Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd October**.

The Judges for the Show are **Mrs. Shirley Bettinson and Mr. Roger Clarke**

*The prizewinning fleeces will be eligible to enter the
Champion of Champions - National Fleece Show 2021*

Entries opened on **Monday, 3rd August 2020** and will close on **Sunday, 6th September** or when the entry limit is reached. Entries can be found on the BAS website, via 'Manage Your Herd' at a cost of £17+VAT per entry (to include the £2 levy).

The deadline for fleeces to be delivered to Julia Corrigan-Stuart, CS Alpacas, Wotton Underwood, Buckinghamshire HP18 0RL, is **Sunday 13th September 2020**. However, if you have entered other Shows around this date, we will liaise for your fleeces to be forwarded but please tell the Show and us that this is required.

Please pack individual fleeces in unmarked clear plastic bags (ie no writing/numbers etc), with the entry form that is produced when you make your on-line entry.

Please specify what you would like done with your fleeces after the Show:

1. Collect fleeces from CS Alpacas after the show on 4th October 2020 by prior arrangement
2. Have your fleeces sent back – please enclose a return address label. You will be invoiced after your fleeces have been sent – please do not send cheques beforehand
3. Donated to the BAS for training courses (if you do not specify one of the above options at entry, we will assume this is the option you have chosen).
4. Any queries, please contact Julia on mobile: 07803726464 or email: julia@csalpacas.co.uk.

**Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be able to have the usual Open Day on Sunday, 4th October 2020 but instead will hold a Zoom Session to announce the results.
Further details will be available nearer to the date.**



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2020

Closing date – Sunday 6th September

As we have not been able to hold the Shows this year, let's make up for it with lots of great photo entries for the **2020 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**, which is open to all amateur photographers. Ingrid Weel of Ingrid Weel Media Ltd., who has been the Official Photographer at the HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta for the last four years, will blind judge them in the following categories – Portrait, Natural Behaviour, Abstract and Under 16yr old Photographer. Plus an additional category – **LOCKDOWN SPECIAL!**

To be eligible, images must include an alpaca and be submitted in 300dpi resolution and no smaller than 1000 pixels on the long edge. Some smartphones have 2 different options, so you need to choose the bigger file! The resolution will be checked before judging and only images of the correct specifications can be included, so please check before you submit your entry.

The results will be announced at the **HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show on Sunday 4th October**, which this year will be held via Zoom; further details will be available nearer the date. Prizes will be awarded in each category and the overall winning photograph will be featured on the front cover of the Spring Alpaca Fiesta 2021 catalogue with a full credit.

All entries may be featured at some point, again with full credits, on our website or in other promotional material.

Please send your entry to

chairperson@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk with your name, herd name, email address/telephone number & age if under 18yrs.

Check out the tips from Ingrid Weel in the News section of our [website](#)



HoEAG Craft Competition

Kindly Sponsored by Softly Softly
Judged by Shirley Bettinson



We know we have some very talented and creative members within the alpaca world, so again this year we're giving you the opportunity to show off your skills, talents and wares in an Alpaca Fibre Craft Competition!

HOW TO ENTER

The categories are: Alpaca Yarn, Wearable items, Household Items, Toys & Miscellaneous **PLUS A SCARF – JUDGE'S CHALLENGE**. This is a new initiative suggested by our Judge, Shirley Bettinson, last year. We hope you have taken up the challenge to create a scarf using alpaca fibre - simple, no specific sizes required.

SPECIAL TROPHY TO BE AWARDED - kindly donated by Kerry Lord of Toft UK.

ENTRY FORMS are available on our [website](#) along with category details - just click the 'Download' link!

ENTRIES: HoEAG Members £2.50 per item & *Non Members £4 per item

CLOSING DATE: 20th September & items to be received no later than 27th September 2020

If you would like to enter a product into any of the above categories simply complete an entry form, make a payment via BACS and send with your item(s) to Yeat Wood Farm, Wotton Underwood, Bucks, HP18 0RL to arrive by Sunday 27th September 2020.

Please include a description of each item, including the materials used.

Mrs. Shirley Bettinson has kindly agreed to judge the competition again and this will take place on Saturday 3rd October. The results will be announced at the **HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show** on **Sunday 4th October**, which this year will be held via Zoom; further details will be available nearer the date.

Any queries please email fleece@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk

Please note : if you will be entering any other Alpaca Craft Competitions around that time, we will liaise for your items to go from there to HoEAG - just mark on the entry form!

***Membership to the HoEAG is available at just £25 per year!**

Membership Subscriptions

At the beginning of lock down the BAS board agreed that members who were in financial difficulty could postpone payment of their annual subscription from 1st April for up to six months. Members who have still not paid that subscription must do so before the end of August please, in order to remain as members. Grassroots will be sending reminders to those people involved.

