






## Our parks and countryside are for everyone to enjoy

Responsible dog walkers are welcome to share our sites with other users such as horse riders, cyclists and other walkers. Wildlife and farm animals are part of what makes these areas special.

### Remember









-  **Every dog has the instincts of a predator and will chase**
-  **Every grazing animal has the instincts of prey and will run**
-  **Every bird will leave its nest if disturbed**
-  **Every dog could cause an accident if not under close control**
-  **All dogs like picnics!**



In the City in the last year domestic animals and wildlife have been killed as a result of dogs chasing them and there was nearly a fatal traffic incident. In all cases the owners thought they could control their dogs. In one case the owner was prosecuted.



## Follow the countryside code and be a responsible dog owner

-  Control your dog so it does not scare or disturb farm animals or wildlife and people. Think ahead and be prepared.
-  Respect signed dog-free areas in parks.
-  When using the new Open Access Land, you must keep your dog on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July, and all year round near farm animals. Please follow official signs.
-  On a public footpath, bridleway or byway you do not have to put your dog on a lead as long as it is under close control. As a general rule, keep your dog on a lead, if you cannot rely on its obedience. By law, farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals.
-  If a farm animal chases you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead-don't risk getting hurt trying to protect it.
-  Take particular care that your dog doesn't scare sheep (unborn lambs may die) or lambs (as they can get separated from their mothers).
-  The downs support many ground nesting birds such as skylarks. Take extra care where you hear them singing. If they are disturbed they leave the nest and eggs and young will die.
-  Dog mess is unpleasant and can cause infections. Always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly. Worm your dog regularly to protect it, other animals and people.



No Dogs



Open Access Land



Dogs On Leads



Clean It Up



## Please keep your dog on a lead near farm animals, ground nesting birds and other wildlife