

Using Working dogs in the red meat industry

“Paddock to Plate”

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Dog Experience



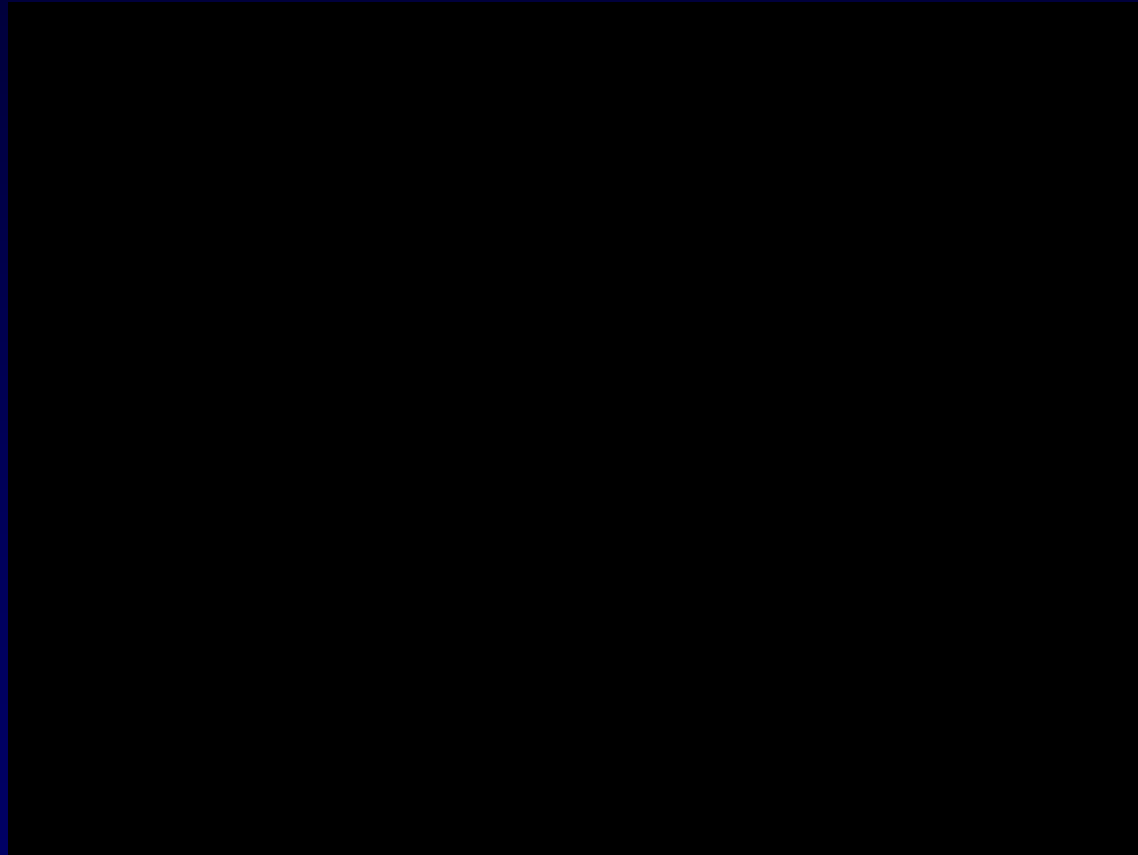




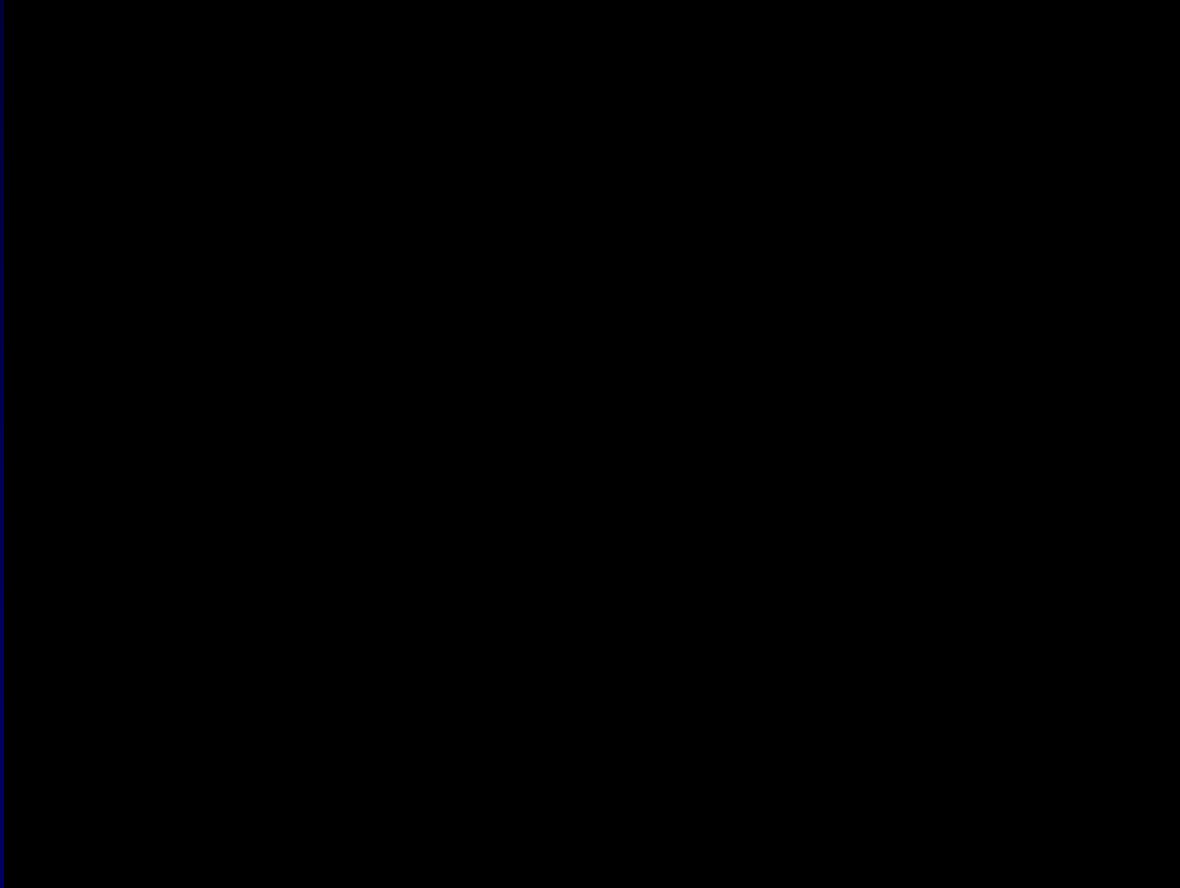




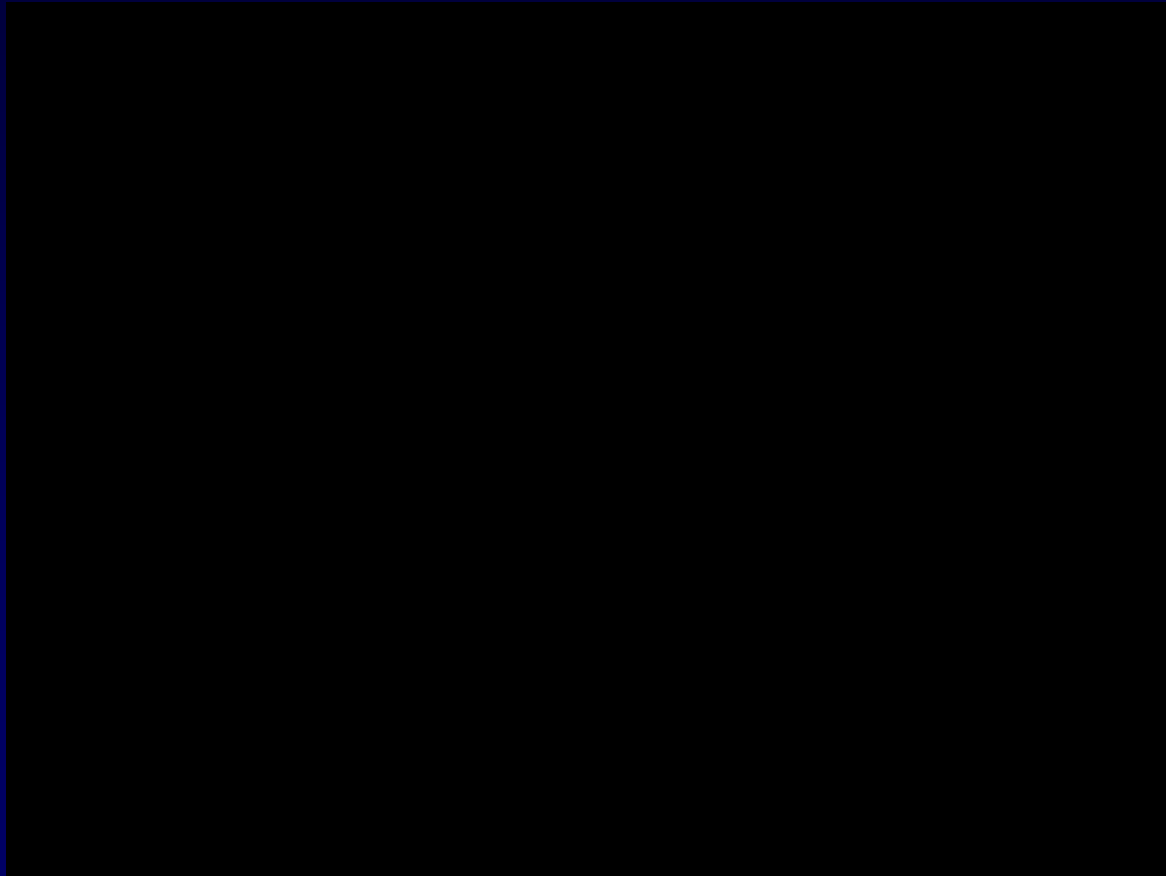
Dogs working sheep??



