

## THE IDEAL ENCLOSURE FOR KEEPING SHEEP:

I don't rely on livestock or dogs to tend my sheep. It is just too important and if the dog isn't really trained for it... you are taking a chance with the dog and the sheep.

The best way to keep sheep, in my opinion, is a 3 level enclosure system. Every night, our flock gets locked in a pen with high fences. In the diagram below, that is represented by the **SMALL PEN** which includes the **BARN** or sheltered area.

- 1) A covered barn type enclosure that has at least three sides
- 2) The covered barn type enclosure opens to a small pen that has high sides to prevent easy access for predators
- 3) The large pasture that the small pen opens into.

This way, when you need to get a hold of somebody, you can coax them into the small pen, then into the barn closing each door behind you.

