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CEO NOTES

Webinar Series

The most recent webinar by Emma Taylor did not get delivered on 8th April thanks to some internet gremlins in Norfolk. This seminar is now re-scheduled for 27 April. This seminar will NOT be available on YouTube but may be repeated if there is sufficient demand.

The next webinar is by Sarah Caldwell and will cover preparation for the birthing season. It is scheduled for Tuesday 20th April at 7.30pm. If you want a link then send me an email. If you have already signed up you will receive the link a day before.

Stud Auction last week

Apologies to anyone affected by the continuing technology problems afflicting the stud auction. In solving the problem of the two clocks in operation that did not match the programming that allowed an extension after a late bid somehow got corrupted. We think we have solved it now.

Last Chance to comment on the draft breed standard

If you would like to comment on the draft breed standard then please can you do so by email to Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com by 9 am on 19th April 2021. All comments will be collated for consideration by a review panel.

[British-Alpaca-Society-Breed-Standard-Draft-for-member-comment.pdf \(bas-uk.com\)](#)

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

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO



National Champion of Champions Fleece Show 2021

Full results on the [BAS website](https://www.bas-uk.com)...

<https://www.bas-uk.com/alpaca-shows-and-events/show-results/>

[Short videos](#) of the oral reasoning on each class are available in the News section of the BAS website

The Champion of Champions Fleece Show was judged on 29th March 2021 by Tim Hey, at CS Alpacas.

For the second year running the judging had to be performed behind closed doors, due to covid restrictions.

Our thanks go to Art of Fibre for testing the fleece samples – we really appreciate your continued support of this event. Thanks also go to Anne & Mike Shaw (Brillbury Alpacas) and Duncan Pullar (CEO) for helping out on the day.

Congratulations to all the exhibitors. Whether you achieved the top prize or not, all the entries were amazing and you should all be very proud.

Hopefully in 2022 the Fleece Show will be able to be judged and displayed at the BAS National Show, for everyone to be able to see the amazing quality of fleeces that we produce here in the UK, but until then, please peruse the photos below of each class, with videos where the judge, Tim Hey, sums up each class.

Julia Corrigan-Stuart, National Fleece Organiser.

BAS Stud Auction - Week 3

Bidding on the auction started on Monday the 5th April at 9am
and closes at 8pm on Sunday 11th April.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of those farms how have kindly donated one or more sires for the 2021 auction.

This links you to the studs on offer [Studs : British Alpaca Society BAS National Show](#)

Please take a look at [TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE STUD SERVICES AUCTION](#)



Farm: [Amberly Alpacas](#)
Stud Male: Beck Brow Hey Now
Registration: [UKBAS32880](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid White
Auction: Starts Mon 05th Apr 2021
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Bingfield Alpacas](#)
Stud Male: Beck Brow Mykonos
Registration: [UKBAS35700](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid Light Fawn
Auction: Starts Mon 05th Apr 2021
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Patou - Toft - Inca](#)
Stud Male: Toft Timogen
Registration: [UKBAS26743](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid Dark Brown
Auction: Starts Mon 5th Apr 2021
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Nero Black Alpaca](#)
Stud Male: Inca Marcelo
Registration: [UKBAS34302](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid Black
Auction: Starts Mon 05th Apr 2021
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Furze Park Alpacas](#)
Stud Male: Morning Star Rigel
Registration: [UKBAS31246](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Medium Grey
Auction: Starts Mon 05th Apr 2021
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Suri Stud](#)
Stud Male: Sierra Bonita's Accoyo Amadeus of SSD
Registration: [UKBAS21763](#)
Type: Suri
Colour: Solid White
Auction: Starts Mon 05th Apr 2021
[Full Details](#)

Important news on test and trace

courtesy of NFAN

Important News... Test and Trace! Relevant to England and Wales

Changes to England and Wales test and trace obligations come into force when the industry reopens.

Contact details required for all the party

In a change to previous requirement, the contact details for all persons in a party must be captured – it is no longer sufficient to have the lead booker only. This means for pre-booked activities either all contact details must be captured at the point of booking or customers will have to scan a QR code or provide contact details manually on arrival.

Legal requirement to display NHS QR code posters

It is a legal requirement for premises to display the NHS QR code posters – even if they choose to collect data by other means.

[You can create your QR code here.](#)

Business in Wales will need to collect contact information even if the QR code is scanned.