Human dogs working cattle?



Dogs moving cattle 2?

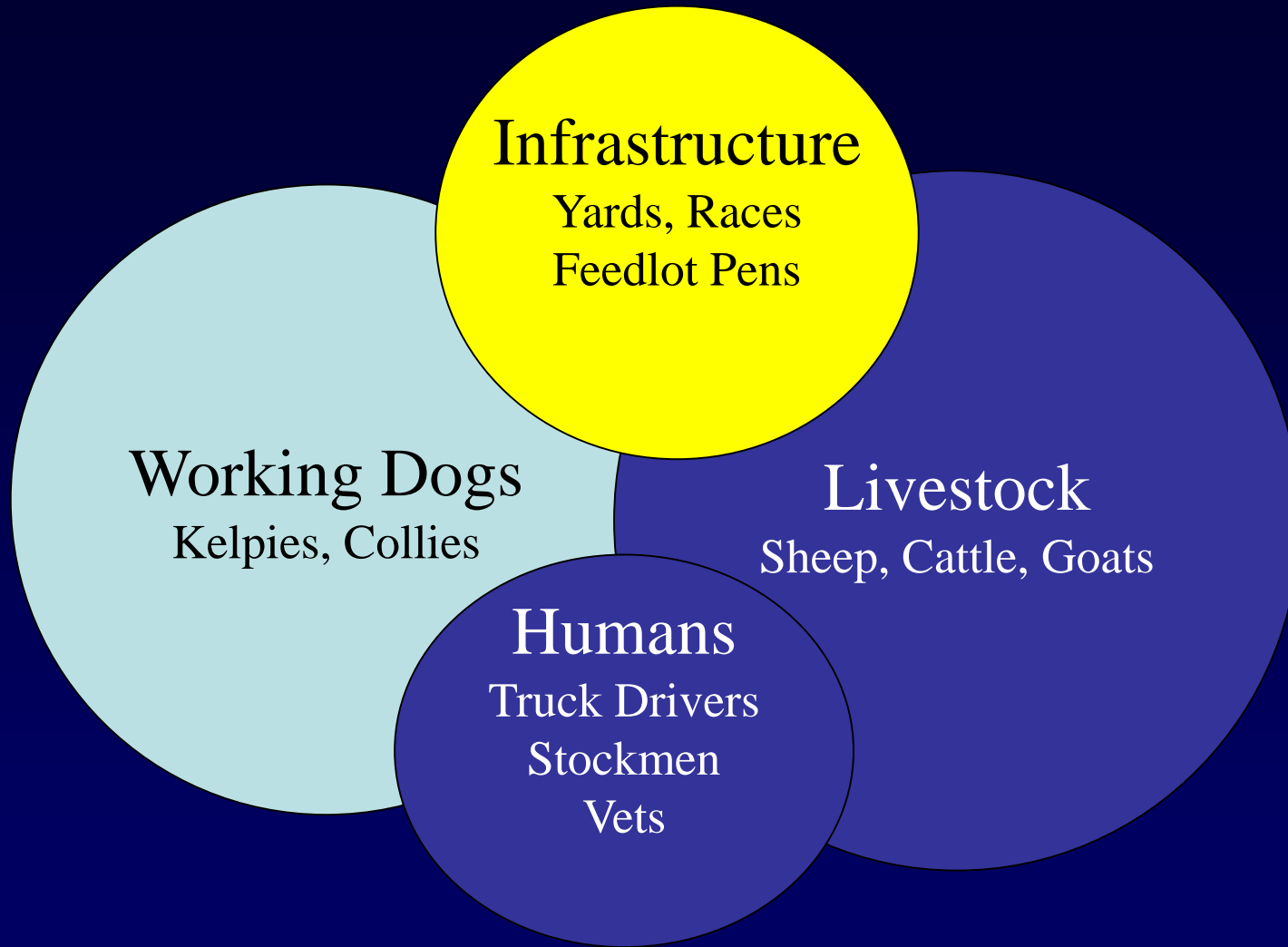








Circles of Influence



Stock Handling Methods Human

- Noise: excessive
- Physical: Poking, hitting, slapping
- Traditional Goads: whips, poly pipe, steel dog
- Agresion
- Range of stock handling using animal behavior
- Dogs: cattle vs sheep

