

# Right From the Start

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Sheep

# Characteristics

- Gregarious
- Good jumpers
- Head butters
- Flee verses fight
- Sure-footed
- Good sense of hearing
- Easily startled
- Wide field of vision
- Good sense of smell
- Strong for their size



# Equipment

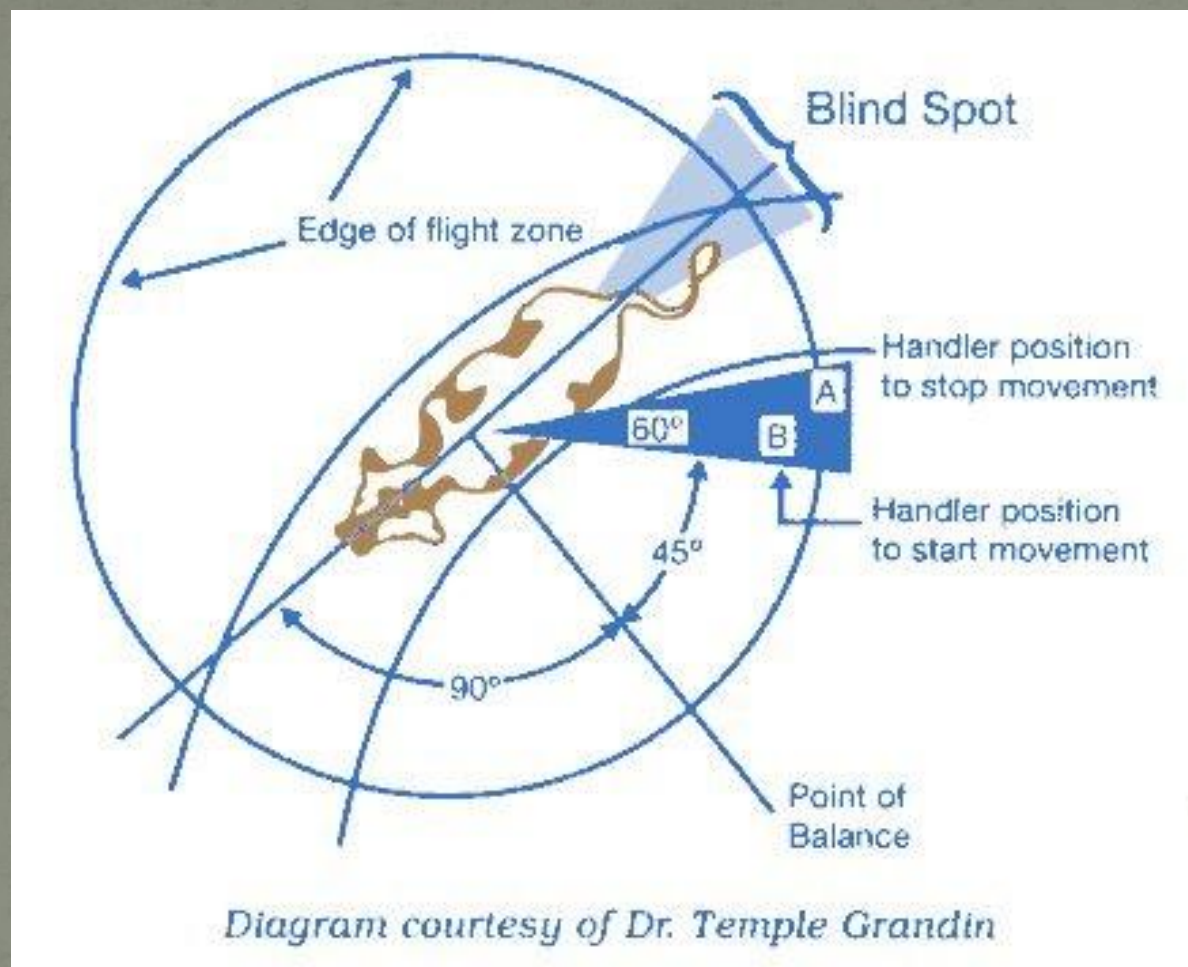
- Rope halter
- Clippers
- Blower



# Flight Zone

- Safety zone
- Varies among animals
- Increases when an animal is excited or approached from the front

# Flight Zone



# Common Injuries

- Slips/trips
- Muscle strain
- Back strain
- Bruises, cuts, scrapes
- Blisters
- Burns



# Injury Prevention

- Wear closed-toe shoes or boots with non-slip soles
- Wear gloves to protect your hands from rope burn or electrical burns (grooming tools)
- Keep the practice area clear of debris to reduce tripping/slipping hazards
- Work with your sheep often to reduce their flight zone
- Handle sheep quietly and calmly



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