



# Llama Link

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# Editor's Notes

It was a blazing summer, and I am sure paddocks across the country were bare and scrubby. It's a welcome reminder of how much we do actually need the rain, and of course, once the sunshine gave way to rain clouds, grasses renewed in abundance. For this edition I asked around to see how people use their llamas to earn income and I had a variety of responses. Please send any articles that you'd like to have considered for inclusion.

The 2019 BLS calendar competition opens on 25 October, so if you'd like to send photographs, please do so; by post is fine, but email is quicker. Next year's calendar will be of the same incredibly high quality but will be A4 in size rather than A3. Get those entries coming in ASAP.

I am on the lookout for a sub-editor... no particular skills are required other than a keen sense of what makes a good article/photo. Contact me if you are interested or wish to discuss this further.

And finally, may I extend a very warm welcome to new members, Anne Cross (Devon), James Sandiford (Monmouthshire), Nik Tobutt (West Sussex), Mark and Freddy Daly (Wiltshire), Lady Chichester (Salisbury), Alexander Harvey (Norfolk) and Wyn Davies (Gloucestershire)

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# Chairman's Notes



Tim Crowfoot

## Royal County of Berkshire Show

We had glorious weather for the BLS annual show this year, hosted as always by the Newbury and District Agricultural Society who provide us with a large marquee, electricity, a PA system and all the pens we need. Eight members and their families arrived with about 25 llamas and one alpaca. We hoped that Norma would bring her guanaco but he refused to be caught on the day!

The show report is elsewhere in this edition of Llama Link but I would personally like to thank our judge, Ordell Safran, who did an excellent job for the formal show classes, aided and abetted by Amanda Huntley who was our commentator and judge for the fun and performance classes on the Sunday. Amanda has a knack of engaging the public and many of the vast show crowd enjoyed the displays our llamas put on. I would also like to thank all those members who brought llamas or who came to help out as stewards.

This was the last year for Kimberley Ralph and her partner Jon since they are emigrating to Canada next year so a big thank you to them and good luck in their new land. It is also the last year that Terry and I will be organising the show and our role will be taken on by Jenny and Barry

Brosnan in concert with Ann Goldsmith. I am sure they will all do a good job next year.



## Animal Welfare Act 2018

This act came in to force on 1st October this year and replaces the Performing Animals Act 1925. Along with BAS we have been trying to discover just how it may affect our members.

The act is clearly aimed at better regulating the breeders, sellers and exhibitors of a range of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, particularly the less reputable puppy and kitten farms. However it is also likely to enmesh some of our breeders and trekkers who in the future may well require a license to cover their activities. Although the act is masterminded by DEFRA the licensing is being devolved to local authorities at district level. Unfortunately this means that each one is likely to interpret and implement the act in slightly different ways. I have written to DEFRA

asking for more information about how the act is meant to affect llama owners but, surprise surprise, have not yet received a reply! Meanwhile several members of the BLS board breed or trek and they are applying for licenses and I will report back to all members when we see how they get on.

I am applying to Winchester City Council to see if we need one, if so the cost shown on their website will be £200 per year. Again this is likely to vary from authority to authority. The board has sent out several e-mail newsletters on this topic with the best advice to hand and we will continue to keep you updated as we learn more. Please do share your experiences with the board. My contact details are on the back of Llama Link.

## Llama breed standards and judging

Julie Taylor-Browne is leading this study and plans to publish the latest iteration of the working group's report in a few weeks for comment by the membership of BLS. The report will be e-mailed to the majority of members who are connected to the internet. If you are not connected then please let me know if you would like a hard copy sent to you. My phone number is on the back of Llama Link. The final report, taking on board your comments, will be issued in the spring of next year and implemented at the shows held during next year.

Enjoy your llamas!  
Tim Crowfoot  
Chairman, BLS



Picture: from Nicola Newbery



# Farminguk

## 'Farmers are fortifying their farms'

Protective animals such as llamas are being used to provide a useful low-tech alarm system for farmers. Farmers are "fortifying" their farms in the face of an increased threat from "repeated and determined" criminals.

The startling comments follow the release of figures by rural insurer NFU Mutual today (6 August) which show that the cost of rural theft is at the highest level for four years.

Rural crime cost the countryside an estimated £44.5m in 2017, leading farmers to combine "medieval security with high-tech solutions" to protect their farms. In its 2018 Rural Crime Report, NFU Mutual looks at the impact that crime is having on rural communities up and down the UK.

With an increase of 13.4% on the previous year, rural crime is rising at its fastest rate since 2010.

Across the UK, the cost of rural crime has risen most sharply in Wales, up 41% on the previous year, followed by the Midlands which is up 32%, while the South East has seen a rise of 30%.

The cost of rural theft in Scotland has fallen 3.8%, while the North East is the only English region showing a fall, down 6.5%.

### 'Fortify'

The report reveals that farmers are putting up earth banks, dry ditches, stockade fences and high-security single access points to fortify their farms against criminals who use 4 x 4 vehicles to get onto farm land to commit crimes and

evade police.

