



BAS Weekly Newsletter
Timely Advice & Current News



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CEO NOTES

Alpaca Magazine

The Christmas edition of the Alpaca Magazine has been hitting doormats and shelves this week. The main theme is products from alpaca fibre.

EGM News

Details of the re-run of the screening vote are given in detail below. You have the weekend left to vote so please do respond to the voting email. As before if you don't receive an email inviting you to vote then please let me know so I can investigate and sort the problem out.

If you would like to join the EGM Zoom on Tuesday 15 Dec at 7 pm then email for a link ceo@bas-uk.com , it will only take 30 minutes or so.

Photo Competition

For the Yearbook (January) issue of Alpaca Magazine we would like to have a gallery of "**Junior Handlers in Action**" with the best photos (as judged by me) making it into the magazine. To encourage you to send your pictures the **first prize** winner will have the value of their membership refunded to them and could well be the cover photo of the magazine. So the best photo means you can have a years free membership. Second and third will get £50 and £25 credit respectively to their BAS account. Please send your entries to me by email but make sure they are high resolution or they won't print very well. 2Mb or higher is the advised for printing. Entries will close on Friday 18 December 2020 at 12 noon.

I have had a few beautiful photos that don't feature a junior handler, sadly these won't be eligible for the prizes.

Have a dig through the archives and see what you have. The junior handler does not have to be at a show. .

You can email about this or anything else on ceo@bas-uk.com

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO

Screening vote and EGM

As previously notified concerns over the "abstain" element of the voting system have meant that the Resolutions 1 and 2 relevant to Screening Procedures will need to be re-run.

By doing this all members get an opportunity to vote on the issue and be certain their intention is recorded. The Resolution will not be altered and voting Boxes will be "for", "against", "abstain" and "no vote offered". You will receive a voting request by email .

The vote will open on Monday 30th November at 9 am and run for 2 weeks until Mon 14th December at 9 am. The email will come from simply voting as before. The EGM to complete the resolutions will be 7pm On Tuesday 15 Dec 2020.

To join the EGM email ceo@bas-uk.com for a link to the meeting.

The resolution and a case against changing screening can be found the members area of the [BAS website](#)

<https://www.bas-uk.com/members-area/the-british-alpaca-society/agm-information-and-previous-minutes/>

The screening debate can be found on youtube [BAS Screening Debate - YouTube](#)

Stolen alpacas found!

Some of you will remember that we reported that 2 alpacas had been stolen overnight on 4 November from Old Dalby, Leics. The owner posted on every relevant Facebook site she could think of as well as reporting to Melton Mowbray police and publicising through this newsletter.

There was no news for 4 weeks so the assumption was that they would never been found. The owner thought, "we had lost them for good".

But..... posts on "Spotted Selston" local Facebook page, and Alpaca Chat during the evening of Monday 7 Dec appeared saying 2 alpacas had been spotted in a secluded field near Notts/Derbyshire border. The alpaca owner followed up the lead and made contact with the owner of the field, who had no idea 2 alpacas had appeared in the field.. As far as the field owner was concerned the field was empty and the gate was locked. On checking, they found the padlock had been cut and 2 alpacas put in.

The rescue mission was completed this week. The owner of the field had been guarding the alpacas since daylight "in case they were moved on" and five of the family helped us catch and load them. An hour or so later the alpacas were home. They were leaner than when they left but otherwise in good health.

A great result from social media and it shows the value of sharing posts outside your immediate area. Well done to everyone who helped.

Exporting alpaca to EU and non-EU countries from 1 January 2021

Rules for exporting alpacas from the UK are changing but they are still allowed.

Full details are available here [Export live animals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/export-live-animals)

Exports from the UK to the EU

To export animals **to the EU**, you must:

- [apply for a free Intra Trade Animal Health Certificate \(ITAHC\)](#)
- [check if your animal holding needs to be registered or approved](#)
- follow the rules for [transporting animals](#)

You'll need an export health certificate from 1 January 2021 to:

- export live animals and animal products from Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) to the EU
- move live animals and animal products from Great Britain to Northern Ireland
- transit through the EU and Northern Ireland

You will no longer be able to use TRACES.

Instead of using TRACES, you can complete [Application for Veterinary Health Certification \(EXA31\)](#) (PDF, 829KB, 7 pages) using the [guidance notes](#) (PDF, 104KB, 6 pages) to help you. Send the completed form to the APHA [Centre for International Trade Carlisle](#).

Your ITAHC will be valid for 10 days after the inspection. There's no fee for the certificate, but your vet will charge you for their time.

If you're in Northern Ireland, you do not need an EHC to export to the EU.

Contact DAERA on 02877 442 060 to find out what you need to do.

Exports from the UK to non-EU (third) countries

[Find the EHC you need](#) for your product or animal. This will explain how to apply.

