



Walking the Wolds

Important Tips for Enjoying the Countryside with your Dog



Being a Responsible Dog Owner



1. Be sure that your dog can be easily recalled if off lead.
2. Control your dog at all times so that it doesn't scare or disturb livestock or wildlife, especially where and when young animals or ground nesting birds are likely to be on your route.
3. If accessing common land or open country, keep dogs on a short lead between 01.03 to 31.07, to protect ground nesting birds and other breeding wildlife.
4. Keep dogs on a short lead around livestock and follow official signs in nature reserves and other sensitive wildlife areas.
5. If a farm animal chases your dog, it is safer to let them off their lead.
6. Don't let your dog roam in crop fields and keep to the paths that cross them. Your dog could damage crops or pick up pesticide sprays on its coat that could make them ill.
7. If a footpath across a field is not evident, you are entitled to walk through the field on the footpath, but keep dogs on leads to lessen any damage.
8. Pick up and remove your dog's faeces. take it home or put it in a bin. Do not hang your bag on a tree, etc, or leave it on the footpath.