Protective animals such as geese, llamas, and dogs are being used to provide a useful low-tech alarm system, much as they did hundreds of years ago. "Faced with repeated and determined



Picture Farminguk

attacks from a new breed of brazen thieves, farmers and country people are turning to history books to re-purpose security measures from medieval times," said Tim Price, Rural Affairs Specialist at NFU Mutual.

"Adapting centuries-old security with high tech solutions is already proving successful in keeping at bay thieves who don't fear being caught on camera and have the skills to overcome electronic security systems," explained Mr Price.

Farmers are also using hi-tech tracking devices and immobilisers on vehicles, CCTV video, dashcams, motion sensors, infra-red surveillance and SmartWater marking in their farmyards and even DNA markers to protect sheep from rustlers.

## Llamas are being used to provide a useful low-tech alarm system for farmers

### Repeat attacks

The report has also found that limited police resources and repeat attacks are the biggest fears for people in rural communities, with many forced to change the way they live and work as a result of rural crime.

"With police facing huge challenges – including budget cuts and extra workload – forces are finding it hard to resource rural policing and this may be one of the reasons for the rise in thefts we are seeing," said Tim Price.

"However social media is fast becoming the new eyes and ears of the countryside, strengthening the community ties that help in the reporting and recording of crime and bringing thieves to justice."

As the main insurer of the countryside, NFU Mutual has responded to its members' concerns and has invested more than £1.2m to tackle the menace of rural crime.

"The results of initiatives we support show clearly that when police, farmers and other rural organisations tackle rural crime in an organised way these schemes can be extremely effective," said Mr Price.

### Quads and ATVs

• Quads and ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) are disappearing from farms in large numbers – thanks to being easy to transport and lack of registration plates

• The cost of Quad and ATV theft claims to NFU Mutual rose from £2m in 2016 to £2.3m in 2017

• CESAR marking and tracking devices are the most effective security measures, once basic measures of keeping vehicles out of sight in a building with the machine secured have been addressed

### Tractors

• Thieves are increasingly cloning the identity of tractors to make detection more difficult

• The cost of agricultural vehicle theft claims to NFU Mutual rose to £5.9m, an increase of £500,000 from 2016

• Thieves are stealing small, older tractors to export to third world countries as well as expensive large models

• NFU Mutual goes to extreme lengths to trace and recover stolen tractors which have been exported to send a strong message to thieves

### Livestock

• The estimated cost of livestock theft reported to NFU Mutual increased from £2.2m in 2016 to £2.4m in 2017

• Thefts of large numbers of lambs are raising concerns that stock is being stolen for slaughter and processing outside regulated abattoirs before illegally entering the food chain

• Technology - including DNA testing and electronic chips - now offers robust evidence to help bring rustlers to justice

• 'Ewe Hostels' which provide secure housing for sheep seized by police while investigations are made, are being funded by NFU Mutual.

# The Hedgeley Hall Llamas



Photos by: John and Katie Carr-Ellison

Three years ago we took our caravan to Northumberland, staying at an immaculate little caravan site in the Breamish river valley a few miles south of Wooler. During a pleasant cycle ride along the river we turned a corner and there to our surprise was a lovely large field surrounded by trees and hedgerows and full of llamas! Of course we had to try and make contact with the owners who turned out to be BLS members, John and Katie Carr-Ellison. John and Katie live at Hedgeley Hall and own a 4000 acre estate and specialise in breeding pedigree black Galloway and Belted Galloway cattle ( [www.hedgeleylivestock.com/](http://www.hedgeleylivestock.com/) ). John had purchased 4 llamas from Scotland as a present for Katie and they had then rescued more llamas from Cornwall. John and Katie told us that they hoped to breed a few of the female llamas that they had to their stud male Rufus.

We enjoyed Northumberland so much that we had to return this year staying at the same caravan site and meeting up again with John, Katie and Vicki Hogg who looks after the llamas on a day to day basis and to see how they had got on with their breeding programme. Over a pleasant cup of tea in Hedgeley Hall which dates back to the 16th century we learnt that attempts to breed 3 of the females with Rufus their stud male had not been successful but they were going to give him one last try this year. If this does not work out then they will consider

taking the girls to be mated with a stud male owned by another BLS member, a bit of a long journey since most llama owners are further south.

Having enjoyed our tea we walked over the road from the hall to get a closer look at the Llamas. John gave them a call (and shook the feed bucket!) and over they rushed and in less than a minute they were all happily around us taking titbits from John and Katie. Rufus the stud male was away up his field so we did not get to see him on this occasion. Most of John and Katie's llamas are of the heavily woolled type and were about to be sheared when we visited. They were fortunate to find a local shearer to do the work and when we cycled by just before we left that part of Northumberland a few days later we saw that all the work had been completed and the field was full of very neatly shorn llamas!

