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BAS Board Blog

This week a double to interest and amuse you .Sue Loach considers the stockman's eye and Emma Taylor is doing some serious knitting. <https://www.bas-uk.com/alpacapedia/the-bas-board-blog/>

National Show Update

Preparations for the 2022 national show are starting to crank up. Booking for halter show places will open next Wednesday 1st Dec and be open for a week. More details below.

Young Member's Zoom

Please remember the Young Member's Zoom will be this week hosted by Board Member Clara Boulton
Details and link below.

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

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TB advisory service expands to include camelids

Some may be aware that the TB advisory service (TBAS), aiming to deliver bespoke biosecurity advice to cattle farmers in England, has now been expanded to include keepers of other TB susceptible species such as sheep, pigs, goats and camelids. Not only that, but the service is also to be offered in 'low risk' areas of the country. It should come as welcome news that with an appointment of a camelid vet to the TBAS Technical Board, the interests of camelid health and welfare are being represented at a high level. Input from several different veterinary groups (including VetPartners and IVC Evidensia) and a consortium of independent practices means that keeper's own vets will have the opportunity to train as a TBAS advisor, in the knowledge that the materials have been designed with camelid ownership (both hobby and commercial) in mind.

TBAS aims to empower keepers to identify areas where biosecurity measures can be put in place, or enhanced, to reduce the risk of TB on the holding. This is achieved with two visits from a trained veterinary advisor (free of charge), where areas for improvement can be identified, prioritised and advice tailored to the holding. In what has been a tumultuous year for camelid keepers, it is hoped that due attention will be given to preventative measures, risk-management, and contingency planning, alongside an empathetic vet who understands the species and industry. This is a huge opportunity to gather information about what the camelid community already employs in terms of biosecurity, and how well the threat and control of TB is understood, so it would be wonderful if we could all engage with it. Having a seat at the table means that control and eradication of this disease could be within reach.

Camelid owners with a CPH number will be able to access these services free of charge soon, so please keep an eye on the TBAS website <https://www.tbas.org.uk/> and register your interest, and if your vet may be interested in training an adviser, please encourage them to get in touch too.

National Show 2022
25th, 26th, 27th March 2022
Information Update

Judges: Mary-Jo Smith and Tim Hey

Entries

The entry system will open for new bookings at 9am on 1st December 2021 and remain open for one week, closing at 9am on 8th December 2021.

Minimum entry 3 alpacas, maximum 25. Any entries paid and held over from last year are safe and protected. Herds with existing entries from last year may request any additional places at this time. If bookings are oversubscribed, any reduction will be made from this year's entries only. Progeny classes will not be taken into consideration when reviewing entry numbers.

Named entries will need to be made between 1st and 6th Feb 2022 using the Show Entries tab on the Pedigree Registry section on the BAS website. Progeny classes must also be entered at this time if they are to be included in the Show Catalogue, but male progeny groups can still be entered up to 12 noon on the Saturday of the Show.

At the show

Doors open for arrivals at 9am on Friday, and all exhibitors must be in the halls before 12 noon Friday 25 March.

The Show Halls will **not** be available to overnight alpacas on the Sunday. To facilitate early departure on Sunday, halter judging will start at 3.30pm on Friday following the exhibitor's briefing at 3pm. Judging on Saturday and Sunday will be starting at 8am both days.

The timetable for classes will be confirmed following review of entry numbers.

All alpacas must remain in the show until final judging has finished.

The fleece show judging will take place in February by Mary-Jo Smith, and winning entries displayed throughout the National Show.

Auctions

Stud auction

The popular Stud Auction will take place over 4 weeks in February, opening on 31 January and closing on Sunday 5 March.

Alpaca Live Auction

On the Saturday night following the dinner there will be a Live Alpaca Auction which will include 5 outstanding alpacas selected by the Show Organisers from member's submissions. A further 3 'wild card' alpacas will be included. Sale animals will be on view in the owners' pens during Friday and Saturday.

Lot numbers and details of sale conditions will be published in the catalogue.

Social events

There will be an informal "Meet and Greet" on Friday evening, from 6.30 pm. Drinks and snacks will be available with a friendly request for any donations to be made in the hospice bucket.

It is hoped that exhibitors will join a buffet style dinner in the TIC which will be followed by the live alpaca auction on the Saturday night of the show. .
More details to follow and booking.



EAG Winter Warmers

#4 Pasture Management (via zoom)

8th December 2021 - 7pm

£5 EAG members/£10 non-members

An introduction to Seed Mixes and Pasture Management for Llamas & Alpacas – with Sam Lane of Cotswold Grass Seeds.

Register your interest via the following link -

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrf-](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrf-GppjIsHdL0mLnIoYMafUNOWEv1f4vP)

GppjIsHdL0mLnIoYMafUNOWEv1f4vP - payment in advance. By registering this will automate an invoice, please pay promptly.

