

What are the risks...

to you and your dog?

- Livestock worrying is a criminal offence.
- As the owner you may be liable to prosecution and subject to a fine.
- Under the Animals Act 1971, a dog may be shot if caught in the act of worrying livestock by a landowner.

to livestock and farmers?

- The stress of being chased can be enough to kill a sheep, miscarriage, mismothering of lambs, and horrific injuries resulting in euthanasia.
- Sheep are valuable assets and any harm to them harms a farmer's livelihood.
- Farmers experience anxiety, stress and frustration as a result of sheep worrying by dogs.



Farmers often use signs like this, to warn that sheep are present. Please take notice and put your dog on a lead.

Visit www.sheepworrying.org.uk for more resources on walking dogs in the countryside and information about UK sheep farming.



Enjoy your dog walks.

Each year large numbers of sheep are attacked and killed by dogs.

This leaflet will help you avoid getting caught up in an incident.



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by keeping your dog on a lead



Did you know?

Livestock worrying has many forms - barking, chasing, biting, killing.

Any dog can worry livestock, no matter how well trained.

Farmers want people to enjoy the countryside, responsibly. Farmers should also be able to enjoy it without stress.

A dog in a public place must wear a collar with the name and address of the owner engraved or written on it, or on a tag.

Training reduces the risk of an issue on your walks and provides your pet with mental stimulation and social skills.

What's the deal with worms?

Dog waste on grazing land can pass worms and parasites to other dogs, sheep, wildlife and people, so it is vital to clear up after your dog.

Worming your dog at least every three months not only benefits your pet, but also other dogs, people (particularly children), wildlife and livestock.

What you should do:

The best thing to do is to keep your dog on a lead.

Make sure you know where your dog is at all times.

Be aware of the effects of sheep worrying, and help educate others.

Train your dog in order to keep it under control.

If you witness an incident, it is your responsibility to report it. Dial 999 if it is happening or 101 if the incident has already occurred.

Useful resources

Visit www.sheepworrying.org.uk for advice on staying legal, training your dog and how to be respectful of the countryside.

