

Information: Attention, herds!



Walkers, hikers, mountain bikers ...

To protect their herds against predation due to wolves, dogs or lynx, breeders and shepherds in the Alpes-Maritimes use protection dogs.

When you approach, the guard dog may come and sniff you out to identify you, after which he will return to his herd, but he may also try to intimidate you.

In any case, when approaching a flock of sheep, **KEEP YOUR DISTANCES.**

- If you come across a flock, go around it widely: you will thus respect the work of the shepherd and the peace of the flock.
- When faced with a protection dog, adopt a calm and passive behavior to reassure him. If you're impressed, slowly turn around without turning around. If you have a stick, put it away and especially do not lift it to threaten the dog.
- On a mountain bike, slow down in sight of the herd and get off your bike if you absolutely have to cross it.
- If your companion dog is permitted in the space you frequent, keep him on a leash. In any case, never hug your dog.

On the ground, large green signs inform you of the presence of herds protected by this type of dog: remember to spot them and adapt your behavior accordingly.