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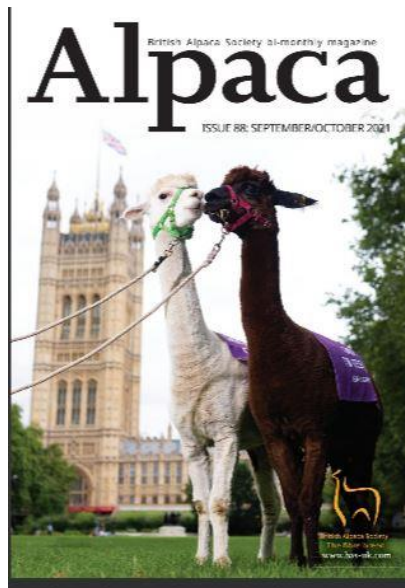
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CEO NOTES

BAS Board elections

We are approaching the deadline for nominations. If you would like to stand for the Board then you need to send your completed nomination form to Duncan by October 5th. Nominations forms can be obtained from Duncan by email using ceo@bas-uk.com.

BAS Board Blog

A new Blog from Emma Taylor talks about the trials and tribulations (and waiting) of birthing season Click [here](#) for Blogs.

Alpaca Magazine

Issue number 88 is available. Hopefully everyone has got their copy. If you haven't got your copy let me know and I can post you one of my spares.

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

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO



Welfare Work

As many of you will know BAS do a good deal of alpaca welfare work. The kind of reasons we get involved in fall into two general areas:

- Owners who can no longer cope with their alpacas because of age, illness or circumstance changes
- Owners who do not know what they are doing and cannot meet the husbandry needs of their alpacas

In both situations we can offer advice, veterinary or husbandry interventions and re-homing.

In recent weeks we have had 2 successful re-homing cases and 2 interventions where husbandry support was needed including some (very late) shearing.

If you have a friend or neighbour that needs help please don't hesitate to contact Duncan by phone or email. **07496 578781** ceo:bas-uk.com



October Husbandry

- Stop doing matings to avoid winter births.
- Ensure you have enough hay to last through the winter months (buy in if needed)
- Check stocks and commence vitamin supplements where required especially dark coated/pregnant/young/old.
- Ensure adequate winter accommodation is available and secured against wind if 'mobile'
- Body score, check jaws, teeth and toenails, look for evidence of mites.
- Weigh new born cria, record the birth, weight and other details.
- Cria need to be vaccinated against clostridial disease
- 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



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 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>

2021 Event Diary



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

Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com

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| 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.

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 jain.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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