John takes managing his estate very seriously but is also a keen wildfowl enthusiast and has turned a series of gravel quarries in the nearby Breamish river valley into the most magnificent lakes, some deep some shallow to suit different types of duck and other wading birds. Public bird hides have been provided so that people can come and watch the birds without disturbing them. John is very proud of the fact that his lakes have attracted some quite rare species. Gravel extraction has now finished and the nine lakes are each being managed in slightly different ways to attract a wide range of species

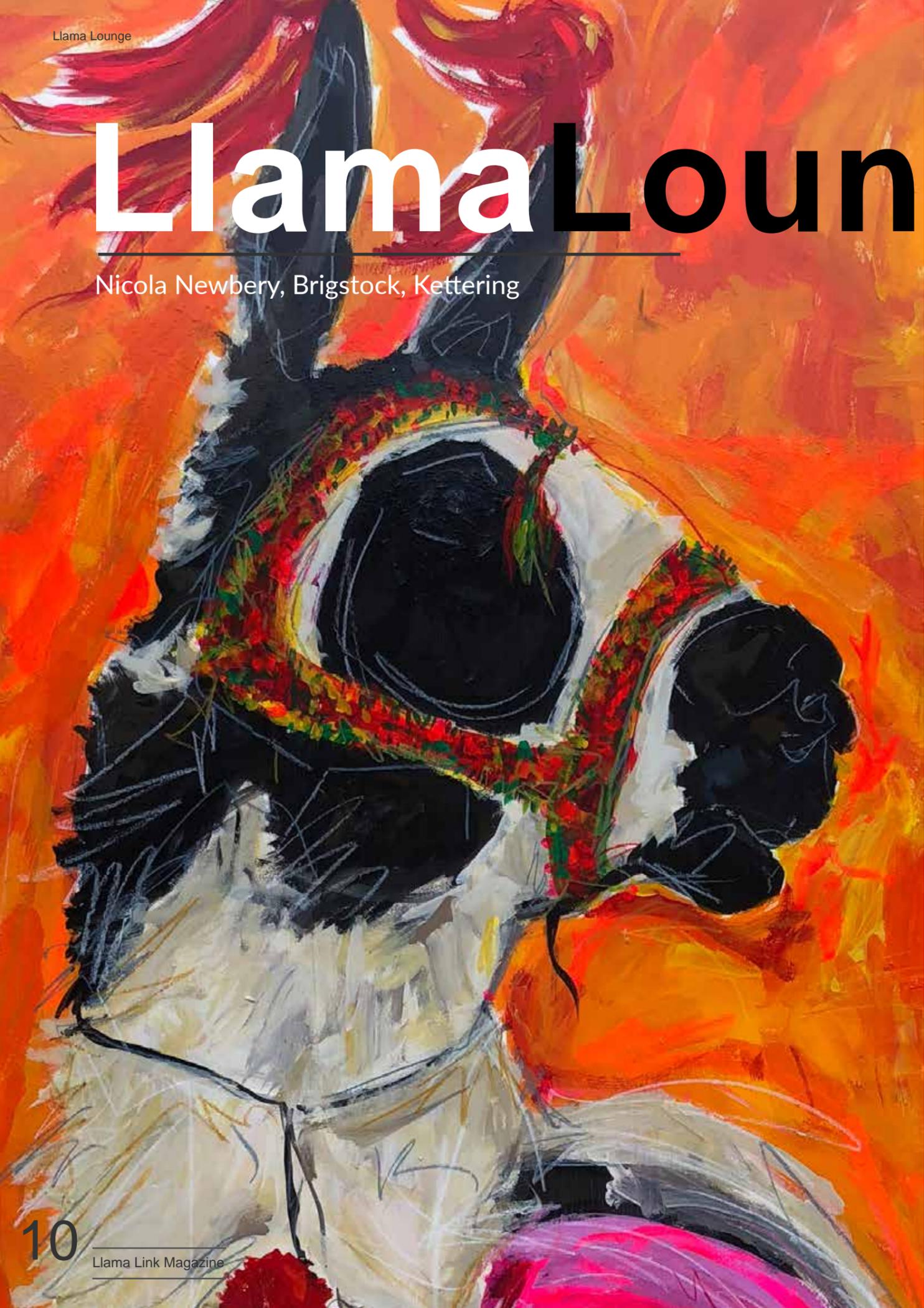


Northumberland is a wonderful county, in part wild and remote in the Cheviot Hills, mystical with the island of Lindisfarne, a haven for wildlife at the puffin paradise of the Farne Islands and, of course, the many brooding castles