If you cannot find the EHC you need, [contact APHA](#).

Get an official vet or inspector. You will need to choose an OV or local authority inspector and:

- name them in your application

- check they can inspect your consignment and sign your EHC in the days before your export

An [official veterinarian](#) is someone who's been authorised by APHA to perform statutory duties (work that is required by law). [Use this guidance to find a professional to certify your export health certificate](#).

After APHA approves your EHC application

APHA will send your EHC to your official vet or inspector, or let them know it is ready to download and print if they are registered to use the service:

- 7 working days before your export date
- within one working day of receiving it, if you plan to export in the next 7 working days

If you've applied online, you'll be able to see when APHA has sent your certificate to your OV or inspector. [Contact APHA](#) if your OV or inspector does not receive the EHC.

Get your export inspected

There are different export inspection processes depending on where you're exporting from.

Exporting from England, Scotland or Wales

Once you've applied to APHA for an EHC, you need to arrange for your nominated OV or inspector to complete, sign and give the EHC to you. The EHC must travel with your consignment to the export destination. The goods must not be split up during transit.

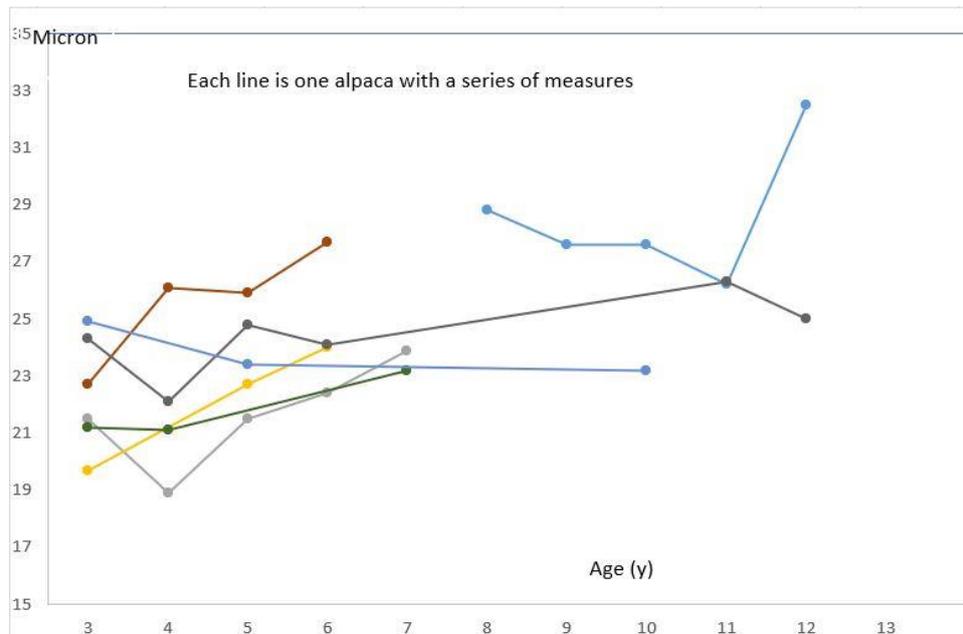
Exporting from Northern Ireland

The arrangements for getting your export inspected are different in Northern Ireland - [check the inspection process on the DAERA website](#).

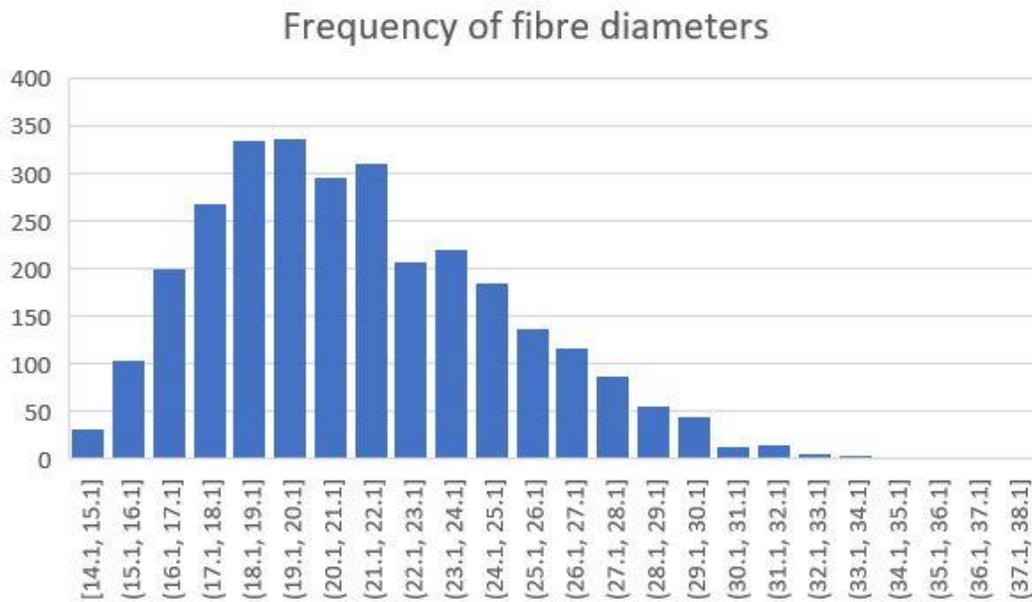
Some more interesting data ...

