

General principles for encountering animals, wherever you are.

Educational reference. Specific species need specific local advice.

Always

Keep your distance

Never feed wild animals

Do not approach young animals

Keep dogs on a lead near livestock

Store food securely when camping

If approached

Do not run

Make yourself visible and audible

Back away slowly

Do not corner the animal

Livestock

Cattle with calves are the main UK risk

Release your dog if cattle approach

Walk around, not through, a herd

Educational reference. In the UK, cattle cause more walker injuries than any wild animal. Take dogs off the lead if cattle approach.