



FARM NAME & ADDRESS: Style Cottage, Busveal, Gwennap, REDRUTH TR16 5HF

Date of assessment: 22 Dec 2009

Farm representative met: Dianne Summers

Farm survey and biosecurity report form

Area checked	Findings	Recommendations & comments
Arrival & departure– disinfectant in use	FAM 30 available and in-use in every area including each paddock. Foot wash bowls covered to avoid dilution from rainwater and loss by evaporation.	None
Farm boundaries and fencing condition	Double wire fencing and secondary fencing in all main areas to ensure segregation of stock groups. Sheep fencing in many areas. No obvious areas of wildlife ingress over farm boundaries	Sheep fencing is a great indicator of badgers accessing your property, as it is so clear and easy to see when they have. It won't keep badgers out but it will tell you if they are entering beneath it.
Wildlife activity found	No badger setts on farm, no badger runs, latrines or muzzling areas found. Signs of lots of rabbits and foxes on the premises.	None concerning badgers. However, foxes do carry sarcoptic mange and can transfer it to other species. Advice should be sought as to the dangers of fox-alpaca interaction and mite cross infection.
Occupant's biosecurity awareness	Fully aware of the need for active biosecurity and has implemented all that we already recommend	None
Housing & shed conditions	Very clean, regularly inspected and well maintained	None
Water troughs	Excluding the sheep paddock, all troughs were located well above the ground, meeting the minimum recommended height of 30 ins	Ideal height is 48 ins off the ground but is totally impractical to use and implement. Industry recommendation needs to be reviewed
Ground feeding	No signs of ground feeding or waste feed discarded	None
Other pests/rodents found	No apparent signs of mice or rat infestation	None
Signage	No obvious signs on display. If there were, we missed them.	Recommend that " all visitors to report to owner before entering the premises" sign be put on display to ensure unexpected visitors comply with arrival & disinfection procedures.
TB awareness	Very knowledgeable on all aspects of TB and how it might enter her herd	None
Stock faeces removal	Indication that all faeces were being collected and stored in an appropriate area.	None
Gate condition & effectiveness	All adequate and in good condition	None

Badger awareness	Not very knowledgeable on tell tale signs to watch out for. With lots of foxes on the property, it would be easy to mistake fox activity with badger.	Information given on the day and photographs & supporting information to be sent via E mail. This will allow easy identification of badger activity as opposed to fox.
Isolation paddock availability	Excellent isolation paddock available and knowledge of when and how best to use it, especially with confirmed infected animals and their close contacts. Paddock was well gated and practical to use.	None
General knowledge on animal welfare and species habits	Thorough knowledge on all aspects of alpacas husbandry and obviously very keen on ensuring the best standards and practice are applied at all times.	None
Mapping availability	Farm boundary maps were not available or used for the survey. At only 5 acres, it didn't cause a problem. However, they are important to ensure that all areas are surveyed and that we do not trespass on anybody else's land.	Recommend that every farm has a copy of the farm boundaries available for us to use and return to owner once wildlife activity has been plotted on it.
Documentation left with owner	A question/answer biosecurity sheet, copy of the Badger Act 1992 and a copy of our TB information sheet was left with the owner	Photos to be sent as agreed with owner

GENERAL COMMENTS: This was an excellent visit and one that we enjoyed undertaking. Clearly, great care has been taken to ensure that the possible introduction of infection is minimised and that cross infection is reduced by means of grouping her animals and having isolation paddocks to use in the event of an infection occurring. The practical use of secondary fencing, which wasn't financially crippling to install, is excellent and should be considered for use by others as a means of installing inexpensive, but effective fencing. Fortunately, there were no obvious signs of badgers entering the premises. Dianne should, though, remain vigilant at all times to ensure that individual, roaming badgers do not access her paddocks. We would recommend a follow up visit in the badger cubbing season(Spring) to determine if badgers have started accessing her land. A boundary walk would suffice in this case, not a full survey.

Note: For interest only. The Public Footpath dissecting the farm will always have potential for introducing disease accidentally, and in times of high alert, actions should be taken to eliminate all possibility of public contact with your animals by means of good signage and possible closure of the footpath if the nature of the outbreak demands it.

Farm survey was completed out by: Paul Caruana & Graham Hutton, accompanied by owner

Date surveyed: 21 December 2009

Signed:.....for Field Services South West Ltd(FSSW)