

Working together to stop livestock worrying



As well as nationally, **Warwickshire sadly has a number of livestock worrying incidents reported every year**, including death, injury and distress caused to a number of animals.

All of these could have been avoided if the dogs involved had been kept on a lead or in a secure area where they could not escape.

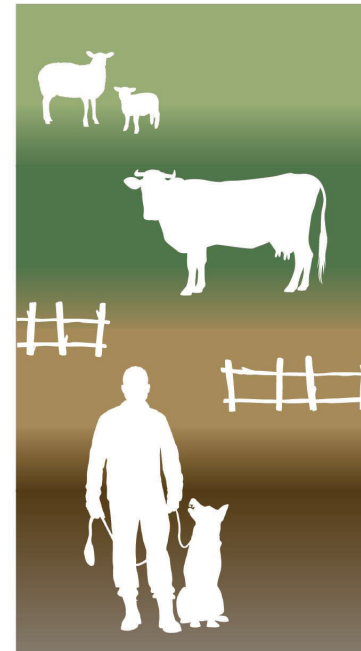
Please be a responsible dog owner, enjoy the countryside and being with your pet, but don't put other animals at risk.

Warwickshire Police will take action against anyone whose dog is found to be attacking or worrying livestock or other animals.

Be aware of and follow **The Countryside Code** and **The Dog Walking Code**.

OPERATION

PROTECT LIVESTOCK



PROTECT YOUR DOGS

RECALL

Operation Recall is a national initiative involving the Police, National Rural Crime Unit, NFU, National Sheep Association, CLA, Nature Watch Foundation and RSPCA.

We have come together to raise awareness of livestock worrying.

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The aim of **Operation Recall** is to drastically reduce the number of incidents where animals suffer, whether that's injured livestock, wildlife or dogs killed as a consequence.



What is livestock worrying?

It is when a dog is not under control, either by way of a lead or otherwise under close control, in an area where livestock is present.

A dog does not have to make physical contact with an animal, it includes chasing and racing about.

Animals have been known to have broken their limbs suffocated, had a cardiac arrest, aborted their unborn or suffered later when giving birth after being chased by a dog.

Some of these incidents have resulted in dogs being shot, wounded or subject to restrictive orders.

As a last resort livestock owners have a legal right to shoot a dog to protect their animals.



How can you help?

- » Keep your dog on a lead and under close control at all times.
- » If you leave your dog outside on its own for whatever reason on your property, ensure it is in a secure area and cannot escape.
- » Do not go onto private land unless there is a public footpath or you have permission from the landowner.
- » Stay on designated footpaths.
- » Leave gates as you find them and follow advice on signs.
- » Prevent your dog from approaching horse riders, cyclists or other people and their dogs unless invited.
- » If entering an area where there are other animals give them plenty of space.
- » Exit the area calmly and quickly if threatened, releasing your dog to make it easier for you both to reach safety.
- » Ensure your details are on your dog's collar and it is microchipped, so that you can be reunited quickly if it is lost, plus it is a legal requirement.
- » Keep your dog's vaccinations and worming up to date.
- » Always bag and bin your dog's poo wherever you are, including in fields and parkland; you can use any public bin or your bin at home.
- » Never leave bags of dog poo lying around or in a hedge, even if you intend to pick them up later.