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CEO NOTES

National Alpaca Farm Day

So far I have reports of over 11,000 visitors to alpaca farms as part of the Open Days event. Well done everyone for making the initiative so successful. There are still some reports to come so the visitor numbers will go up!! All the hosts report having a busy and interesting time with lots of public interest. Sue Loach has written about her experience in this weeks BAS Board Blog. You can find her Blog below and on the BAS website along with many other Board Blogs. Click [here](#) for Blogs

Appaloosa Alpacas

The Board have made provision for appaloosa alpacas to be described as such on the registry. The colour pattern description is shown in a note below. If you have an appaloosa you can change the description on the registry to reflect the true colour pattern.

Webinars

A new webinar has been added to the programme so do check out the listing to find something that might interest you.

DNA testing using nasal and buccal swabs

We are doing some research on nasal vs buccal swabs for DNA tests (as an alternative to blood cards). We are looking for 2 volunteer herds willing to test the same 6 animals with both nasal and buccal swabs, repeatedly over a number of days. Please contact Duncan or Libby for more details.

Young Members

Following the launch of the new membership category we have had our first sign ups. Welcome to our Young Members. Young members can sign up through the BAS website or by contacting the Grassroots office.

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

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO



National Farm Open Days - Sue Loach

Last weekend saw the first National Alpaca Farm Day for us all. I have to say I agreed to take part with some degree of trepidation, and I spent as much time worrying about whether anyone would turn up as I did about being overrun.

We decided that we would offer mini walks, just around our fields, opportunities to hand feed and to offer refreshments, coffee, cake and cold drinks. I must confess to being hopeful that we didn't sell too much cake so I had an excuse to eat it myself, after all it's a shame to waste it! I also had some hand knitted hats and headbands on sale that I had knitted last winter which virtually sold out.

Well, the Sunday of Farm Day dawned (we only did 1 day) and we were all up, organised and ready for our 11am start, when at 10-30, all these cars appeared, literally 20 in a row, accompanied by my anguished wails of "You can't arrive yet, I'm

not ready".

Once we had overcome the shock of how many people flooded in, I have to say we had a brilliant day, I don't think I realised how much people love Alpacas and how much joy being with them gives. One lady told me that walking an Alpaca was on her top 10 list of things she really wanted to do and that we had made her day.

In all we had around 600 visitors, so many saying they hadn't a clue we were here and that they thought they would have to travel miles to spend time with Alpacas. Until Farm Day I had always been amazed at how many farms opened up to the public for walks, picnics, yoga etc, but having seen the pleasure on people's faces last weekend I can understand why they do. I'm having lots of enquiries from people wanting to visit again and from those who didn't know it was on, so we are already planning for next year's Farm Day. From the feedback I have seen it seems other farms have had similar success and over 11,000 people attended the event countrywide so a big well done to everyone who participated.

What amazing animals Alpacas are, they produce us all this lovely fibre we can use, they promote themselves via shows all over the country and the general public love spending time with them, I wonder how many other species can say the same?



Appaloosa alpacas registration

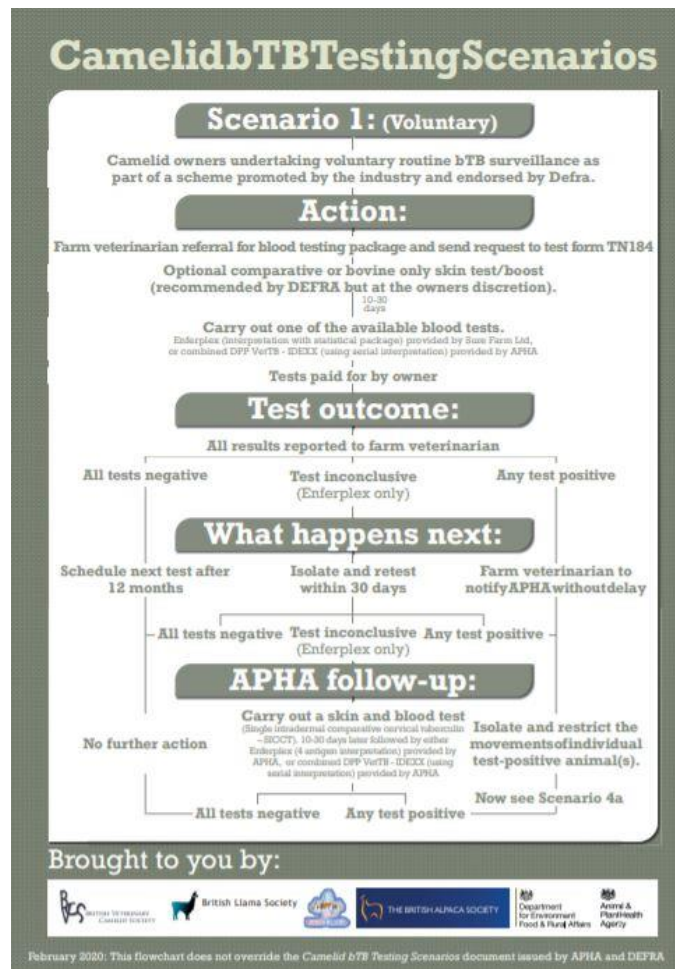
As the number of appaloosa alpacas grows the BAS Board has decided it makes sense to have a separate registration description. The following definition has been adopted.

