



Concern: Michael Rydzyk has a flock of 40 sheep on land at Attenborough Nature Reserve.

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Farmer's plea after third sheep is attacked by dog

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DOG walkers are being urged to keep their pets on leads after two sheep were killed and another seriously injured in attacks at Attenborough Nature Reserve.

In the latest incident, Rambo the ram was bitten by a loose greyhound, which jumped over a fence and into the pen where he was kept.

The three-year-old male is recovering after having stitches to a chest wound.

The dog was pulled away by a passer-by, who ripped her jeans on barbed wire in the process.

Now Rambo's owner Michael Rydzyk is calling on dog owners to make sure they keep their animals on a lead while walking around the park.

The attack, which happened at 10.15am on Monday, came just six months after two of his female sheep were mauled to death in a dog attack.

He said: "Dogs should be walked on leads, especially greyhounds, who can jump so high. It will be lambing season as of April and the little ones wouldn't survive being bitten like that."

Full-time plasterer Mr Rydzyk, 43, bought the 23 acres of land at the reserve in January last year and is hoping

to turn sheep farming into a full-time career.

He said: "I know everyone says there's no money in farming but I wanted to prove them wrong. We've got a 40-strong flock and we are getting a bit concerned with the frequency of the attacks."

Speaking about Monday's incident, he added: "The woman with the dog made a half apology but she didn't seem

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to take it very seriously. I told her she would have to pay for the vet's bill but she told me she was skint, as it was soon after Christmas. But she's now said she will pay me this week."

Rambo was taken to a vet in Derby, where he was given stitches, at a cost of £75.

Erin McDaid, of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, which runs the reserve, said they had many problems with dogs

attacking animals.

He said: "We welcome dogs at the reserve but respectfully ask they are kept on leads by their owners."

"We have had several incidents in recent years of wildlife being attacked by dogs on the loose."

"These include wildlife such as swans. Some of these attacks have been fatal."

Police confirmed they had received a call about the attack.

British Veterinary Association president and vet Robin Hargreaves said sheep, particularly the young, are vulnerable at this time of year.

He said: "Even dogs who are usually calm and good-natured can become very excitable and difficult to control when faced with livestock."

"Tragically this can lead to chasing, attacks and fatalities for sheep and other animals."

"Over the coming months ewes in the field are likely to be heavily pregnant or have recently given birth. Chasing and worrying can have severe consequences at this time, leading to serious injuries, early labour and fatalities."

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Top beauty therapist earns trip to Paris waxing HQ



Winner: Jenny Hunter

A NOTTINGHAM beauty therapist has won an all-expenses paid trip to Paris in recognition of her excellence at her job.

Jenny Hunter, 29, of West Bridgford, overcame competition from four other therapists to win the holiday for two. The trip will include a training session from French wax supplier Perron Rigot, plus a half-day of pampering at the brand's in-house spa.

Jenny, who works for nkd

waxing, in Bridlesmith Walk, will head to Paris in April.

She was judged on a points-based system, taking into account factors, including customer service – 87% of customers rated their last wax treatment with Jenny as "excellent".

Bosses were also impressed the amount of cover Jenny provided for colleagues and the number of Saturdays worked.

Jenny, who learned hot wax-

ing in Australia, has worked for nkd for three years as a waxing therapist and trainer.

She is the first employee to win the prize. Her trip to Paris has been funded by nkd waxing and Perron Rigot.

Rebecca Dowdeswell, nkd owner and founder, said: "Jenny is an extremely worthy winner of this prize and I am thrilled she is getting the opportunity to go to our wax supplier's global headquarters in Paris".

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