

« MY EXPERIENCE WITH GUARDING DOGS »

You came across a flock of sheep or goats with guarding dogs during your hike. When you approached, the dog has interacted with you and you want to share it. To help us evaluate the behavior of the dog, to know the circumstances of these events and to ensure a better cohabitation between the users of the mountain, thank you to fill this questionnaire and send it back to one of the following addresses :

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One possible answer

Many possible responses

* Obligatory question

THE MEETING

* Name and first name :

* Mobile phone number :

The meeting took place :

- In mountain pasture
- Around a farm
- Near a village

Do you often go to mountain pasture ?

- Very often (once a week)
- Often (once a month)
- Occasionally (a few times in the year)
- Rarely (on holiday, once a year)
- Never, it is the first time

* Name of the hike / Path taken / Town :

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* What happened to you ? A dog :

- Observed you without approaching
- Approached and sniffed you
- Followed you
- Barked
- Growled
- Put his front paws on you
- Shoved you
- Caught your clothes or bag
- Pinched or bit you
- Another :

How many guarding dogs did you see ?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- > 5

* How many guarding dogs approached you ?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- > 5

Were you on a path ? Yes No

How far from the flock were you when the guarding dog spotted you?

- In the flock
- 0 – 50 m
- 50 – 300 m
- > 300 m

Where was the dog in relation to the flock ?

- In the flock
- 0 – 50 m
- 50 – 300 m
- > 300 m

Was the flock on the path ? Yes No

* The flock was : In a pen (nets) Free range

If it was in a pen, did you enter ?

- Yes
- No

Why ?

- There was an access to enter the pen.
- To continue my way.
- To save time.
- To approach the flock.
- Another :

If not, did a dog go out of the pen ?

- Yes
- No

* Did you walk through the middle of the flock ?

- Yes
- No

Why ?

- I didn't know it was better to bypass it.
- I didn't think I had the right to leave the path.
- The flock was too divided to be bypassed.

- The bypass was impossible because of the relief.
- The bypass was impossible because of the weather.
- I was in a hurry.
- The shepherd was present.
- Another :

How did you do ?

- You turned around.
- You bypassed the flock.
- Another :

Was one of you surprised by the other ?

- Yes No

If yes, why ? You saw each other at the last moment because of :

- The topography (relief) of the environment.
- The presence of buildings / vegetation / rocks blocking the field of vision.
- Your speed.
- Another :

Did you have one or more walking poles ?

- Yes No

If yes, what was their position when the guarding dog approached ?

- Behind my back

- In a hand down
- Waved in front of me
- Waved in the air
- Fastened to my backpack
- I continued to use it to walk.
- Another :

Were you accompanied by one or more pet dogs ?

- Yes No

If yes :

- Your dog was on a leash.
- You were holding your dog (no leash).
- You took your dog in your arms.
- The dogs interacted together in a friendly manner.
- The dogs interacted together aggressively.
- Only your dog was aggressive.
- Only the guarding dog was aggressive.
- Your dog was bitten by a guarding dog.
- Another :

Was the shepherd present ? Yes No

If yes, did he intervene? Yes No

If yes, did the dog change his behaviour ?

- Yes No

YOUR REACTION

*** When the guarding dog spotted you, you :**

- Completely ignored the dog
- Left the path to bypass the flock
- Turned back
- Continued to move forward
- Stopped your move
- Stopped your bike and got off it
- Spoke calmly to the dog
- Stared at the dog in the eyes
- Raised your arms
- Shouted
- Waved your staff / walking poles
- Ran
- Accelerated on your bike
- Another :

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DOG'S BEHAVIOUR

Position of the dog's ears :

- Raised Crouched Don't remember

Position of the dog's tail :

- High Horizontal Between the legs
 Wide flutters Small amplitude flutters Fixed
 Don't remember

According to your memories, the dog :

- Had bristly back hairs
 Was barking
 Was growling
 Was chattering
 Licked his chops
 Yawned
 Looked away
 Don't remember
 Another :

After the meeting, the dog :

- Went away calmly
 Accompanied you
 Calmed down
 Remained threatening
 Became threatening
 Went away frightened
 Another :

After the pinch or the bite :

- You went to the doctor.
 You were forced to an ITT.

- You filed a complaint.
 You have deposited a handrail.
 You will report it to the town hall.
 Another :

In the case of a Total Work Incapacity, how many days was it ?

Did the guarding dog stop before pinching or biting you?

- Yes No Don't remember

How many bites were there roughly ?

Where are they located ?

Can you describe them?

- No marks
 Pinching : bruise, hematoma
 Scratch
 Wound, skin tearing
 Wound, muscle tearing
 Wound, muscle laceration
 Wound, muscle abduction

Did the dog hold the bite? Yes No

After the bite, the dog :

- Went away calmly
 Remained threatening
 Went away frightened
 Another :

CONTEXT

Date (even approximate) of the meeting :

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Moment of the meeting :

- Sunrise Morning Midday
 Afternoon Sunset Night

What did you practice ?

- Hike Mountain bike Trail
 Paragliding Another :

What weather was it ?

- Good weather Rain Fog Wind
 Another :

Adult's number / Children's number ?

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How were you dressed ?

- Classic hiking outfit
 Very colourful
 Rain cape Another :

A FEW INFORMATION ON YOU

You are : A man A woman

Age :

Size (cm) / Weight (Kg) : /

(The corpulence is an important factor of identification with dogs)

E-mail :

Where do you live ?

In what context do you frequent the mountain spaces ?

- Home
- Professional activity
- Sporting activities
- Fauna & Flora
- Hobbies (hunting, fishing, picking...)

Another :

What is your mountain practice ?

- Novice Amateur Experienced Professional

Did you know the these dogs before meeting them ?

- Yes No

If yes, how ?

- You had read the advice in case of meeting with guarding dogs.
- You saw a sign indicating their presence.
- Another :

Is this your first meeting with a guarding dog ?

- Yes No

In general, are you comfortable with dogs ?

- Comfortable Rather comfotable
- Uncomfortable Fear

CONSEQUENCES FOR YOU

What did you feel during the meeting ?

- Serenity Calm Surprise Suspicion
- Apprehension Fear Panic Terror
- Another :

What did you feel after the metting ?

- Nothing special Comprehension
- Relief Lack of understanding
- Anger, towards who ?
- Another :

What consequences will this meeting have on your mountain practice and your choice of tourist destination ?

- Almost complete cessation of some activities.
- Uncertain/hesitant about summer holidays in mountain.
- Choice of sectors according to the presence or not of dogs.
- More vigilant during mountain activities.
- None
- Another :

Can you describe in a few sentences the course of the meeting ?

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Opinion / Remark ?

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