# Llama Lounge

Nicola Newbery, Brigstock, Kettering



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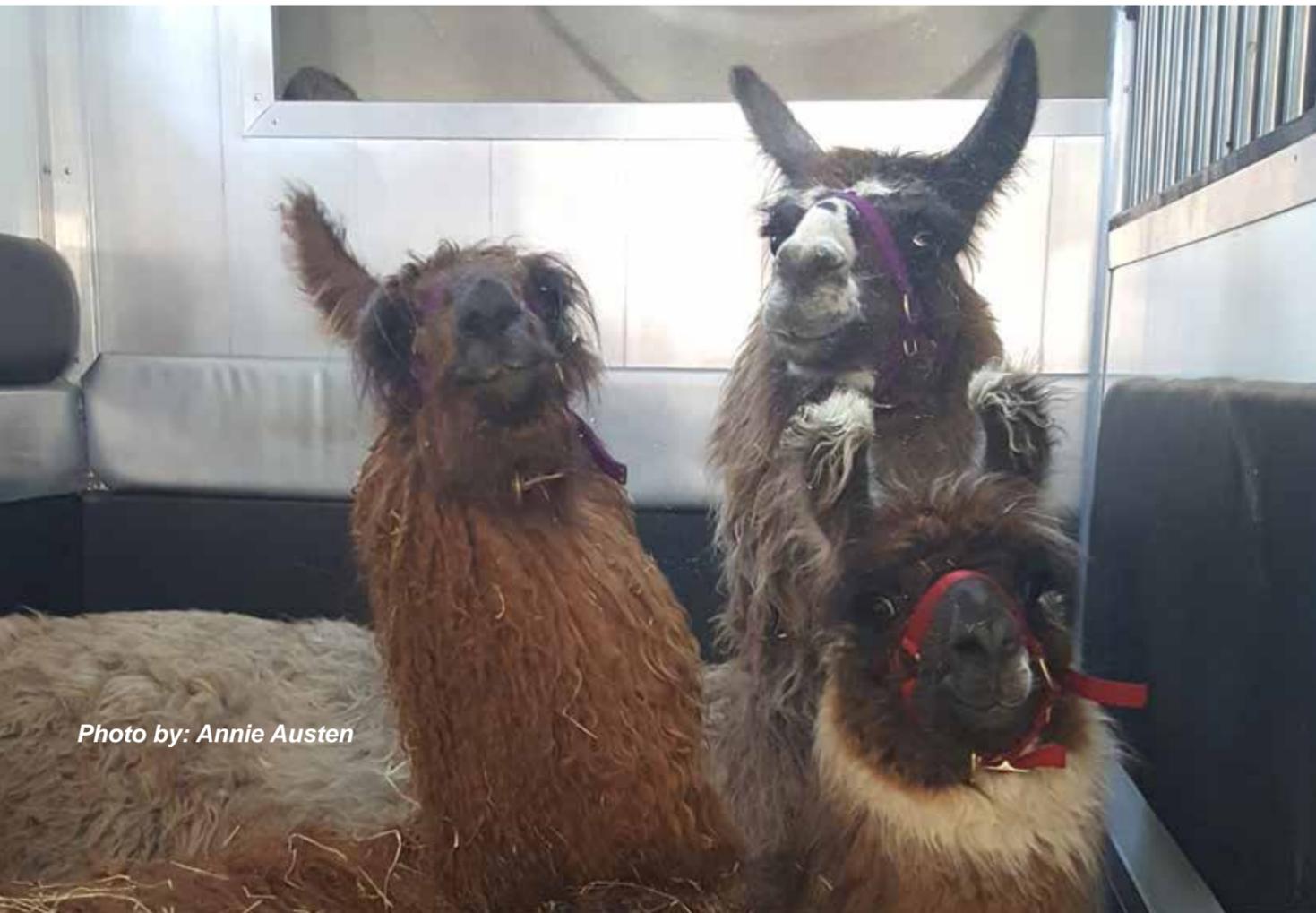


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# THE WORLD'S CUTEST FIGHT

by George Martin

## WILD LLAMAS APPEAR TO HUG AS THEY CRASH INTO ONE ANOTHER DURING BATTLE FOR TERRITORY IN THE ATACAMA DESERT



Photos taken by Henrique Olsen de Assumpção, 24, show the wild vicunas appearing to embrace while battling each other in the brutal turf war

The Vicunas could be seen biting one another and grappling as they faced off on the remote plains of the Atacama Desert national park

This is the stunning moment a pair of vicunas appear to hug as they smash into one another in a violent turf war in the remote Atacama Desert.

The feisty animals, which are distant relatives of llamas, can be seen scrapping and biting at one another as they engage in the heated duel.

Henrique Olsen de Assumpção, 24, who witnessed the startling events unfold on in the Atacama Desert in Northern Chile, said he was thrilled to be in the right place at the right time.

The photographer, from Porto Alegre, Brazil, said: 'The photos were taken as the sun was setting. The golden light matches that of the animals.'

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I was going to the mountains by the car when I took a sandy path that leads to the Altiplanic lagoons to see the sunset from there.

Suddenly, in the middle of the road, a vicuna crosses the sandy path and begins a territorial fight with another one.



# Busy few days for Pharaoh the llama

## includes show-stealing wedding appearance

Pharaoh the llama, of Faster Lente Llamas, was the special guest at a Wisbech wedding.

Donning a bow tie for the special occasion, Pharaoh the llama stole the show at a Wisbech wedding over the weekend.

Pharaoh, of Faster Lente Llamas, was the guest of honour as Charlotte Chapman and Joseph Williams tied the knot at Elme Hall Hotel.

The unexpected appearance came about after Charlotte – who is originally from Wisbech – requested a llama to attend her wedding as she and fiancé Joseph are in love with them.

But it wasn't the couple that were the centre of attention, as Pharaoh – well-behaved at all times, and looked after by handler Tina Gambell – took the limelight by posing for pictures with dozens of guests.

