

# Livestock Worrying

## Why is this important?

You are responsible for your dog. Livestock worrying is a crime and livestock that are chased or attacked by dogs are frequently killed or injured. This has a financial and emotional impact on all concerned and can affect the livestock long after the incident has taken place. Action may be taken against you and your dog.

## What do you need to do?

Ensure responsible dog ownership. Dogs should not be unaccompanied outside of the home and their behaviour should be managed at all times. On access land your dog **MUST**, be on a lead between the 1st of March and 31st July and at all times when livestock is present.

## How can you prevent this?

- Enjoy the countryside but keep your dog on a lead if livestock is present. Release your dog if chased by cattle.
- Livestock worrying taking place at the time is considered an emergency dial 999 and explain there is a dog attacking livestock with a precise location.
- Livestock owners can advise dog walkers by giving clear notices advising of the presence of livestock, Location of footpaths and appropriate fencing.
- Email [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk) if livestock has been chased or attacked and the dogs have left the location.
- Farmers have the right to protect their livestock. Ensure you are aware of the legislation and your legal responsibilities.
- Anyone able to offer information relating to livestock worrying is asked to email [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk), call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 08007830137
- Join Devon & Cornwall Alert, Watch schemes and local social media groups so that you can find out what is happening in your area

**The Devon and Cornwall police rural affairs team have produced a calendar which highlights rural issues throughout the year to focus problem solving activity for police, partners and public with key messages and prevention activity.**

