

## Talk Topic

# Foxes, poultry and humans

Before we got the alpacas back in December 2013, we had tried lots of different ways to stop foxes stealing our birds. These included electric fencing, sonic fox scarers, live traps, we even had someone who tried to shoot them (he was unsuccessful). We weren't happy with a solution that resulted in the death of a fox but these were last resorts. We were so pleased to discover that alpaca guards could solve our problems.

Shooting and trapping foxes is a 'controversial' issue and there are laws controlling how and why foxes can be killed.

What are your thoughts? Should a fox be killed just because it is stealing someone's chickens?

Should ANY animal be killed because it is interfering with the way humans want to live?

Fox-hunting is now illegal but because people still hunt with dogs (chasing scents laid out for them), foxes are sometimes killed by mistake.

What do you think of this?

Is an animal life  
**ALWAYS** worth less of  
that of a human?  
Why/why not?

