

# Ram Shields

## Protects animals and shepherds—

Rams can injure other rams, themselves, visitors and you.

To prevent this, use a leather mask to block the ram's forward vision—which prevents rams from charging humans or other rams. Side vision is not affected, so the ram can still breed, eat, drink and graze.

We use shields only when needed, removing them when the ram's urge to fight is over.

It's so effective in subduing belligerent rams that it often surprises first-time users (the shepherd, not the ram).

*Warning: The risk of serious human injury from rams is not small. Intact adult male animals simply are not predictable. So never turn your back on even "gentle" rams.*



### How To Use a Ram Shield:

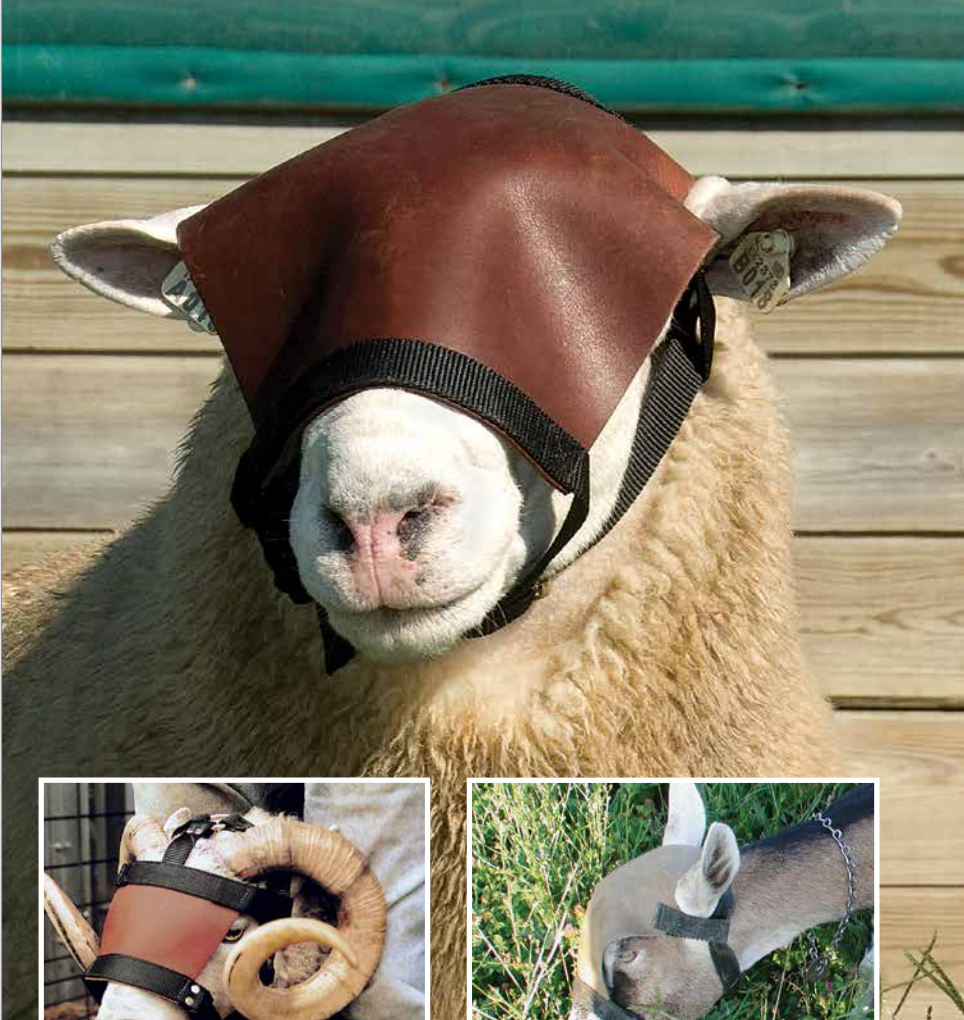
1. Remove leather in location shown above if your ram's ears are large and become irritated due to lack of space.
2. Make optional cuts as shown if the shield folds too far over the ram's eyes and blocks his side vision.

## Before you cut the shield...

Every ram's head is different, so shields can be modified (*as shown above*) within limits to fit the ram. The depth that you cut will depend on the width of your particular ram's head.

Our serrated and ARS foot trimmers work well for this purpose.

**Remember:** You want to block the forward vision, not the side vision. So start with small cuts, and then increase if the eyes are still blocked from the side.



Shields should be checked often. Most rams will initially strive vigorously to remove the shield. (inset) Ram shields for horned rams use this design. Note how it is to be fitted.



This nanny received a shield for exhibiting rude behavior. Photo by Ken O. from Ohio.

## Shield Size by Breed

Breed	Small	Large
Border Leicester		•
Cheviot	•	
Columbia		•
Corriedale		•
Dorper		•
Dorset		•
Finn	•	
Hampshire		•
Icelandic	•	
Katahdin	•	
Lincoln Longwool		•
Montadale		•
Navajo Churro	•	
Polypay		•
Rambouillet		•
Romanov	•	
Romney		•
Shetland	•	
Southdown		•
Suffolk		•
Targhee		•
Texel		•
Tunis		•

## Which size shield will suit your ram(s)?

Use chart at right to determine the size needed. It refers to adult, full-grown rams.

The heads of ram lambs are smaller than the heads of adult rams—so a small size is better for them.

### Polled & Horned Ram Shields

Two versions and 2 sizes in each style. Polled shields rely on the ears and head shape to hold in position. Horned shields fit over the horns.

#### Polled Shields

Small, 0.60 lb .....#505800  
Large, 0.80 lb .....#506000

#### Horned Shields

Small, 0.60 lb .....#505900  
Large, 0.80 lb .....#506200