It might have been a busy day for him, but Pharaoh isn't resting from his wild weekend just yet.

Continuing his travels, he was snapped walking through Old Market – on route to Mendis for a meeting with members of the Wisbech Probus Club – by a local shop owner.

Andy Harris, of Seventh Heaven Video Game Centre in the town, who caught the unusual sight on camera, said: "I was talking to a customer and we both did a double take as it wandered by."

Posting the photo on their Facebook page, Seventh Heaven wrote: "Just a lady walking her llama through Old Market #nothingtoseeherefolks".

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We both rushed out to have a look and managed to grab the photo. Something you don't see every day.



Picture Seventh Heaven Wisbech. Photo: Andy Harris/Seventh Heaven Video Games Wisbech.





Photos by: Annie Austen

### Three Llamas Take a Trip to Out-Patients

**A**pril 19th and three girls needed an x-ray. We have had mobile x-rays carried out on farm before now but as we knew that at least one of our girls was going to need some treatment too we decided that a trip to the veterinary hospital was more appropriate this time for Blue Belle who had a problem with her fetlock and Marnie who had a large swelling in her jaw. Miss C was a very last minute passenger as I'd haltered her the day before, only to feel that she had a suspicious lump in her cheek too! The most vital x-ray patient was young Marnie, who had developed a very large swelling in her lower jaw at just 7 months of age.

Removal of the pus and daily treatment with warm saline along with a course of antibiotics had seen the swelling disappear, although the damage and distortion in the jawline remained, within weeks the lump started to return. We could only hold it at bay with daily cleaning and medication, so further investigation was needed. Blue Belle is one of our oldest and dearest, and she had gone lame some months before. Visually it was obvious that the whole joint was distorted, but on closer inspection, she also had a corn-like callous in her pad. After many and various treatments the lameness had worn off, the pad healed, but she was still left with a misaligned fetlock. I had already bred her before she went lame so I was anxious to know if the extra weight of pregnancy was going to be too much for the leg, and what, if anything, could be done to help her.

I don't have a trailer or a vehicle that would pull one, so we used our tried and trusted delivery company, Goodwins, to ferry us all to the hospital, and all three girls loaded beautifully. Watching them on the camera in

the cab I could see that they soon settled. The hospital is on the glorious north coast, so it was a bit of a girls day out to the beach! On arrival, each girl walked over the platform scales, Marnie 71 kg, Miss C just 89 and pregnant Blue Belle 145 kg.

Blue Belle was the first to be examined, and because she was pregnant, she was just given some Rompun and stood perfectly still for the x-ray. We could immediately see the result on the screen in the next room, and it was a relief to see that the damaged joints were already beginning to heal themselves, albeit with some permanent distortion.

#### Vets summary For Blue Belle:

*Blue Belle - I would be suspicious that she broke her toe bone (proximal phalanx) on the inside toe, then has altered her gait to try to walk on the outer claw which has resulted in the pad rolling over slightly (hence larger) and unusual strain on the fetlock joint resulting in mild osteoarthritis and thickening of the joint capsule of the fetlock. The break is likely healed, but the episodic lameness is from her periodically spraining the fetlock and bruising her foot - a bit like 'twisting her ankle'. No need for antibiotics, but may benefit from painkillers in the future.*



*Miss C was next who had to be knocked right out in order to be sure that she wouldn't move her head at all during the x-ray. At this point, we were all wearing lead-lined vests to protect ourselves from any radiation.*

*The results were pretty grim. Miss C is one of my imports, and for all the great care that llamas*

#### Vets summary For Miss C:

*Miss Canada - certainly poorly calcified jawbone with further bony destruction. Hopefully, antibiotics and iodine will help which is the treatment we use for 'lumpy jaw' (actinomycosis) in cattle. She may lose further teeth if the affected area progresses, and there is potentially a risk of pathological fracture - a bit like an old person breaking their hip due to osteoporosis. Lack of Vit D as a cria/growing youngster may be a predisposing factor. We could test her blood phosphorus level which is a crude (and cheap) measure of current vitamin D status to see if extra Vit D would help.*

*receive across the pond, they have never heard of AD and E supplementation. The poor girl had a huge amount of decay within her jaw bone, something similar to "lumpy jaw" in cattle, and although she had two quite new and healthy teeth in that area, they simply had nothing to bed into and so infection had set in.*

*It was clear that they had to come out and in fact, they gave up very easily, despite having young roots. The blood loss from the extraction was way more than is normal and the veterinary dentist said the prognosis was not good. Poor Miss C, and what a good thing that we had included her on the bus that morning.*

Marnie was last but not least, and her x-ray showed deep-seated infection in the jaw bone. The young tooth was in itself perfectly healthy, but in order to get on top of the infection, it had to come out. For this stage of the proceedings, we lifted her onto a table, and a tube was inserted down her throat in case we had to resort to gas to keep her under sedation. Fortunately, this wasn't needed, and the tooth was extracted cleanly along with its roots, although she did develop a swollen tongue during the process and was treated with steroids to counteract this.

