

# The respectful animal farming: condition of its durability



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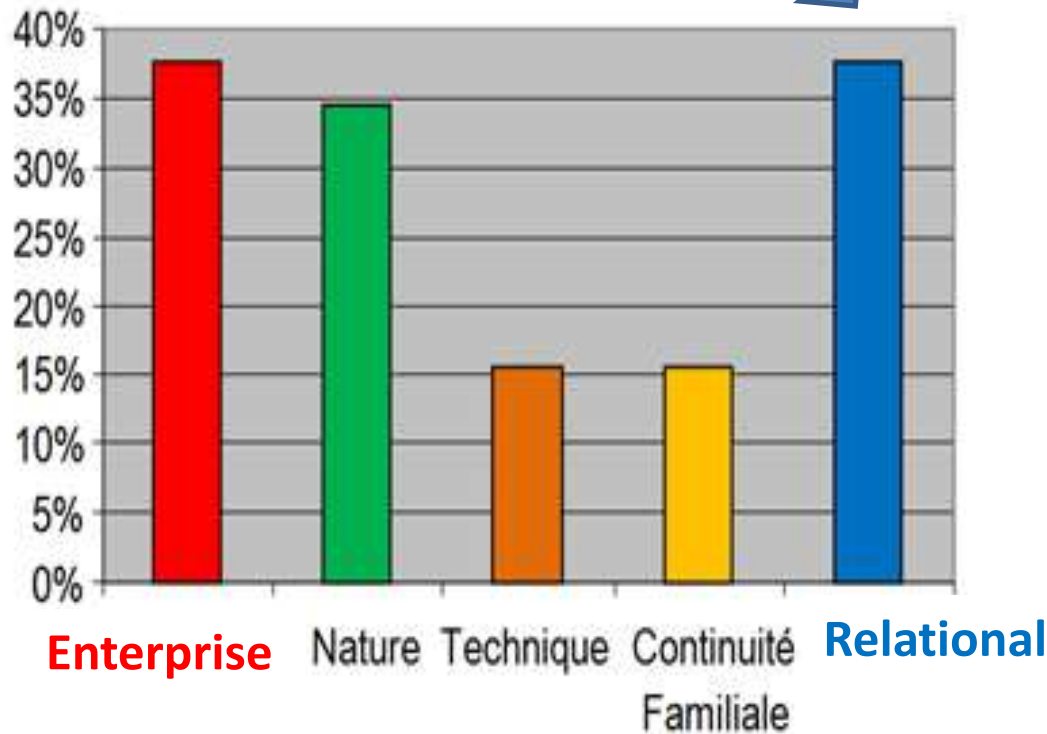
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# Livestock farming



