

# TAKE the LEAD

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## INTRODUCTION

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Introduction for teachers and presenters

Sheep worrying is something we hear about occasionally through the media but we don't usually know much about it or even take much notice. Yet sheep worrying has a devastating effect not only on the animals but also on the farmers who care for them.

"Take the Lead" provides a package of educational information and activities so that pupils can learn more about sheep and their important role and use some of the fun resources before being introduced to the topic of sheep worrying. We hope that in this way children will become ambassadors for "Take the Lead", spreading the message to friends and family of the importance of keeping dogs on the lead when out walking near sheep in the countryside.

The package is flexible and can be adapted according to different requirements such as pupils' ages and abilities, time available in the curriculum and whether it will be used in conjunction with a farm visit. Teachers can use as much or as little of the materials as they wish. However, we advise engaging pupils more widely in a topic about sheep before tackling the subject of sheep worrying.

"Take the Lead" comprises

- a PowerPoint presentation to help build children's knowledge about sheep farming
- teachers' notes suggesting ways of using the PowerPoint presentation and with links to a variety of other sheep-related activities to create a whole topic for class use.