**Vets summary For Marnie:**

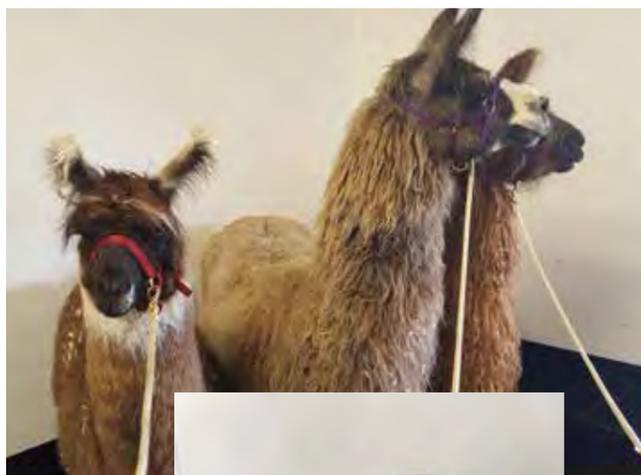
*Marnie - looks like a tooth root abscess rather than Vit D-related (because she has always been supplemented and is so young). It is possible that this might be haematogenous (blood-borne) spread from the chronic foot infection she had previously, but the affected tooth erupts at 6-9 months old, so infection could have entered via the mouth. Removal of the affected tooth is key. Provided the neighbouring teeth are sound, this should settle with antibiotics.*

*Looking at the dental patterns, there seem to be only 2 temporary premolars, whereas there are 2 permanent premolars and 3 permanent molars in adults. Consequently, there isn't an unerupted tooth under the affected area of jaw. The main problem in the future, if we can get it to settle, is whether the opposing upper molar will not wear properly and damage the gum of the lower jaw.*



By this time Miss C was starting to come round but both girls needed an antidote, and at the same time they had some Metacam for pain relief and a long-acting antibiotic. Sleepy little Marnie still couldn't see any reason to stand up, so we put her on a towel, each took a corner, and she went on a magic carpet ride back to the bus for the journey home.

Blue Belle continued her pregnancy with no further problems and no further treatment. Marnie had a 28-day course of antibiotics, and although her jawline will never be normal, she has had no further problems so far. She is now a valued member of our trekking team. Miss C was very poorly for quite some days after her surgery and refused to eat or drink. With painkillers, patience and daily drenching of electrolytes and probiotics we kept her going. I also gave her B12 injections to stimulate her appetite, as well as the 28-day course of antibiotics. The other vital treatment was potassium iodide, which I dissolved in water and gave her as a daily drench for 60 days. (During that time she and I got pretty good at it! ) Once she started nibbling at concentrate I knew we had turned a corner, and I'm happy to report that she has gained weight and has no further symptoms at this time.



Photos by: Annie Austen

# MARY PRYSE - LLAMAS ARE FOR FUN

I am always thrilled to hear of llama owners not only enjoying them, but building a successful rural enterprise around them. They seem to offer a wide variety of opportunities by their mere presence, attractive onlookers to a garden centre/nursery/rural accommodation business or offering therapeutic benefit to the elderly, children or disabled. Whilst trekking is the most obvious path, they really are adaptable and special enough to use in many other ways.

Whilst applauding the incentive to make the wider public aware of these attributes, I am concerned that it does not take us back to the bad old days when llamas were being bred indiscriminately by owners who did not have adequate facilities to separate males from females and mothers from weanlings. Throughout the 90's the aftermath of these herds resulted in unhandled and unsupervised herds that were interbred and often sold on or given away to the unsuspecting public. Some jumped on the llama band wagon by advertising baby llamas for people to bottle feed and keep in the kitchen. I once tried to re-habilitate one these llamas a few years on. My husband and I considered ourselves lucky not to have been injured or even killed by this unhappy animal.

I also look to BAS. For those folk who have bought and are enjoying their small group of alpacas for the pure enjoyment of them, there are many, many more that having parted with a sizeable investment for good breeding stock, find they cannot actually sell them and the money they thought they would make from fibre has not materialized. There are numerous alpaca walking centres that have sprung up in the last few years in an effort to claw back some of their investment and whilst some of them are going to be of a good standard there are many more that are not. I know BAS are trying to develop a Code of Conduct for alpaca walking and the forthcoming Animal Welfare Act should keep things in check, but it will be like all things in this life and only the responsible owners will sign up to it or get the appropriate licence. When it comes to money matters human beings can sign up to the dog eat dog mentality and then it is the llama who suffers.

BLS have always had the mantra that LLAMAS ARE FOR FUN.

PLEASE TREAD CAREFULLY.



Jago with girl guides  
Photo from Hillview Llamas



"I said I wanted long lasting fencing!"

Photo: Callisto meeting Layla by Caroline Champion



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# Kayla Wiggins And Argento

Article by Will Campbell - The Spokesman Review

Kayla Wiggins and her llama Argento know how to capture an audience.

She and her wheelchair were decked with green tissue paper for salad leaves and halved orange golf balls for tomatoes. Argento was likewise bedecked in green paper.