# The rationalities of the farmer's work



Farmers claim affective bonds to their animals



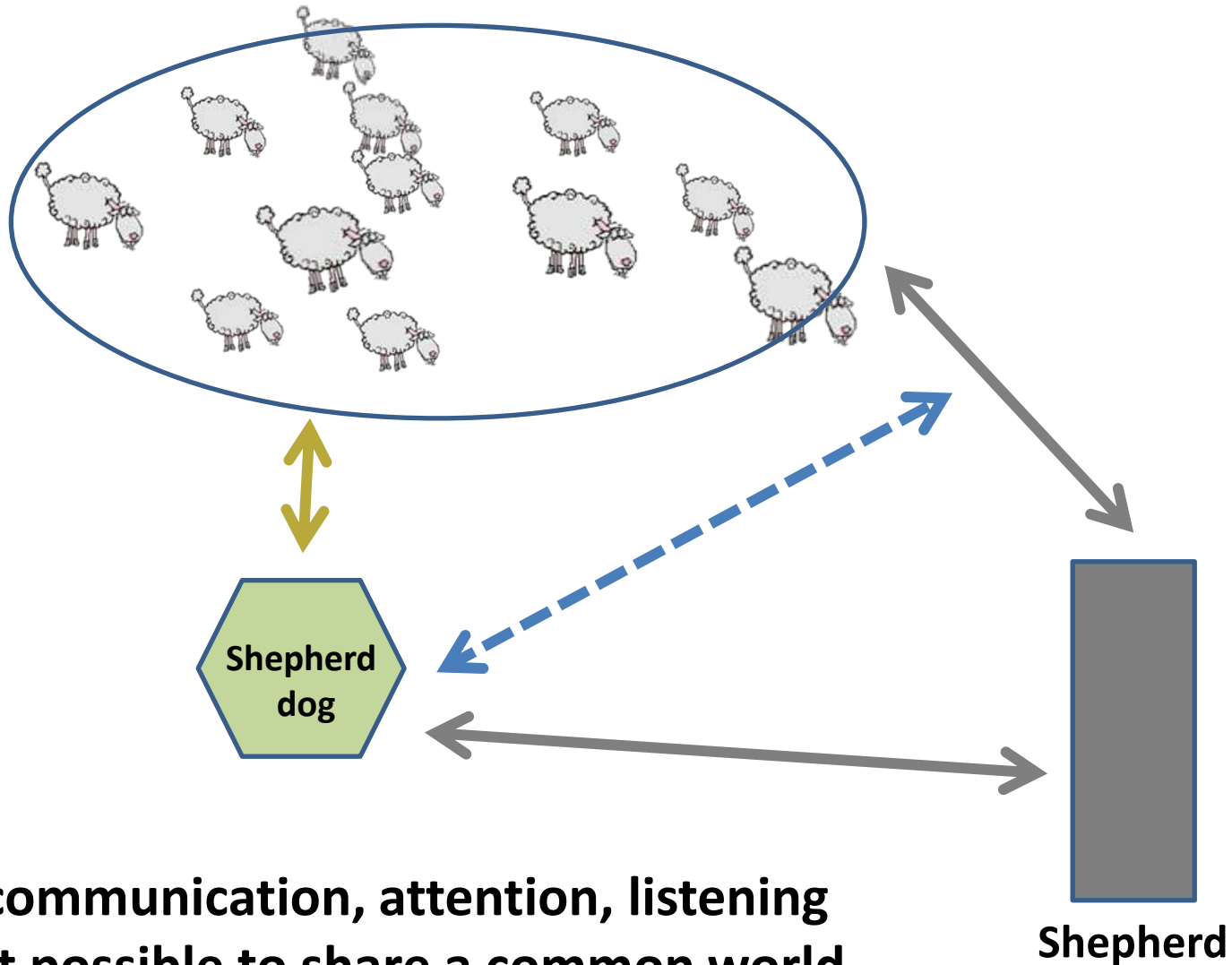
# Interspecific interactions

## Case of a shepherded flock

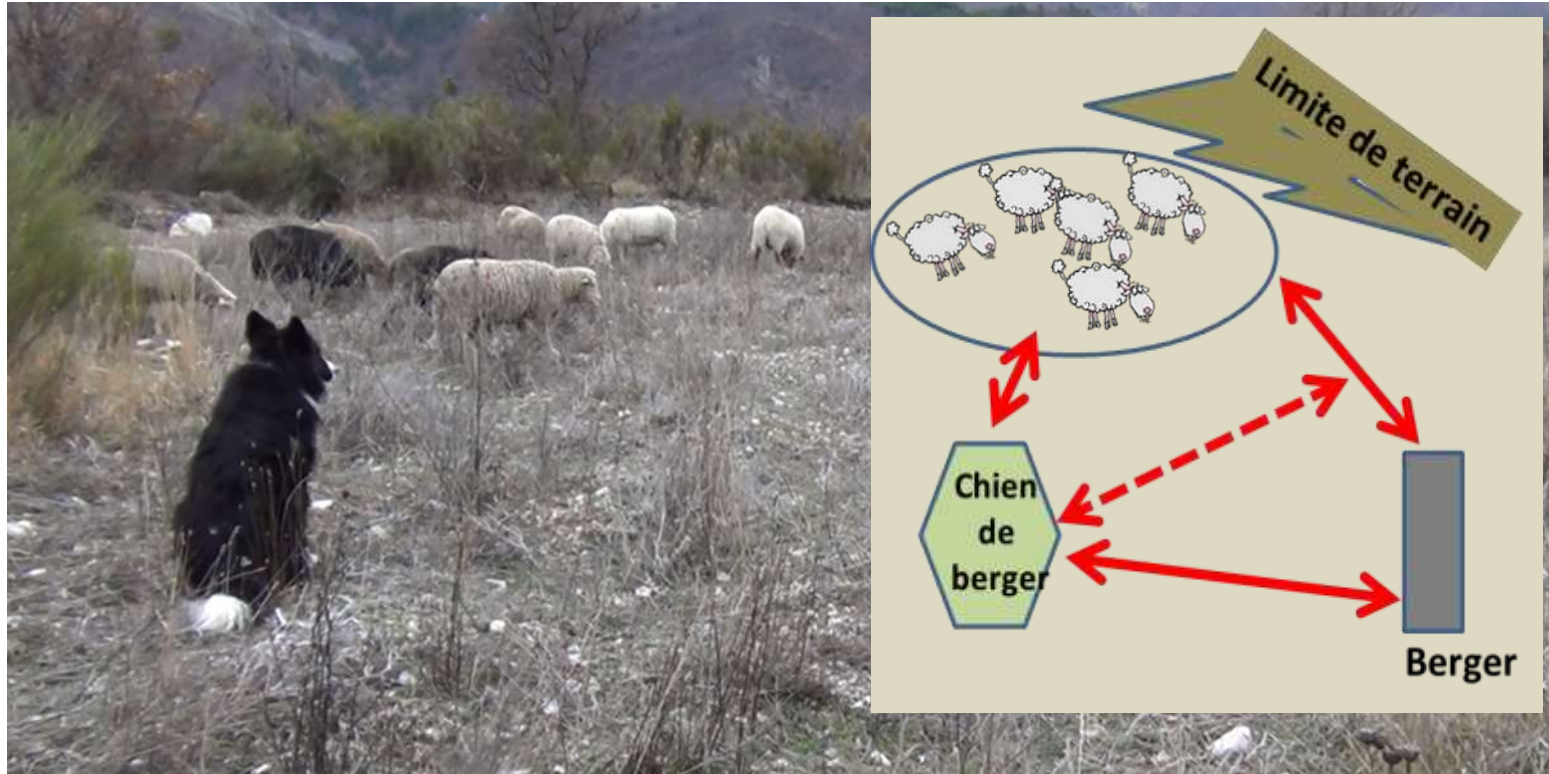


Shepherd  
dog

# Multiple interspecific interactions



# The (almost) invisible work of the shepherd dog



- The shepherd dog observes what is going on in front of him.
- He listens to the whistles and injunctions of the shepherd addressed to the flock.
- He watches and waits for permission to intervene, looking at the shepherd and the reactions of the flock.



# The visible work of the shepherd dog



- He acts according to the order given by the shepherd, the rules he has learned and the corrections that are given to him.



# An interspecific work collective



**Collaboration**




# Affection and gratitude



The dog knows  
when it does well

The shepherd gains the trust of the dog



The sheep recognizes the  
one who looks after him



# Relational practices between farmers and sheep

Farmers surveyed  
( n= 32)

- **100%** ..... **Observing the sheep**
- **100%** ..... **Being close to them**
- **81%** ..... **Communicate with them**
- **69%** ..... **Having respect for them**



# The slaughtering of livestock

- **Morally assume the death of the animals**
- **Gratitude and respect for animals**
  - **farmers request that their animals be accompanied**
  - **farmers and consumers demand a dignified death without unnecessary suffering**

# Conclusion

- **Humanity of the farmer's work**
- **Respect for animals from birth to slaughter is a common concern for livestock farmers and consumers.**
- **Social sustainability of livestock farming: Importance of affective bonds between livestock farmers and animals.**





**Thank you for your attention**