The appaloosa alpaca has six or more evenly sized spots (not patches) of one or more colour in the saddle, the primary colour of the saddle being a colour which is not grey.

A Leopard Appaloosa has spots on its muzzle and all over its body including neck and legs.

For registry purposes they will all be registered as appaloosas, but Leopard can be used descriptively. This does not affect showing classes this just registration option to help describe colours and patterns.

On the BAS website, [under modern grey in the show rules](#), there is also a definition of Harlequin and Roan which will be adopted for the registry (although for showing purposes as these will be exhibited as Modern grey)



bTB Frequently asked questions

In an attempt to help BAS members understand elements of bTB testing and actions in different situations we have added a "frequently asked questions" section to the BAS website. You can go straight to the FAQs by clicking [here](#). The FAQs are in the members area so you will need to login.

The answers try to explain what bTB is how it affect alpacas, what the tests are and recent frequency of herd breakdowns.

1. **What is bTB?**
2. **Can alpacas contract bTB?**
3. **How is bTB transmitted?**

4. **When are alpacas tested for bTB?**
5. **What are my responsibilities as an owner?**
6. **What responsibilities does my vet have?**
7. **What action can I take as an owner if I suspect bTB?**
8. **What bTB tests are used on alpacas?**
9. **What are sensitivity and specificity?**
10. **How do the bTB tests work?**
11. **What is priming?**
12. **Do my alpacas have to be primed for voluntary testing before sales or for herd surveillance?**
13. **Do my alpacas have to be primed for contiguous testing?**
14. **If your herd is under suspicion of bTB what happens?**
15. **What tests are required for exports?**
16. **If my alpaca has a 2 spot enferplex test through voluntary testing what happens?**
17. **Vaccination?**
18. **How many herds in the UK have TB in a year?**
19. **How many alpacas are tested for TB in a year**



BAS Education 2021-2022 Webinars

Please find below the first confirmed webinars for the Autumn/ Winter series for 21/22. Other titles will follow as they are confirmed.

In a change from last year the links are made available here to members so you don't need to register your interest and a link will not be emailed to you personally.

7.00pm - Thursday 23rd September 2021

Emma Taylor - Skirting and fleece preparation

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83260910294>

7.00pm - Thursday 7th October 2021

Tim Hey - Preparing for Show success -27 years of experience

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86362273579>

7.00pm - Thursday 21st October 2021

Paul Vallely - Fleece analysis explained

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88132082585>

7.00pm - Thursday 11th November 2021

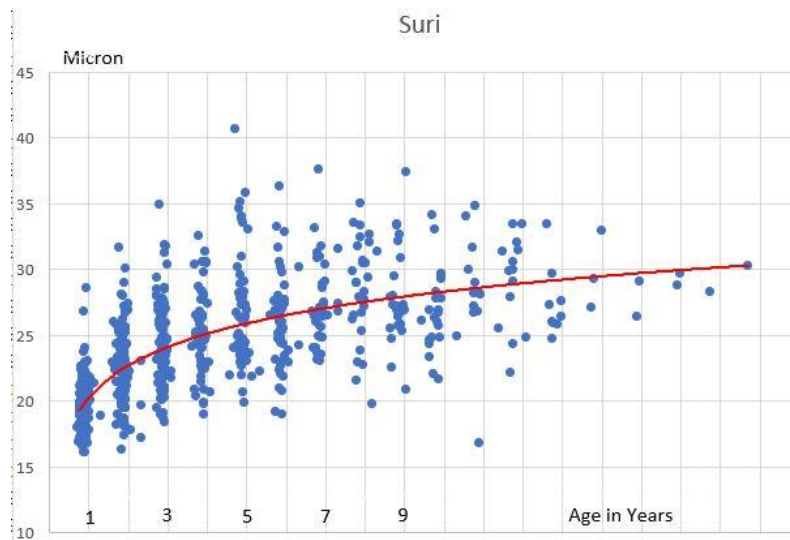
Neil Payne - Business Diversification (with alpacas)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84659206836>

7.00pm - Thursday 9th December 2021

Victoria Barrett - Camelidynamics

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83206614659>



EBV data

If you are interested in join the EBV programme this year then please send in you data to Duncan as soon as you can.

