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## LiveStock Worrying

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*Sheep on your countryside walks are pregnant and will give birth in the Spring.  
Help them stay safe by keeping dogs on a lead.*

\* Livestock worrying is a criminal offence and comes under the [Dogs \(Protection of Livestock\) Act 1953](#). It comes with a maximum fine of £1000.

\* 'Worrying' is where a dog attacks or chases livestock causing injury or suffering.

\* This isn't just a threat to a farmer or land owner's livelihood, it's also a dangerous situation for the animals involved, and could lead to more risk if the animals get onto the road.

\* A farmer is allowed to kill the dog if it's worrying their livestock.

Always keep your dog under control around other animals and if you see a dog on the loose worrying animals, report it.

*Thank you to those dog owners who are already keeping farm animals safe*

*Country Watch Team*

*Hampshire & Isle of Wight Police*