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CEO NOTES

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all BAS members

The BAS Board would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone for making the best of a difficult year. The alpaca community have looked after each other well and found ways to keep their shared interests moving forward. Well done to all the volunteers who organised events and well done to everyone who attended,

Alpaca World Congress postponed

The Alpaca World Congress planned for February 2022 has been postponed until 2-5th Feb 2023. Concerns over Covid affecting travel and attendance have forced the organisers to postpone by a year. You may recall BAS planned to have a stand at the show. Hopefully this will happen - just a year later!!

BAS Board Blog

This week Judith Newman thinks about the passage of time and the alpaca community. <https://www.bas-uk.com/alpacapedia/the-bas-board-blog/>

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all BAS Members from me, Duncan.
Thanks for all your support it is appreciated,

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

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO 07496578781



National Show Fibre Zone

The National Show Committee are looking for volunteers to help run the fibre Zone with a view to taking it over in the future. After a good "innings" Harry has decided it is time to hand the baton on but would love to help the next person get their feet under the table.

If you want to know what is involved get in contact with Duncan for an informal chat using ceo@bas-uk.com or 07496 578781.



BAS sponsorship of British Vets to attend CPD

Camelid CPD

The British Alpaca Society (BAS) have recognised that there is a deficit in camelid-specific training among vets in the UK and that the costs of CPD may be a barrier to vets completing training in a species that may only cover a small proportion of their workload. BAS have therefore decided to try and bridge this gap by offering subsidies to help offset the costs of training.

BAS are pleased to announce a partnership with Claire Whitehead at Camelid Veterinary Services Ltd to offer subsidised training to up to 20 UK-based vets per year to attend a Camelid Health Course for Vets. This will be run initially as an online course with a practical half day session at the end of the course to consolidate learning. Subsequent course occurrences may include an alternative format “traditional” physically present 1.5 day course if demand exists.

LET YOUR VET OR VET PRACTICE KNOW ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY

The next available course will be starting on the 17th January 2022. Live sessions take place weekly at 4pm on Monday afternoons (EXCEPT 14th February).

For more information email: ceo@bas-uk.com. After BAS have confirmed that you are successful in gaining a place, complete the course registration and pay in full at www.ukalpacavet.com/courses. You must complete a separate registration for each delegate: practice discounts for multiple vets are not available if using this offer.

Art Of Fibre - Price and service update

At Art Of Fibre, we believe that 'what we do today, may not be good enough tomorrow'. This is why we regularly carry out customer surveys as well as keeping a close eye on what's happening within the world of natural fibre. Because of this, you will see some changes to our service delivery and price rates commencing January 2022. As a result of our last customer survey, we have agreed to adopt the following suggestions:

- We have dropped our 'set-up' fee as it was felt it disadvantaged smaller sized herds.
- We are now able to provide one page histogram/profile reports per animal (not 2 animals per page as we did in the past).
- For members of the British Alpaca Society, all fibre testing for the EBV program will be £4.00 irrespective of numbers. That is, we have dropped the £4.30 rate for small numbers in the hope it will encourage more breeders to become involved in the program.

From 2022, we will continue to offer our alpaca fibre testing service at existing prices, but also offer a 'wool standard test' at a flat rate of £3.00 (currently = €3.50) irrespective of the number of samples. Our 'wool standard test' is ideal for an indicative alpaca or goat fibre test where a marginal loss of accuracy and precision is acceptable, or for testing sheep's wool.

We will continue to use our position within the global textile market to pass on to breeders/producers updates on research and development projects relevant to natural fibre. We will also continue our funding of the Feeding for Fibre Trial in conjunction with GWF Nutrition. If you would like to be placed on our address list for these information updates, please email us with your consent

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by emailing info@artoffibre.com or phoning 353 852581669.

Finally, Claudia, Dani and myself (Paul) would like to wish you and your families the very best for Christmas and hope 2022 brings an abundance of good news.

3. Ensure that all stock is up to date with registration.

- Ensure that your alpaca is registered with it's correct colour. (colour can change as the alpaca ages).
- Ensure that correct ear tags and/or microchips are inserted and that the microchips are working.

BAS Education 2021-2022 Webinars

Please find below the 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.

11.00 am - Thursday 13 January 2022

Dr Kylie Munyard - Colour genetics in alpacas

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88511309786>

2021 Event Diary



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

Thursday	13-Jan	Webinar - Dr Kylie Munyard, Colour genetics
Saturday	15-Jan	Affiliate Course - Surrey
Sunday	16-Jan	Affiliate Course - Surrey
Saturday	22-Jan	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	22-Jan	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Sunday	23-Jan	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	23-Jan	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Saturday	22-Jan	Affiliate Course - Hertfordshire
Monday	31-Jan	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Tuesday	01-Feb	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Saturday	05-Feb	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	06-Feb	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	19-Feb	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Sunday	20-Feb	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Thursday	14-Apr	Affiliate Course- Staffordshire
Tuesday	01-Mar	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Wednesday	02-Mar	Affiliate Course - Suffolk

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.

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

SWAG Halter & Fleece Show

Dates: 17th & 18th September 2022

Venue: The Somerset County Show 1 @ Taunton Racecourse

EAG Halter Show

October 2022 further details tbc



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