"I am a salad and my llama is a lettuce patch thingy," she said into the microphone in front of the judges on Saturday at the Spokane County Interstate Fair's llama costume contest

Wiggins, 12, lost her legs because of bone cancer. But she's found llama keeping as an outlet and she inspires others along the way. Once, she dressed up as a shark bite victim, with Argento as a shark.

"He doesn't care about the wheelchair," she said. "He's like a dog. He chews up our things and he lets me pet his head."



Competing in the llama costume contest, Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, at the Spokane County Interstate Fair. The pair were dressed as salads and won Grand Champion for their efforts.



He's like a dog. He chews up our things and he lets me pet his head.

She remembers the day he was born on her grandparents' farm in Spokane, which they bought just to encourage her llama keeping. "It's kind of just a blob and then there's a baby," she said. Wiggins, a student at Medical Lake Middle School, said she wants to be a therapist when she grows up, much like her own therapist, who introduced her to the world of llama keeping by giving Wiggins her first one. "I started at 8, and I had an alpaca named Joey," she said. On Saturday, Wiggins had tough competition in the costume contest. One of her competitors had sewn a full, custom-fitted wedding dress for her llama, with pantaloons and all.

Her grandpa, Tim Wiggins, dressed up as a popcorn vendor with another of their llamas to accompany her during judging.

"Between rock climbing, basketball and snow skiing, this is what she's really turned to," he said. "She's done really well against people that have been doing this for 20, 30 years." "I'm known for my costumes," she said.

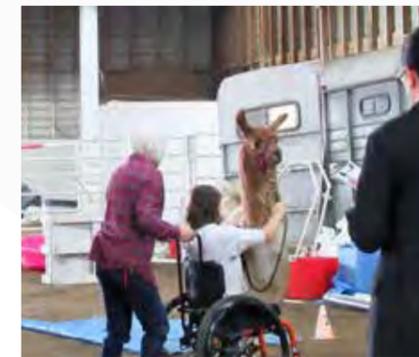
The judges Saturday observed Wiggins and her competitors as they strode in a circle. They looked for calm manners in the llamas and costumes that covered the majority of the animals' bodies.

The lead judge announced the winners to the crowd. "We're giving our champion ribbon to the tossed salad," said judge Sarah Nicholls into the microphone.

The crown cheered and applauded. Wiggins smiled. "She has a great attitude that really makes a difference," Nicholls said afterward. "Kayla and her llama are a great team."

The following Saturday, Kayla competed in her biggest eve event... the llama halter jumping event. She won! However, after the event, Kayla discovered she had lost her llama necklace.

Her grandma Kimra Kidd-Wiggins posted on Facebook "Last week I posted about our Kayla losing her special llama necklace at the Spokane fair and I was looking for a replacement. Thank you all who replied, but I later learned Kayla didn't want a replacement because it couldn't be replaced as it was given to her by a judge. So, I thought of Susan Grunger Gray and wondered if she could help me design something really special for Kayla. I told Susan what I was thinking of and she not only came up with amazing design she totally captured Kayla's love of llamas in such detail. I loved Susan's design so much, I had to order one for myself. Thank you Susan Grunger Gray for listening and designing such a special 13th birthday present for our amazing Kayla... the pendants are stunning!"



Photos by: Kimra Kidd-Wiggins

# North Somerset & Royal County of Berkshire Show Results

## North Somerset Show Results 4th May 2018

### Female Llama Adult over 2 years of age

1st	Dewar, Robert	Long Meg, Hereford Belas
2nd	James, David	Knap, Spaxton Marion,
3rd	Chandler Paterson, Norma	Winterbourne

### Male Llama Junior under 1 year of age

1st	Threadgold, Suzanne	KingArthur, Bason Bridge
2nd	Threadgold, Suzanne	Merlin, Bason Bridge

### Guanaco

1st	Chandler Paterson, Norma	Kilravok, Winterbourne
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### Gelding - 18 months and older, all fleece types

1st	Llama Adventures	Henry, Uttoxeter
2nd	Dewar, Robert	Stonehenge, Hereford
3rd	Davies, Ann	Llamia, St Dogmaels

### Llama Supreme Championship

Champion	Dewar, Robert	Long Meg, Hereford King
Reserve Champion	Threadgold, Suzanne	Arthur, Bason Bridge

### Best Fibre

1st	James, David	Belas Knap, Spaxton
2nd	Dewar, Robert	Kilpeck Castle, Hereford
3rd	Threadgold, Suzanne	King Arthur, Bason Bridge

### Best Turned Out

1st	Llama Adventures	Henry, Uttoxeter
2nd	Threadgold, Suzanne	Merlin, Bason Bridge
3rd	James, Mr David	Mulfra Quoit, Spaxton

### Obstacle Competition

1st	Llama Adventures	Henry, Uttoxeter
2nd	Dewar, Robert	Long Meg, Hereford
3rd	Llama Adventures	Llancelot, Uttoxeter