Stock Handling Methods Dogs

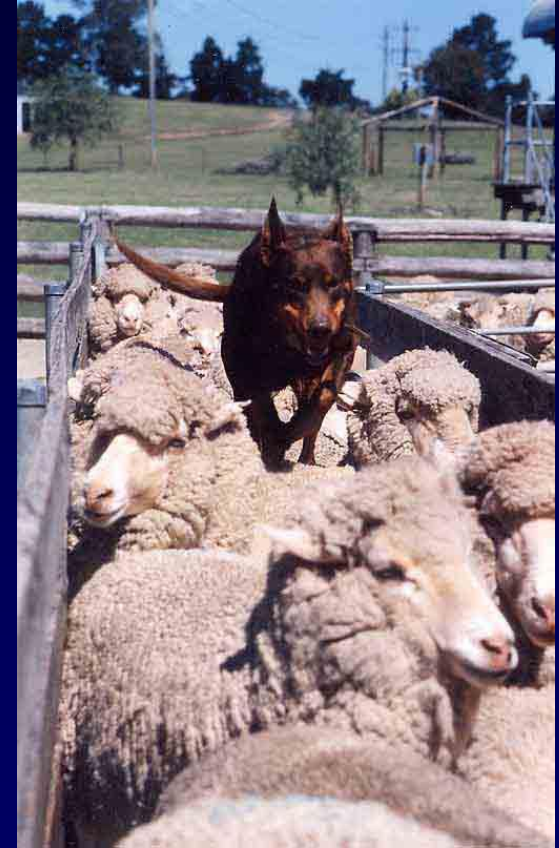
- Barking vs no barking
- Physical: Biting, jumping on top, running past
- Traditional Goads: dog position, dog sound
- Range of stock handling using animal behavior: natural ability of the dog/trained responses of the dog
- Dogs: cattle vs sheep
- Education of livestock to dogs

Getting livestock to move from A to B

- We must create a leader
- We must give the direction
- We must create the movement
- Herding animals want to follow each other
- Herding animals want to see the predator

Human/Dog/Livestock interaction

- Amount of humane contact
- Quality of handling
- Genetics
- Individual animal experiences
- Training for all of them?????



Human behavior: working with animals

- Tendency to make noise
- People want to touch things
- People have the need to do something
- The blame game
- Stock work can be frustrating
- Livestock Breed: Brahman vs Hereford
- Habit
- Attitude

Livestock Dog Interaction

- Animal Instinct
 - Predator prey relationship
 - Herding: grazing animals
 - Fight or flight response
 - Attack/agression
- Animal Behavior
 - Mob/herd structure
 - Flight Zone
 - Livestock senses: Vision
 - Biting, barking, kill mode



Human/Dog rules for handling livestock

- Position: in relation to the animals eye
- Pressure: if you apply it, you must release
- Movement: Our movement creates livestock movement
- Communication: is it clear

Basic Knowledge

- General Dog Behaviour: Poodle
- Dog Training Principles: house dog
- Working Dog behaviour and instinct
- How livestock want to be work
- Less is more: Number of dogs to do a job

Dog Qualities

- Natural ability: working style to suit job
- Desire to work livestock
- Desire to please handler
- Trainable and controllable
- Fitness and longevity
- QUIET

Future of working dogs

- **Eliminate the risk: Export facilities, then domestic**
- **Increased attention on welfare and use of stockdogs**
- **Compliance: training of handlers**
- **Handler and dog assessment**

Dog Training Unit

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“Care for and train working dogs”



Element 1

Identify role and select working dog

- 1.1. Working dog requirements for the enterprise are identified and confirmed.
- 1.2. Suitable working dog breeders and bloodlines are researched and availability determined.
- 1.3. Dogs are inspected for suitability and selected to meet role and enterprise requirements.

Element 2

Develop and implement training program

- 2.1. Basic commands are taught.
- 2.2. The dog is introduced to a small flock in a confined area.
- 2.3. The dog is asked to handle larger numbers in more open areas.
- 2.4. Specialist skills such as backing and forcing are taught.
- 2.5. Existing and potential animal handling hazards in the workplace are identified, risk assessed and controlled in line with enterprise requirements.

Element 3

Maintain welfare of working dog

- 3.1. Health, condition and status are monitored and maintained.
- 3.2. Diet is provided to meet nutritional requirements in consideration of work/training program.
- 3.3. Preventative health treatments are arranged and administered.
- 3.4. Facilities and equipment needs are provided and maintained in line with animal welfare requirements.





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