

Basic Dingo Facts

- Dingoes have been in Australia for thousands of years.
- As the largest mammalian predator in Australia, the dingo is an apex predator.
- Predation by dingoes suppresses fox and cat predation on small threatened animals.
- Dingoes reduce grazing pressure by wild herbivores such as kangaroos and goats, promoting vegetation.
- Dingoes live in family groups led by one breeding pair. The entire pack cooperates in raising young, hunting, and holding territories.
- Dingoes have a variety of colours, most often tan, black, or white. Most animals referred to as 'wild dogs' are in fact dingoes.



Lethal Control is Not Effective

Dingoes are often perceived as a threat to livestock, a view which is encoded in legislation requiring the destruction of 'wild dogs'. Poison baiting, sometimes reinforced by barrier fencing, is currently the main method of reducing dingo populations in livestock farming regions.

Lethal practices are often not effective because when dingoes are killed, the remaining dingoes reproduce at an earlier age & territory boundaries dissolve. The loss of stable packs can lead to increases in dingo populations & subsequent surges in livestock predation.

Farming of the Future

Predator friendly farming is gaining international recognition and Australian farmers have the opportunity to join this global movement. Leading international manufacturers & brands are already signing up to source their materials exclusively from farmers that coexist with predators & other wildlife.

Accreditation

Consumers & manufacturers are choosing predator friendly certified products. Accreditation programs are rapidly growing across the globe.

Biodiversity

The biodiversity value of predator friendly farms is recognised internationally. Farmers can become leaders in biodiversity conservation.

Science

Predator friendly farms are highly valued by scientists, enabling mutually beneficial collaborations between farmers & researchers.

Economics

Studies consistently show that predator friendly farms experience lower predation & and lower running costs, consequently earning higher returns.



Predator Friendly Farming in Australia



Promoting Coexistence for a Healthier Landscape

What is Predator Friendly Farming?

Predator friendly farming is a global movement in farming practice in which large predators are protected on production landscapes.

How does it work?

Predator friendly farming avoids disrupting dingo social groups & focuses instead on husbandry practices that safeguard & promote livestock health.

Predator friendly farmers often experience reduced predation rates due to both improved livestock condition & more socially stable predator populations.

Ecological Health

Predator friendly farming preserves the ecological roles & value to conservation provided by dingoes.

Economic Benefits

Non-lethal methods to prevent predation can be significantly more economical & effective than lethal control.

Animal and Social Welfare

There is a growing social demand for products that come from farms that employ humane nonlethal methods of resolving conflict with wild animals.

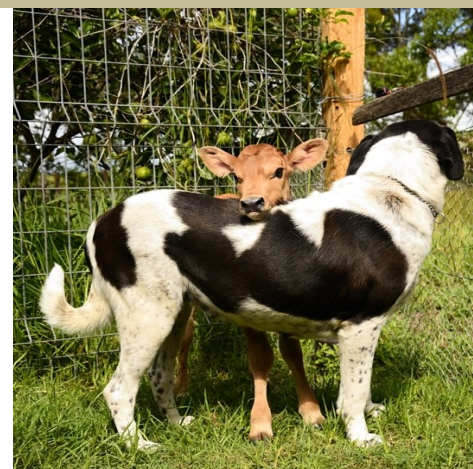


Success Stories in Australia

Australian predator friendly farming is practiced on properties of all sizes, hosting every type of livestock—from large cattle to small and more vulnerable sheep & free-ranging poultry.

Farmers use a range of methods to protect livestock, including:

- Livestock guardian animals, particularly dogs
- Keeping livestock in stockyards during vulnerable life stages
- Reinforcing stockyards with deterrents such as flashing lights
- 'Range Riders' keeping watch over the herds and moving them away from predators



Join us!

Predator Friendly Network

The Predator Friendly Network is a space to discuss & encourage non-lethal approaches to living with wild predators on farms.

We are inviting farmers, stockmen, academics, politicians, managers, 'jackaroos', 'jillaroos', advocates, and all interested people to join.

Predator friendly is the farming of the future!

Connect with the international *Predator Friendly Network* community at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PredFriendlyNetworkUTS>

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