



Rules in Cornwall Park during lambing and calving

Always a highlight of the year, our calves are born from mid-July to mid-August, while our lambs begin arriving at the start of August through until mid-September.

- **NO** dogs allowed in the 'No Dog Zones' from July 17 to September 10.
Please look for signs when entering paddocks and at the map attached.
People found with dogs in the red area of the park will be trespassed from the park.
Dogs are permitted elsewhere in the park during this time on a leash.
- All dogs in the park **MUST** be on a leash at all times.
- Do not touch or approach any livestock including lambs and calves.
- Do not chase, scare or throw objects at any animals.
- Do not feed the animals.
- Remain calm and quiet around livestock.
- Please stay on the red chip paths through designated areas.
- If you see a cow or sheep giving birth, please keep your distance and do not approach.
The animals know what they are doing and can do it without human help.
If they need help, our farmers will assist them.
- Keep your distance from the livestock.
Mother cows are protective of their young and will charge if threatened.
- All livestock can be unpredictable especially cows during calving time.
- Please obey all signage around the park.



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Lambing and Calving at Cornwall Park

There are plenty of opportunities to see the newborns for yourself while visiting the park, but there are a few rules and restrictions in place during this time. These are set in place to ensure the newborns get the best start to the world possible, with minimal stress and human interaction. We ask that you please read and follow the information and rules above, as well as familiarising yourself with the map.



Where can I see lambs in the park?

New lambs and calves are kept in paddocks in the eastern side of the park. Dogs are not permitted in this area between 17 July and 10 September each year. Please see the map below to see which areas are restricted. During this time, the safest viewing area for the public is from the Belvedere Steps, just south of the Cornwall Park Café.

Why can't I get close to the animals?

New lambs are particularly vulnerable to people and dogs — sudden noises, human touch, dogs sniffing around or chasing them can result in the lamb going into shock and dying. The mother sheep and her lamb form an instant bond after the birth, and interruptions by people or dogs can result in the mother abandoning the lamb. If this happens, either the lamb will die or, if we find it in time, will need to be hand-raised, which is not in the best interest of the lamb.

Mother cows have strong maternal instincts and can be aggressive — they will protect their young from perceived threats such as humans and dogs.



What are our farmers doing during lambing and calving?

Our farmers work extra hard during the lambing and calving season. They do 3-4 checks per day of all of the expecting and new mothers to monitor their health. Sometimes bonds are not made between a mother and her offspring, for various reasons, so our farmers need to 'play mum' and hand feed them.

How can I help?

The best help for our farmers and livestock is to keep your distance and follow the rules below. If you see livestock looking unwell, lambs by themselves for a long period of time or people touching or chasing the livestock, please call 09 630 8485 and our Huia Lodge team will get the information to the right person to help. Helpful information for us includes, what happened, when it happened and where you are in the park.