The data from this season (2021 shearing) will shortly be sent off for analysis. Thanks' to everyone who has submitted data so far.

You read some background information on the [BAS website](#) or give Duncan a call to understand what is involved.

2021 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email

Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com

Tuesday	21-Sep	Affiliate Course - Moray, Scotland
Thursday	23-Sep	Webinar - Emma Taylor, Fleece care
Thursday	07-Oct	Webinar - Tim Hey - Show preparation
Thursday	14-Oct	Affiliate Course- Staffordshire
Saturday	16-Oct	Affiliate Course- Devon
Sunday	17-Oct	Affiliate Course- Devon
Thursday	21-Oct	Webinar - Paul Vallely, Fleece Analysis
Friday	22-Oct	Intermediate Alpaca Assessment
Saturday	23-Oct	Intermediate Alpaca Assessment
Sunday	24-Oct	Intermediate Alpaca Assessment
Wednesday	03-Nov	BAS AGM
Wednesday	10-Nov	Affiliate Course- Staffordshire
Thursday	11-Nov	Webinar-Neil Payne -Diversification
Saturday	04-Dec	Advanced Alpaca Assessment
Sunday	05-Dec	Advanced Alpaca Assessment
Thursday	09-Dec	Webinar-Victoria Barrett, Camelid dynamics

If you would like your BAS, Educational or Regional group **event** included in this section (not shows) please send details to Duncan.

2021 Show Diary



Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

Breeders considering entering more than one fleece show may need the organisers of one show to forward the fleece(s) to the next show the fleeces are entered for. Please could entries to multiple fleece shows advise the organisers of the plan to ensure they know those entries need to be despatched asap to the next show. Please ensure that all the necessary entry forms are included in the box separately to the forms for the first shows.

HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show 2021

Judges: Tim Hey (lights and whites) & Jay Holland (other colours)

Fleece Delivery (deadline: 19th September 2021): Julia Corrigan-Stuart, Yeat Wood Farm, Wotton Underwood, Bucks HP18 0RL

Show Organiser: Julia Corrigan-Stuart; julia@csalpacas.co.uk; 07803726464

East of England Alpaca Show 2021 organised by EAG - CLOSED NOW FULL

Dates: 10th October 2021

Judge: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith

Venue: Beechwood Equestrian Centre, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford CM3 8DY,

Arrivals: pm of 9th or early am of 10th. Judging on 10th

Show Organiser: Harley Laver- 07934463342, harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates; 16th and 17th October 2021

Judge: Mrs Barbara Hetherington

Venue: York Auction Mart, Murton, York YO19 5GF

Organiser James Stanger, Email: jameslstanger11@gmail.com Tel: 07757687378

Northern Fleece Show

Date: 23rd October 2021

Judge: Roger Clarke

Venue:

Entries open: 1st Sept

Entries Close: 1st Oct

Entry fee: £24 in VAT

Max entries 80

Organiser: Stuart Ramsey Email: stuart@velvethall-alpacas.co.uk Telephone
07787508448

Fleeces delivered to **WESTYETT FARM, LANARK, ML11 8NT**

Northern Halter Show

Dates; 30th and 31st October 2021

Judge: Tim Hey

Venue: Penrith Auction Mart

Entries open: 1st Sept at 9 am

Entries Close: 17th Sept

Entry fee: £22 +VAT

Organiser: Ian Mitchell, treasurer@bas-uk.com, 07813 145013

Midlands Championship Halter Show

Date: 6th November 2021

Judge: Tim Hey

Venue: Three Counties Show Ground

Entries open: Monday 13th Sept 9 am

Entries Close: 17th Oct

Entry fee: £32.40 +VAT

Organisers:

ROGER MOUNT roger.mount@btinternet.com 07711044106/01386853841

IAIN SHARP iain.c.sharp@gmail.com 07722953635

JAY HOLLAND jay@purealpacas.co.uk 07789257222

National Show

Date: 25th, 26th and 27th March 2022

Judges: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith and Mr Tim Hey

Venue: Telford International Centre

Organiser: Duncan Pullar 07496 578781, ceo@bas-uk.com

NWAG Halter Show

Date: Saturday 2nd April 2022

Judge: Mary-Jo Smith

Venue: Borderway Mart, Carlisle.

HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta 2022

Show Dates: Friday 8th, Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

To be held at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre

Scottish Alpaca Championship

Dates; 23rd and 24th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Venue: Lanark Auction Market

Entries open: 18th February 2022

Entries Close: 24th March 2022t

Entry fee: £22 inc VAT

Organiser Stuart Ramsay



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