Registry Fees

Similarly at the beginning of lock down the BAS board agreed that Notification and Listing would be free of charge and that the late fees would be waived for the same period but this has been extended 31 Dec 2020. All alpacas should be logged with the registry before they are six months of age, and late fees normally come into force after their first birthday. If you have any alpacas which are a year old, or more PLEASE be sure to get your applications to register in before the end of December - but you can go earlier!! After that date fees will revert to normal ie:

Registry Fees

Sex	Description	Certificate	Normal fee inc VAT	Late fee Inc VAT	Transfer fee inc VAT
Female	Fully Registered	Buff	£24	£48	£21.60
Male	Fully Registered	Buff	£60	£84	£21.60
Male	Notified (no certificate)	N/A	£6	N/A	£21.60
Male	Notified (with certificate)	Green	£12	£24	£21.60
Male	Listed (no certificate)	N/A	Free	Free	Free
Male	Listed (with certificate)	Pink	£6	Free	Free

Registration Categories

All cria should be logged with the registry before they are six months of age. Late fees are charged for animals logged when they are over 12

months of age.

There are five sections in the registry:

Fully Registered - Buff coloured certificates – These are the offspring of fully registered animals and some screened imports. Cria with two fully registered parents will be eligible for full registration with the BAS. They may be shown.

Notified Males - Green certificates - eligible for full registration by the breeder or a subsequent owner on payment of the full registration fee. They may be shown.

Listed (non breeding) - Pink certificates. Should not be used for breeding. Any cria they do produce will only be eligible for the 'Listed' section of the register. Once Listed and transferred, animals **cannot** be moved into the full breeding register.

EU Directory – Blue certificates. Equivalent to the full pedigree registry.

Thank you

Libby Henson

September Husbandry

- Select future breeding animals
- Scan pregnant females.
- Finish cutting hay and haylage.
- Use selective weedkiller on buttercups, thistles, burdocks, nettles etc.
- Body score, check jaws, teeth and look for evidence of mites, check toenails
- Weigh new born cria, record the birth, weight and other details.
- Cria need to be vaccinated against clostridial disease, to include booster 3-4 weeks after initial vaccination.

- Wean and insert microchips in cria who are now 6 months old and get them logged onto the registry via 'Manage your Herd' in the on line herd book or by asking the registry office to send you a paper application form registry@bas-uk.com
- Feed pregnant and feeding dams extra protein.
- Vaccinate against liver fluke/lungworm if appropriate.
- Look out for fly strike
- Give supplements of vitamin ADE females due to give birth in 6-8 weeks and young alpacas.

More husbandry information on the [website](#).

Show opening and closing dates ...

Show name	Show Dates	open	close	terms
SWAG Somerset Fleece Show	19th Sept	CLOSED FULL		max 65
Heart of Eng Autumn Fleece	4th October	OPEN	6th Sept	max120
North East & Borders Halter	31st Oct	CLOSED FULL		max 140
Yorkshire Group Halter Show	24th Oct	CLOSED FULL		max 175
Yorkshire Group Fleece Show	13th Oct	OPEN	21st Sept	max 70
Northern Fleece Show	6th Dec	1st Oct	1st Nov	max 120

Summary of Show dates

Event	Date
H SWAG @ Somerset Halter	19 and 20 September Cancelled
F SWAG Fleece	17 September
F Heart of Eng Autumn Fleece	4 October
H Welsh Show	10 October Cancelled
F Yorkshire Group Fleece Show	14 October
H Eastern Region Halter	18 October Cancelled
H Yorkshire Group Show	24 October
H NEBAG	31 October FULL
H West Shires Halter	7 November
F Northern Fleece Show	29 November

2020 Show Diary



Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

2020 Dates

Somerset County Show

Date: Sat 17th September(Fleece)

Fleece Judge: Julia Corrigan-Stuart. Fleece will continue on 17th September

The fleece show which is now 17th September.

Fleece delivery to Judith Newman at Apple Tree Farm by 12 noon on the 16th at the latest.

The judging will now take place in East Huntspill, Highbridge.

HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show - 4th October

Date: Sunday 4th October

Judges: Shirley Bettinson and Roger Clarke

Judging days: Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd October

Entries Open: Monday 3rd August

Entries Close: Sunday 6th September, or when the entry limit is reached
Entry Fee: **£15+VAT per entry** (to include the £2 levy). *This is a one year only reduction in entry fee, due to the pandemic we are all having to deal with at this present time.*

NEBAG Halter show - 31st October

Date: 31 October 2020

Judge: Tim Hey

Entries Open: 3rd Aug

Entries close : 24th Aug

Fees:£21 + VAT

Northern Fleece Show

Date: 29 November

Judges: Rob and Shirley Bettinson

Organiser: Stuart Ramsey

2021 DATES

BAS National Show

Date 26th, 27th and 28th March 2021



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