## Royal County of Berkshire Show Results 15th & 16th September 2018

### Section: SATURDAY LLAMAS

#### Class: 3 Female Llama Adult over 31 months of age

1st	Pembro, Mrs Caroline(8)	Misja, Bath
2nd	Pembro, Mrs Caroline(9)	Jenny, Bath
3rd	British Llama Society(1)	Maggie, Droxford

#### Class: 4 Male Llama Junior 6-18 months of age

1st	Threadgold, Mrs Suzanne(12)	King Arthur, Bason Bridge
2nd	Threadgold, Mrs Suzanne(13)	Merlin, Bason Bridge

#### Class: 5 Male Llama Intermediate 19 - 30 months of age

1st	Faster Lente Llamas(14)	Mesen-Ka, Son Of Pharaoh,
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#### Class: 11 Gelding - 18 months and older, all fleece types

1st	Llama Adventures(21)	Henry, Uttoxeter
2nd	Dewar, Mr R.E.(18)	Carnac, Hereford
3rd	Dewar, Mr R.E.(17)	Stonehenge, Hereford

#### Class: CH10 Llama Supreme Championship

Champion	Threadgold, Mrs Suzanne(12)	King Arthur, Bason Bridge
Reserve Champion	Pembro, Mrs Caroline(8)	Misja, Bath

### Section: SUNDAY LLAMAS

#### Class: 13 Best turned out llama

1st	Threadgold, Mrs Suzanne(13)	Merlin, Bason Bridge
2nd	Dewar, Mr R.E.(3)	Long Meg, Hereford
3rd	James, Mr David(28)	Mulfra Quoit, Spaxton

#### Class: 14 Most handsome male llama

1st	Threadgold, Mrs Suzanne(13)	Merlin, Bason Bridge
2nd	Llama Adventures(70)	Gordon, Uttoxeter
3rd	Faster Lente Llamas(14)	Mesen-Ka, Son Of Pharaoh,

#### Class: 15 Most pretty female llama

1st	Pembro, Mrs Caroline(41)	Misja, Bath
2nd	James, Mr David(40)	Mulfra Quoit, Spaxton
3rd	Dewar, Mr R.E.(2)	Maes Howe, Hereford

#### Class: 16 Fleece on Hoof

1st	Threadgold, Mrs Suzanne(13)	Merlin, Bason Bridge
2nd	Threadgold, Mrs Suzanne(12)	King Arthur, Bason Bridge
3rd	Faster Lente Llamas(14)	Mesen-Ka, Son Of Pharaoh,

#### Class: 17 Pack Carrying

1st	Llama Adventures(50)	Sidney, Uttoxeter
2nd	Pembro, Mrs Caroline(51)	Misja, Bath
3rd	Pembro, Mrs Caroline(53)	Lady Jane, Bath

#### Class: 18 Obstacle Competition

1st	Dewar, Mr R.E.(3)	Long Meg, Hereford
2nd	Llama Adventures(62)	Henry, Uttoxeter
3rd	Llama Adventures(58)	Sidney, Uttoxeter

#### Class: 19 Egg and Spoon race

1st	Dewar, Mr R.E.(3)	Long Meg, Hereford
2nd	Pembro, Mrs Caroline(23)	Ollie, Bath
3rd	Dewar, Mr R.E.(19)	Kilpeck Castle, Hereford

# Acorn Poisoning

The NADIS data show that there is usually an increase in the number of cases of plant poisonings in October, particularly acorn poisoning. As the autumn continues with stronger winds and gales these problems normally increase.

Acorn poisoning will generally affect only a few animals in the herd as acorn poisoning only occurs if animals eat large amounts of acorns (which will only occur in camelids which develop a taste for them).

**Treatment :**

- There is no specific antidote for acorn poisoning.
- If the camelids are removed from the acorn pasture in the early stages, most camelids will recover in two to three days
- Good supportive therapy is the only treatment available:
  - a. Fluid therapy: Oral and intravenous fluids will help keep the kidney functioning
  - b. Broad-spectrum antibiotics to prevent secondary infection
  - c. A single dose of a laxative mineral oil may help in the early stages

### Clinical Signs:

- Sudden death can occur (although poisoning generally occurs over a period days)
- Constipation initially, followed by black watery diarrhoea.
- Depression and loss of appetite
- Straining to pass faeces and urinate is very common
- Weakening, collapse and death (usually within seven days of the onset of signs)
- The animals have a normal temperature in most cases
- Acorns can cause birth defects if eaten in sufficient quantities by pregnant camelids
- Acorns contain gallotannin. In the rumen, gallotannin is broken down to gallic acid and tannic acid. Tannic acid causes ulcerations in the mouth, the oesophagus, and the rest of the intestines. It also damages the kidneys, and it is kidney failure which causes most of the death associated with acorn poisoning.

### Diagnosis:

- On the clinical signs described above
- Finding large amounts of acorns and/or oak leaves at post mortem (although in advanced cases this may not be the case)
- In live animals, blood and urine tests can identify those with kidney failure



### Prevention:

1. Feeding 1kg/head/day of calcium hydroxide (hydrated lime) can significantly reduce the risk of poisoning
2. However, anticipation of outbreaks, fencing off oak trees and removal from pasture are still the best option

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