

Witness appeal following sheep worrying incident in Roslin



Police are appealing for witnesses after a sheep worrying incident in Roslin last night resulted in the death of livestock.

Officers were alerted when a householder reported sheep outside their house after they left their field. It was later discovered that one sheep was killed and five injured.

Officers are keen to speak to the owner of two dogs seen in the local area around 5.50am today, Tuesday 9th August. The first dog is described as a black Labrador cross with a red collar. The second as a white, tan and black dog.

Sergeant Michele Lindsay at Penicuik Police Station said: " I am disappointed to hear about this sheep worrying incident and wish to reassure members of the public that we are taking this seriously.

"We are committed to tackling rural crime and are working with farmers, landowners and businesses in the rural parts of Midlothian to raise awareness of such crimes and take measures to prevent them.

"Our advice to anyone walking and exercising their dogs in the countryside is to ensure they are under control at all times and avoid going into fields where livestock is grazing.

"The Scottish Outdoor Access Code says that dogs shouldn't be taken into fields where there are lambs or other young farm animals. "

Anyone with information that can help us with our inquiries is asked to contact 101 or the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

For more crime prevention advice in rural areas please visit www.scotland.police.uk/ruralcrime