ATTENTION

Sheep Grazing in This Area

Livestock Protection Dogs in Use

Sheep farmers use livestock protection dogs to protect their sheep by scaring off predators. The dogs are here to protect the sheep. If you do not appear to be a threat to the sheep, most of the time, the dogs will just watch you pass by.

Please Avoid Conflict With Livestock Protection Dogs.

Don't:

- Chase or harass the sheep or dog(s).
- Approach the dog(s) or sheep.
- Try to outrun the dog(s).
- Throw things at the dog(s).
- Make quick movements.
- Feed the dog(s).
- Attempt to befriend or pet the dog(s).
- Assume the dog is lost and take it with you.

Do:

- Keep your dog on a leash and never allow your dog to run toward or harass the livestock protection dog(s) or sheep.
- Remain calm if a livestock protection dog approaches.
- Tell the livestock protection dog "No" or "Go back to the sheep" in a firm voice.
- If you are on a bike, stop, dismount, and put the bike between you and the dog(s). Walk your bike until well past the sheep.
- Keep your distance from the sheep and choose the least disruptive route around them.
- Contact the dog's owner immediately if you see a livestock protection dog that has left the property or is away from the sheep.

If you have questions about livestock protection dogs or other wildlife damage management issues, please call Wildlife Services—a program within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)—at 1-866-4-USDA-WS (1-866-487-3297), or visit the APHIS Web site at www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage.

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