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Predatory chase in dogs linked to increased attacks on livestock

Bestselling author, dog trainer and behaviourist David Ryan to share advice on tackling predatory chase in dogs.

According to figures published by rural insurer NFU Mutual, the number of dog attacks on livestock this year has risen by nearly 50% from 2016, costing the farming industry £1.4 million. The majority of these attacks are a result of canine predatory chase behaviour, which in 2015 was linked to the death of over 15,000 sheep.



Whilst throwing a ball for a game of chase can be an enjoyable experience for many owners, for others a walk turns into a nightmare when their dog chases joggers, deer, cyclists, cars or sheep. David Ryan, a certified clinical canine behaviourist will share insights about canine chase at his forthcoming seminar in Tring entitled 'Predatory Chase in Dogs'. David says: *"When dogs choose what to chase it can compromise owners financially, cause the target severe injury or even death, and threaten the life of the dog. No sensible person wants their dog to do this, behaviourists' like me have case-loads full of dogs that become 'deaf' to their owner when they see its target and*

embark on the chase."

David is joining forces with local dog trainer Hanne Grice to present this one day event based on David's best-selling book. Hanne says: *"We often see messages posted on local social media channels where a dog has chased after another animal and gotten lost. Unfortunately, in some cases these dogs are never found. This event is aimed at owners and pet professionals to provide a complete understanding of this problem behaviour and discuss effective solutions in controlling it."*

The seminar is supported by Tring Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) as part of an on-going series of events with Hanne Grice Dog Training & Behaviour that promotes responsible dog ownership in the community. Dog Watch is a sub watch of Dacorum NHW and invites dog owners to be the eyes and ears of their community when out walking their dogs, reporting suspicious activity to the relevant authority. Emma Cowell, Tring NHW Vice Chair and Dacorum Dog Watch coordinator says: *"We're delighted to be supporting this event aimed at helping owners learn more about their pet's behaviour that encourages a proactive and positive approach."*

The event will be held at the Nora Grace Hall in Tring on Sunday 24th September 2017. For further information visit: www.doglistener.tv/events or call Hanne Grice on 01442 768894.

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

- **The Predatory Chase In Dogs seminar will be held on Sunday 24th September at the Nora Grace Hall, Faversham Close, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 5BA. The event is from 10am to 4pm.**
- **Tickets are priced at £65** (includes lunch, all day refreshments, Certificate of Attendance for Continued Personal Development files). **Tickets are available for purchase from Hanne Grice Training & Behaviour (t) 01442 768894 / 07976 743031** or online at www.doglistener.tv/events
- David Ryan is regarded as one of the UK's leading certified clinical behaviourists. He is a bestselling author and has published a number of books on canine behaviour. David was a police dog handler and instructor for twenty-six years. David's book 'STOP! Predatory Chase in Dogs' is a best-seller. Visit <http://www.dog-secrets.co.uk/about-david/>
- Hanne Grice is the owner of Hanne Grice Dog Training & Behaviour, an award winning pet behaviour company based in Tring, Hertfordshire, offering a range of services from canine behavioural consultancy, one to one training, Puppy & Dog School and educational workshops. Visit <http://www.doglistener.tv/hanne-grice/>
- Emma Cowell is Vice Chair and Secretary for Tring Neighbourhood Watch and coordinator for Dacorum Dog Watch. For more information about Neighbourhood Watch and Dog Watch contact Emma on 07976 700861 / tringnhw@yahoo.co.uk
- NFU Mutual media contact is Tim Price, Rural Affairs Specialist on 01789 202233 or visit <https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/media-centre/> to obtain the Cost of Claims figures calculated for 2017.