



Protecting your Small Livestock from Predators

Poultry



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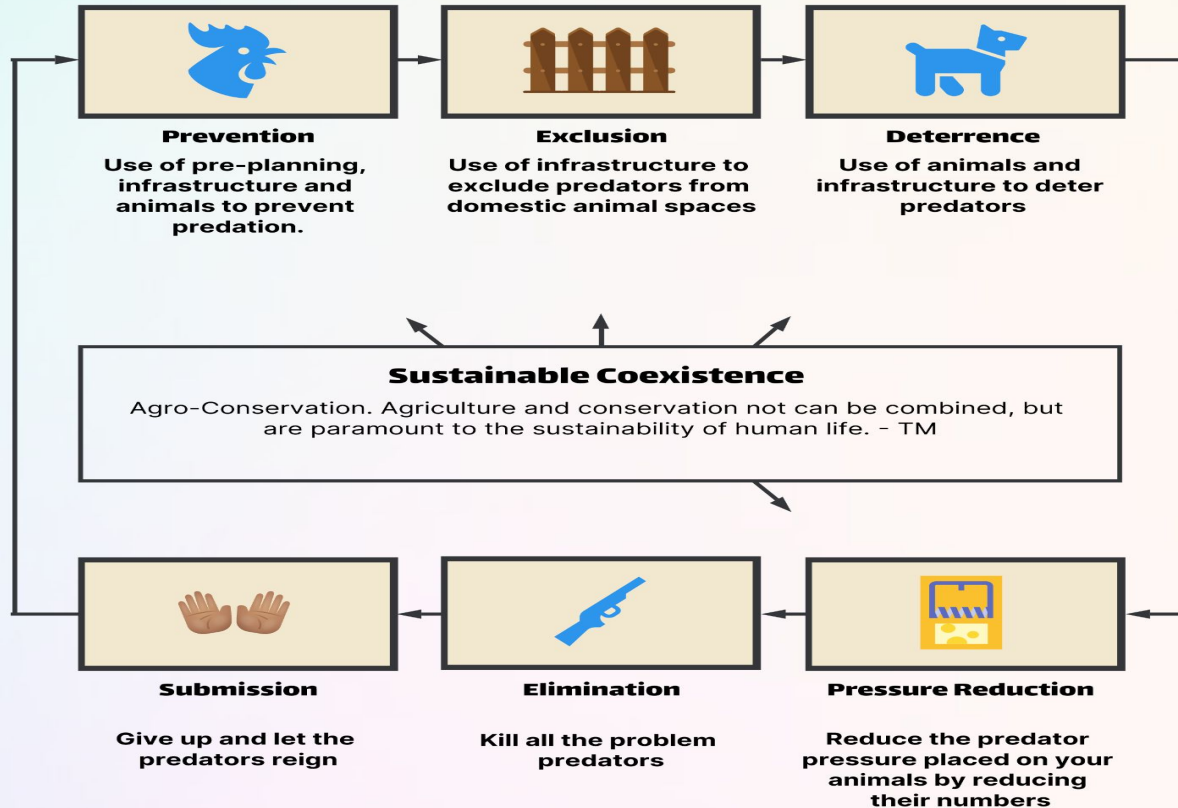
Methods of Protection

- Prevent
- Deter (add two wk fencing policy)
- Exclude
- Eliminate
- Submission



Thelma loves me, Most of the time..

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Prevention: *What's a Pound Worth? Your Sanity!*

	<u>Chickens and Other Short Distance Flyers</u>	<u>Waterfowl</u>	<u>Sheep and Goats</u>
General Prevention	Choose the Proper Breeds for your landscape Don't handicap your animals, esp. if you plan to free-range them! Don't purchase animals before your infrastructure is ready!		
Exclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid no dig Coops • Fencing 4' minimum ideally 6' tall • Ceiling Netting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid no dig shelter • Fencing 4' min (6+ with geese) • Pond with min 4' deep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing: Split Rail + electric • Electric netting • Solid no dig shelter
Deterrence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep them mobile • Flying objects incl Fake • Moving / Motion Lights • LGDs • Larger Birds ie Geese and Turkeys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion Lights • LGDs • Flying objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGDs • Motion Lights • Cow Bells • Larger Animals
Guardians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGD's • Males • Geese (not usually) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGD's • Males • Geese and Turkeys are decent self defenders 	15,000 units
Elimination	Unwise as it usually creates other microecosystem problems both for the wildlife AND for YOU!		
Reduction	Trap and Release, Hunting (recycle)		
Submission	Even if you have land and no domesticated animals this is not an option, unless you plan to only use the land for hunting game.		
Unique Factors and Predators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawks, Owls, Eagles • Foxes, Coyotes, Dogs, Bear, Bobcat • Raccoon, Weasels, Rats • Snakes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foxes, Dogs Coyote, Bear • Raccoon • babies are vulnerable to same as chickens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coyotes, Dogs, Bobcat, Bear • Babies are vulnerable to Fox, Black Headed Vultures, Eagles

Create effective policies and philosophies on your farm

They will:

- **Guide you when you become emotional about decisions**
- **Protect your family, your animals and your surrounding wildlife**
- **Protect you from liability and legal challenges**
- **Make it clear and easy to explain to visitors and children**

Myths vs. Reality


Myth

Reality

“My kids and I are totally safe around all of our farm animals

Umm No!, if it has teeth are sharp talons, beak, spurs or horns then it has the capacity to cause harm

Teach respect of animals and nature as a rule

My little sweetie roofus would make a great farm dog ! 

Aww, actually, Roofus would just as soon eat your chickens as look at them, then he'd try to make friends with the coyotes... Train train train,.. Did I say train? Buy working dogs for working needs and let family dogs be who they are..

They can't get into that!

You'd be surprised,.. Do the work to fortify your animals properly

We can never win against predator!

Yes and No, We cannot “win” against nature without doing ourselves harm but we can steward nature so that we all thrive.

Remember!

- Prepare before
- Sit on it for 1 year to observe
- Don't overwhelm yourself or your family,, you want to love your farm!
- Nothing beats a fail but a try
- Don't grow food that you don't eat!
- Share the knowledge and abundance!
Bartering is King.
- **Take time to actually ENJOY your farm and family!**



Thank you all so much for listening and learning about livestock protection!

If you'd like to learn more about our classes √

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