



## The British Alpaca Society

### **BAS Biosecurity Guidelines 2010**

- 1 Herd pens should be separated three metres apart, if possible, with animals penned by county. If the Show Organiser deems it necessary, animals that have been bTB tested should be penned together and kept separate from those herds that have not been tested.
- 2 There should be no collecting ring; the alpacas should enter and exit the show ring via single one-way circular routes.
- 3 The show ring should be as large as possible to allow for the maximum separation of show animals.
- 4 There should be no fans of any type for reasons of biosecurity and electrical safety.
- 5 Alpacas should only be permitted to leave their designated pens to enter the show ring for judging or exiting the showground. There should be no 'airing of the fleece' in outside areas.
- 6 Any soiled bedding should be removed from the pens in sealed containers and returned to the owners' farms for disposal where permitted.
- 7 Contact with other livestock at multi-species shows should be minimised wherever possible.
- 8 All entrances/exits of the venue should have disinfectant mats for animals and handlers/owners. There should be sufficient disinfectant points (bucket and brush) where soiled footwear can be cleaned.
- 9 Pens should not be used by other herds without first disinfecting the pen. Pens on grass should not be reused as they cannot be disinfected.
- 10 All animals entered for the show must be inspected prior to entry to the main venue. Any animals that are considered by the Chief Steward to constitute a health or hygiene risk to other entries must be inspected immediately by a veterinary surgeon. They must not leave the inspection area until they have been passed fit. Any animal that fails inspection must exit the showground immediately, accompanied by its herd mates or other alpacas that have been transported to the showground in the same vehicle.
- 11 For shows of two or more days duration, the Show Organiser may give permission for alpacas to attend the show for one day only.
- 12 There should be no general public access to the penning area.
- 13 Exhibitors must be able to show the judge their animals' teeth – nobody else must be allowed to do this.
- 14 There must be adequate hand-washing facilities at the venue and running water should be available.
- 15 A Penning Schedule must be maintained and strictly adhered to with no alterations, unless for welfare reasons, where they must be signed off by the Chief Steward.
- 16 A BAS Self-declaration Form should be completed by every exhibitor at the show.
- 17 The Penning Schedule, BAS Self-declaration Forms and detail of animals attending the show must be kept by the Show Organiser for future reference should there be a disease breakdown in one of the animals/herds which has been present at the show. A copy of the Penning Schedule and the animals at the show must be lodged with the Society.