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### CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

**Title of Project: Innovations in Herding: Assessing the Performance of Dog and Dog-like Robot in Sheep Control**

**Name of Researcher: Roopika Ravikanna**

**Name of Participant: JOHN BREARE**

Please initial/tick  
box

- draft 1*
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  5. I would like to receive a summary of the results of the study

☒

Yes

☐

No

6. I agree to take part in the above study. ☒

John Breare

Name of Participant

18.6.25

Date

John Breare

Signature

XIAOXIAN Xu

Name of Person taking consent

19/06/25

Date

Xiaoxian Xu

Signature

NEULANDS FARMHOUSE  
HARDWICK ROAD  
HANNINGTON  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  
NN6 9TG

(sheep farm - 70 sheep)  
as sheep



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**Name of Participant:**

*Bailey knighton*

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☒ Yes ☐ No *bay. knighton@icloud.com*  
*Farm Stocks man / White Post Farm*  
*work with sheep for 6 years.*
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*Bailey*  
Name of Participant

*18/6/25*  
Date

*B. knighton*  
Signature

*XZLADXLAN X*  
Name of Person taking consent

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**Name of Researcher: Roopika Ravikanna**

**Name of Participant:** *Melissa Green*

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Yes



No

*Melissaamygreen@gmail.com*  
*Animal Management BSc student*  
*white post farm*

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*Melissa Green*

Name of Participant

*18/06/25*

Date

*Melissa*

Signature

*Catherine Merchant*

Name of Person taking consent

*18/06/25*

Date

*Catherine*

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**Name of Participant: JAMES CROWDER**

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**JAMES CROWDER**

Name of Participant

Date

**18/6/25**

**J. G. Gads**

Signature

**ANDREW SMYTH**

Name of Person taking consent

Date

**18/6/25**

**Andrew Smyth**

Signature

**07711955842**

owner of sheep farm Chalk gully sheep (wool & meat not used)  
(Speciality sheep)



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**Name of Participant: STEVE HIGHAM**

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**STEVE HIGHAM**

Name of Participant

**18/6/25**

Date

**[Signature]**

Signature

**A SIMPSON**

Name of Person taking consent

**18/6/25**

Date

**[Signature]**

Signature

Manager of sheepfarm, incharge of sheep & herding.  
(enclosed fields)  
sheep for meat.



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**Name of Participant: STUART BARNES**

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STUART BARNES

Name of Participant

18/6/25

Date

*Stuart Barnes*

Signature

Catharine Merchant

Name of Person taking consent

18/6/25

Date

*Catharine Merchant*

Signature

07817242369

Stu\_kiwi26@hotmail.com

sheep dog trainer.