



Title: "Follow me"

Description: A springer spaniel leads baby Freddie around the garden.

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Where, when: Southland, 2019.

Sustainability? Man's best friend starts young on the farm with Springer Sadie showing my son, Freddie, around the garden. Dogs are part of farming, for both work and play. Growing up on a farm your whole life can revolve around dogs. Many families will have a 'pet' dog, which may be different to a 'house' dog, which is again different to a 'working' dog. There can also be times where these all start to overlap, beloved working dogs might retire into the house. A strong team of dogs working closely with their human become a family unit. Being able to introduce children to dogs at a young age has been such a pleasure, seeing that bond begin to form is heartwarming.

Bringing up children alongside animals of all shapes and sizes is a natural hook to want to become farmers in their adult lives. Nurturing a love of animals and land is essential for sustainability because we need the younger generation to come on to our farm after we have had our turn to look after it.

Photo notes: *Camera:* Samsung Galaxy *Lens:* 12-40mm *Settings:* f/10 1/500 sec ISO200 12mm.

Digital specs: 2,425 x 2,425 pixels (5.9 MP).

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