The EBV project has collected up a huge volume of data which will be very informative in its own right before we get the EBV results.

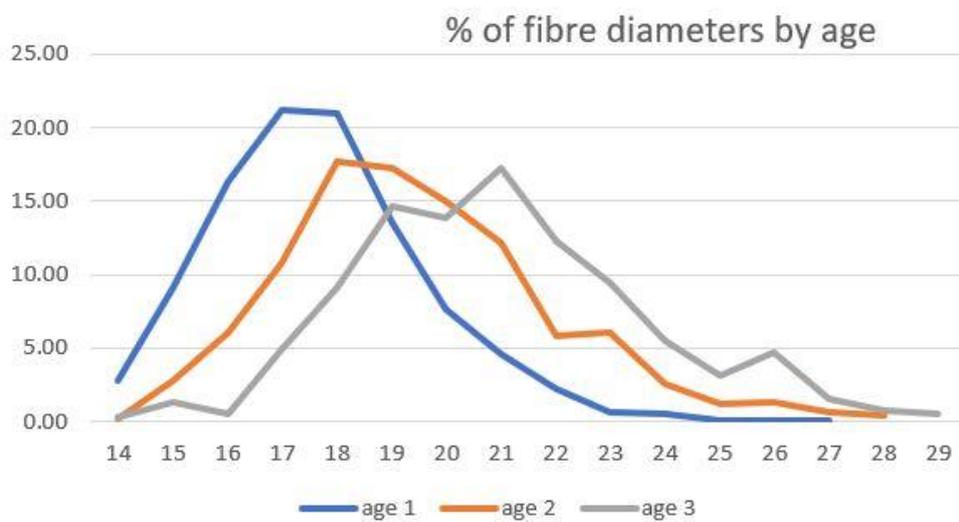
Some alpacas have had a number of fleece measures over several years. The chart below is a selection of some of the alpacas with multiple measures over a number of years. You will see that the general trend is for higher micron at older age but not always. This is a good demonstration of the effect of management/ nutrition on fleece measures. Multiple measures over the years on the same alpaca are very valuable because it helps the analysis system "understand" the effects of management/ nutrition and support the calculation of a "persistence of fine-ness" EBV..



Looking at all the Huacaya data the distribution of micron measures across all ages looks like this....



But when you split out the age groups the pattern reveals a bit more ...



Winter Warmer # 2

Parasitology with Vet Ami Sawran
of Westpoint Vets



This talk will give an overview of the threats that parasites pose to your herd. We will discuss clinical signs to alert you to a potential burden and shed light on your options for diagnosis, treatment and control of parasites.

We will touch on both internal and external parasites and hope to highlight the importance of vigilance and diagnostic testing in your alpacas.



**£24 for members
£30 non-members**

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Jan 9th - 7pm

VIA ZOOM

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*Don't forget to
keep
supporting
your regional
group!*

Show opening and closing dates ...

Summary of Show dates

Event	Date
F Northern Fleece Show	18 December 2020
F Welsh Winter Fleece Show	6 Feb 2021

2020/21 Show Diary



Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

Welsh Winter Fleece Show

Date: 6 Feb 2021

Opens: 23 Nov 20

Closes: 4 Jan 2021

Location: TBC

Judge: TBC

Cost: £24

Address for fleeces: Michael Henderson, Brooklyn, Lancaster Rd., Cockerham, Lancaster, Lancashire. LA2 0DZ. No later than 31 January 2021

BAS National Show

Date 26th, 27th and 28th March 2021

NWAG Halter Show

Saturday 3rd April 2021

Judge: Mary-Jo Smith

Venue: The Exhibition Hall, Border Way Mart. Carlisle, Cumbria.

Scottish Alpaca Championships

Date: Sat 24 April 2021 & Sun 25 April 2021

Location: Lanark Auction Mart

Halter Judge: Barbara Hetherington

South of England Spring Alpaca Show

Date: Saturday 24th and Sunday 25 April 2021.

Location: Ardingly

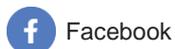
Judge: Jo Bridge

EAG Fleece - August 2021

Further details to be confirmed.

EAG Halter October 2021

Further details to be confirmed.



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