Enjoy the countryside responsibly with your dog

- Keep your dog close, under control, in sight and on a short lead around cows and sheep
- Cows are nosey and may come to investigate, especially if you have a dog with you
- Don’t panic or run if cattle follow you – stay calm and walk quickly and quietly around the herd
- Remember cows can be protective of their young. Never get between cows and their calves – go around the herd and rejoin the path as soon as possible
- If you are threatened by cattle release your dog so you can both get to safety separately
- Dog poo can spread disease to farm animals. Bag it and bin it wherever you are, in any public waste bin
- For the health of your pet and farm animals, prevent your dog from getting into water troughs and follow your vet’s advice on worming

More than 15 million ewes will give birth to lambs this spring. Please keep your dog on a lead around livestock.