Social evening - Wine Tasting (Jan - Zoom)

Winter Warmer #4 - Pasture Management (Dec - Zoom) Sam lane & Cotswold Seeds - **REGISTRATION IS LIVE**

Winter Warmer #5 - Natural Dyeing (Jan - Zoom) (Ann Nicholson)

Winter Warmer #6 - Herd Sire Selection (Feb- Zoom) (Nick Harrington-Smith)

Winter Warmer #7 - Parasitology (March - Zoom) (Ami Swaran)

Winter Warmer #8 - Alpaca Birthing (Apr- in person) (Karin Mueller)

All events are open to everyone whether a member of BAS or EAG. EG website (<https://easternalpacagroupuk.org>) will be updated as soon as we are able to confirm further dates with the presenters & costing.

Membership details are on the website.



December Husbandry

December

- Stop matings to avoid November births.
- Feed hay ad lib, feed pregnant and nursing dams extra protein.
- Body score, check jaws, teeth and toenails, look for evidence of mites.
- 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
- Consider giving an Autumn drench of zinc, copper, cobalt selenium, B12.
- Cut field hedges
- Confirm breeding programme for next year. aiming for spring and summer births



Young Members Zoom Call

If you are a BAS Young member, or are under 26 and interested in alpacas, you are invited to a zoom call on Thursday 2nd December at 7pm.

The aim is to explain a little about the plans BAS has for Young Members and ask Young Members what would help them in their alpaca "world".

The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87099501990>

Call or email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com or 07496 578781 for more information.



SCOTTISH ALPACA CHAMPIONSHIPS 23rd AND 24th APRIL 2022

AN EXCITING ADDITION TO THE SHOW – WE ARE INCLUDING A FIBRE ZONE

Since its advent in 2016, the Scottish Alpaca Championships have gone from strength to strength, attracting exhibitors, and their alpacas from across the whole of the UK, also welcoming visiting members of the public to the event at The Lanark Agricultural Centre.

COVID restrictions impacted the Scottish Show, just as they did many more over the past two years; so, we aim to come back stronger than ever in 2022.

Next year's Scottish Alpaca Championships will be held over two days, 23rd-24th April, at Lanark and will, for the first time, include a Fibre

Zone. With classes for yarn and handcrafted products made from UK alpaca fibre there should be something for everyone so we encourage you to use the long dark winter evenings constructively in crafting/producing your unique alpaca fibre entries; whether by knitting, crochet, felting, weaving or other crafty talents we know you have.

Classes will be announced shortly and will hopefully include opportunities for you all to get excited about, including an item of jewellery. Watch out for announcements in the BAS newsletter and on the Scottish Alpaca Championships FB page. We also intend to include one or more junior classes for items made by the under-16s, as we believe it's so important to encourage our younger members.

We are very fortunate to have as our judge Rosemary Eribé, who is a Scottish designer and producer of beautiful award-winning knitwear. Her company has a focus on sustainability and champions natural yarns, quality craftsmanship and eco-conscious living.

Please watch out for further information and support this new addition to our show.

2021 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com

Saturday	04-Dec	Advanced Alpaca Assessment
Sunday	05-Dec	Advanced Alpaca Assessment
Thursday	09-Dec	Webinar-Victoria Barrett, Camelid dynamics
Thursday	13-Jan	Webinar - Dr Kylie Munyard, Colour genetics
Saturday	15-Jan	Affiliate Course - Surrey
Saturday	15-Jan	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	16-Jan	Affiliate Course - Surrey
Sunday	16-Jan	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	22-Jan	Affiliate Course - Hertfordshire
Saturday	05-Feb	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	06-Feb	Affiliate Course - Devon
Thursday	14-Apr	Affiliate Course- Staffordshire

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 from the forms for the first shows.

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Fleece Show

Date: 27/ 28th November 2021

Judges: Rob and Shirley Bettinson

Venue: Chop Gate Village Hall

Organisers: Deborah@fangdalealpacas.co.uk 01439 798168
/07753836502

National Show

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

Judges: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith and Mr Tim Hey

Venue: Telford International Centre

Entries open for pre-booking: 1st December 2021

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

South of England Spring Live Alpaca Halter Show.

Dates: Saturday 23rd April & Sunday 24th April 2022

Judge: Jay Holland

Venue: South of England Showground, Ardingly RH17 6TH

Organisers: Tony & Hilary Monkcom hilary@pinnaclealpacas.com

CCA Cornwall Fleece Show 2022

9th July 2022 - Venue and Judge tbc.

EAG Fleece Show

August 2022 further details tbc

EAG Halter Show

October 2022 further details tbc