

United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

WS Directive

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LIVESTOCK GUARDING DOGS

1. PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the activities of WS personnel relating to the use of livestock guarding dogs for protecting livestock from predation.

2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This directive replaces WS Directive 2.440 dated 01/05/99.

3. POLICY

All WS field personnel will be knowledgeable in the use and application of livestock guarding dogs. WS field personnel will assist producers who may be interested in using livestock guarding dogs by providing information and/or referring them to a WS guarding dog specialist for further assistance. Livestock guarding dogs are generally owned and managed by the livestock producer and are recognized by WS as useful for reducing predation.

WS specialists must be cautious when working near or around guarding dogs to minimize potential hazards from applied management methods.

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