Staff rotas need to be kept

The requirement to capture contact data applies not just to customers, but also staff and visitors (not deliveries) so a record should be kept of staff rotas. Staff are also welcome to scan in.

What if someone refuses to give you contact details?

The rules vary between cafes and restaurants (where it is mandatory for someone to give you contact details or scan the NHS QR code to enter) versus outdoor visitor attractions (where reasonable measures should be taken to obtain this information, but it will not be illegal for a customer to enter the premises).

Husbandry tasks for April/ May

April

- Take faecal egg counts and treat herd if appropriate.
- Plan breeding programme
- Move show team into a clean paddock or field.
- Plan new grasses on tired fields
- Body score, check jaws, teeth and look for evidence of mites, check toenails.
- Weigh new born cria and record birth, weight and other details.
- Plan/ implement vaccination programme.
- Get ready for shearing.

May

- Decide what you will do with your fleece prior to shearing
- Start to clear the fields of ragwort. Thistles, burrs and young oaks or oak leaves.
- Cut and wrap hay and haylage if you have any
- Body score, check jaws, teeth and look for evidence of mites, check toenails.
- Weigh new born cria and record the birth and weight and any other details.
- Implement vaccination programme

Husbandry information is available on the [BAS website](#)

Breeding Alpacas

The birthing season is nearly with us and after that the breeding season. Planning for the breeding season is important because it can make the rest of the year so much easier

[Breeding – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](#)

[Fact-Sheet-2-Mating.pdf \(bas-uk.com\)](#)

There are some things to know that are helpful to avoid future problems

- Average gestation is 345 days but can vary from 330 to 370 days
- Most people target late spring/early summer for births for decent weather and grass growth., so to hit a May/ June birth the breeding is going to take place in June/ July
- Births "out of season" may require extra feeding or shelter to avoid problems of exposure.
- Young females are ready to be put to a stud male **only** when they have reached 60 per cent of the weight of their mother. With good nutrition this is possible as yearlings but more likely they will be approaching their second birthday. If mated at 60% of mature weight then continued good nutrition is important so the female can grow herself and support the development of the cria.
- Following a normal birthing and complete cleansing within 12 hours of birth, a female should be in a fit condition to return to a male from 10-14 days post partum.
- It is known that some males are able to breed from about nine months of age but most males are not ready for use until they are 2-3 years old.
- Alpacas are induced ovulators, which means the female releases her egg in response to the act of mating.
- Alpaca mate in the cush position so a female that is not ready will not sit down and may spit at the male.
- During copulation, the stud male intrudes through the cervix of the female and deposits sperm repeatedly into each uterine horn. This action can cause damage to the uterine lining and disrupt a developing pregnancy so frequent and indiscriminate mating should be avoided. Hence keeping a male with a group of females is not good practice it is much better to manage the

matings by introducing the male or the mating and then removing him afterwards. This also helps with getting the correct pedigree recorded!

- After the initial mating a "spit off" should be conducted to confirm pregnancy
- You can get your vet to confirm pregnancy with ultrasound but you should wait at least 6 weeks before using this method (because the foetus may be too small to see otherwise)
- The selection of stud males is an important decision. The stud should be chosen to make improvements to the traits that you are interested in.

2021 Show Diary



Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

South of England Spring Alpaca Show - NOW FULL

Date: Saturday 24th April

Location: Ardingly

Judge: Jo Bridge

Cornish Fleece Show

Date: July 10th 2021

Judge: Roger Clarke

Venue: Dark Sky Alpacas

Collection point: Crewenna Alpacas

Entries open: 1st May 2020

Entries close: 18th June or when entry level of 70 fleeces is reached.

Entries to arrive at collection point, strictly between 28th June and 6th July.

Entry fee £18 plus BAS levy and VAT.

Royal Three Counties Fleece Show

Dates: 24th/25th July

Judge: Mary Jo Smith

Venue: Three Counties Show Ground

Entries Open: 29th May

Entries close: 30th June

Entry Fee: £16.20

Fleece delivery, : Anne Cheston, The Orchards, The Village, Abberley, Worcs. WR6 6BN by 116th July

Organiser: Roger Mount Roger.mount@btinternet.com or snowhillalpacas@btinternet.com

EAG Fleece - August 2021

Further details to be confirmed.

EAG Halter October 2021

Further details to be confirmed.

Northern Halter Show

Dates; 30th and 31st October 2021

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Venue: Penrith Auction Mart

Entries open: 1st Sept

Entries Close: 17th Sept

Entry fee: £22 +VAT