



The Yorkshire Vet

By Julian Norton

Out on a limb with alpacas

HOPE is an alpaca who needed an X-ray on one of her legs.

This would not be easy because I don't normally X-ray the legs of alpacas.

Long and elegant as they are, they are usually problem-free.

But Hope had trouble with her front right leg and it wasn't getting better.

I'd seen her when she was just a few months old and her leg had developed a strange deviation.

She didn't like to bear full weight on it and various bandages, physio sessions and splints had failed to help.

Nervous

The time had come to investigate further.

The easiest way, I decided, was to arrange for the young alpaca to come to the practice to do the necessary tests.

It is unusual to bring these lovely, curious creatures in to the clinic.

Anything might happen and anything could go wrong as I helped the youngster into the X-ray room.

I eyed up all the delicate equipment and those long, gangly legs and the nervous patient.

I hoped everything would go to plan...

Julian appears in The Great Yorkshire Show Show coming to Channel 5 in July.



ELEGANT: An unusual visitor arrives in clinic

DOUBLE RAMI

Stunt ace Seb became star for new Bond film

EXCLUSIVE

by Sharon Feinstein

A STUNTMAN revealed how he has "become" superstar actor Rami Malek to double for him in the new James Bond movie.

French-born Sebastien Soudais, 36, immersed himself in the high-octane film so much he "erased" his own personality.

He practised Rami's stance and body gestures everywhere he went – even in the bathroom – and learned to see inside his head to copy his mental attitude.

And he regularly sent the US star videos of himself mimicking his walk and other movements for approval or correction.

The plot of the new film, codenamed Bond 25, is shrouded in secrecy.

But it has been billed as having the most dangerous stunts in the franchise's history – Daniel Craig's fifth and final as 007.

Rami, 38, who won an Oscar for his incredible portrayal of Freddie Mercury in the Queen biopic Bohemian Rhapsody, has been cast as the yet un-named villain.

And Sebastien, a kung fu champion who has appeared in a series of other films since

2003, will be taking the brunt of the bruises in a series of fights, falls and other explosive escapades.

In an exclusive interview Sebastien said: "I've had to erase my own personality and become Rami. He is a big part of the movie so I'm on screen for quite a lot."

"The two of us worked together before shooting started. I had to learn all about his body, gestures, movement, attitude, get inside his head, mimic him in every way and fully understand how he functions."

"I have become Rami Malik. I spent weeks in London working with his movement coach Polly Bennett."

"I practised in the street, in my bathroom and sent videos of me "being" Rami to him and Polly to give me feedback. Rami's a very generous man and helped me a lot."

"You have to erase your own personality, the way you move and walk, and become someone else. I had to match Rami perfectly – height, size, chest, back."

The film, which has been dogged by troubles, is set in locations including Norway, Italy and Scotland but opens with James Bond retired from active service in the Caribbean.

Earlier this year Daniel Craig was pictured at Goldeneye, the Jamaican home of 007 creator Ian Fleming, with cast members Lea Seydoux, Ana de Armas, Naomie Harris and Lashana Lynch.

Problems have included 51-year-old Daniel suffering an ankle injury and several writers, including Phoebe Waller-Bridge of Fleabag fame, being brought in to rescue the script.

But Sebastien, who said he had "learned a lot of new tricks" during production, vowed: "It's a huge challenge but everyone is working towards the same goal to make it the best Bond ever."

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BAD GUY: Rami is villain of the movie



BONDING: Lea, Ana, Daniel, Naomie and Lashana



BRUISES: But Sebastien is all smiles

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LONELY ASSANGE QUITS SICK BAY

EXCLUSIVE

by Andy Gardner and Dan Warburton

WIKILEAKS founder Julian Assange has left his prison hospital wing after telling jail bosses he felt lonely.

The 47-year-old campaigner is believed to have been admitted more than a fortnight ago for dramatic weight loss.

Now he is back mixing with regular prisoners at maximum security Belmarsh, South East

London – home to some of the UK's worst criminals – after complaining he was "isolated".

Assange is serving a 50-week sentence for bail violations after being dragged out of the Ecuadorian Embassy in April.

He hid there for seven years to avoid extradition to Sweden to face rape allegations.

The Australian is now fighting extradition to the US over hacking top secret documents.

On Friday he was told he would not face a full extradition hearing until February next year. Days

earlier he had an emotional visit from his father John Shipton and Chinese artist Ai Weiwei.

His dad revealed he had lost 10kg but said his weight had stabilised and he thought "he'll be all right".

Mr Shipton said he shared a hug with his son, adding: "It was not a hug that you want to end."

He added: "It was just very moving to see Julian, particularly in those circumstances, coming out of sick bay and having lost 10kg weight."

A source said: "Julian keeps

himself to himself and otherwise really only speaks to the doctors and prison officers."

Assange faces 18 charges in the US, including leaking documents relating to the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

America says he blew the cover of secret intelligence sources,

His lawyers say the case is an "outrageous and full-frontal assault on journalistic rights".

Last month, prosecutors in Sweden reopened their investigation into an allegation of rape which Assange denies.



ISOLATED: Julian Assange