



British Llama Society

Foot and Mouth Disease – Bulletin 9

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Dear Member

Please find below the latest information from the Joint Health & Welfare Committee, issued on 14 September 2007.

FMD UPDATE - FALLEN STOCK AND VET VISITS

Defra has moved quickly this time to enable the removal of fallen stock and allow people to get animals to and from vets if treatment cannot be carried out on the farm. Both types of movement require a licence. These are available on the Defra website at:

www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/diseases/fmd/movements/index.htm

In the meantime, please continue to observe biosecurity measures and **do not be tempted to move** llamas or alpacas from one farm to another.

For anyone still in doubt, the following message was sent direct to BLS from Ian Hill in CVO Debbie Reynolds' office

' The ban is on the movement of all cattle, sheep, pigs and other ruminants. Camelids are affected by the ban. The latest news and news releases are available online at:

www.defra.gov.uk/footandmouth/latest-situation/index.htm.'

It is also important to remember that third party contractors carrying out shearing, foot trimming, scanning etc are either prohibited or pose a serious risk. Equipment, clothing and tyres are all potential carriers of this virulent virus.

ROYAL COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE SHOW, NEWBURY 15 & 16 SEPTEMBER 2007

After much hard work organising this event the foot and mouth outbreak has beaten us!

Sadly, following further talks with Newbury we are constrained to having a board display only. Due to FMD restrictions, no livestock are able to be moved on to the Showground and they will not allow any fibre or fibre products, so a spinning demonstration is out of the question.

However the BLS display boards, the photo competition and the llama trekking centres board and Enterprise Directory will all be featured. Tim & Terry Crowfoot are also bringing along their cart and some videos for information about driving llamas. All members, their families and friends are very welcome to visit the stand which is situated under cover in the Livestock Tent, which is next to the Poultry Tent.

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