

Right From The Start | Outline

Sheep

Characteristics

- Gregarious
 - They tend to gather in groups. This instinct is also referred to as the “flocking instinct”.
- Head butters
- Good jumpers
- Sure-footed
- Good sense of hearing
- Easily startled
- Wide field of vision
- Good sense of smell
- No weapons
 - Flee instead of fight
- Strong for their size



Equipment

- Rope halter
- Grooming tools

Flight Zone

- Distance that animals like to keep between themselves and a threat of danger
- Animal's safety zone
- Varies among animals
- Increases when an animal is excited or approached from the front

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Common Injuries from Sheep

- Slips and trips
- Bruises, cuts and scrapes
- Muscle strain
- Back strain
- Blisters
- Burns (rope or electrical)

Injury Prevention

- Wear closed-toe shoes or boots with non-slip soles.
- Wear gloves to protect your hands from rope burn, chain pinches and 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.
- Exhibitors should always be supervised by an adult.



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