

WILD ENCOUNTERS RISK ASSESSMENT FOR OUTREACH VISITS

This risk assessment covers the bringing of an animal on an outreach visit.

| IDENTIFY RISK | RISK LEVEL | MITIGATION OF RISK |
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| Animal Waste | High | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use mat to collect faeces in immediate presentation area. -Wipe floor at end of session. -Animals will be held at suitable distance to minimise risk of faeces landing on public. -Public wash hands after presentation. |
| Bites/Pecks/Scratches/Aggressive behaviour | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Presenter will assess animal's physical and mental behaviour prior to visit. -No public-animal contact unless permission from presenter. -Warnings given out by presenter prior to shows/interactions. -Prevent crowding by public to reduce animal stress. |
| Allergies | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Presenter will check on booking and prior to beginning of presentation for allergies. -Presenter will alert sufferers of potential risks and will advise dependent on severity of allergy. -Public wash hands after presentation. |
| Virus/Germ Transmission (human/animal and animal/human transmission) | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Presenter will assess animal's physical and mental state prior to visit. -No contact with animals likely to transmit diseases. -Wash hands after presentation/interaction. |
| Escapes | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Established animal escape procedure. -Animals transported and kept in suitable and secure carriers when not being used. -All public to listen to instructions given by presenter. |
| Unpredictable Animal Behaviour | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No food (unless brought by presenter) to be in same room during presentation. |

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| | | <p>-No other animals (pets) to be in attendance during presentation.</p> <p>-Movement and noise to be kept at a suitable level during presentation.</p> <p>-Presenter will remove animal from presentation area if it is exhibiting stressed or uncontrollable behaviour.</p> |
| Transporting Animal Food/Water (Spillages) | Low | -Transported in sealed containers to minimise risk of spillages. |
| Age Restriction/Guidance | Low | <p>-Presenter will advise age appropriate animals prior to presentations.</p> <p>-Handling of certain animals will be restricted for certain ages.</p> |
| Movement Of Animals | Low | <p>-Property owner/event organiser will ensure adequate parking in close proximity of presentation area.</p> <p>-Presenter will ensure safe loading and unloading procedures of animals.</p> <p>-Animals will be transported in secure and mobile carriers.</p> <p>-Adequate number of presenters for transporting and lifting any large/heavy animals/housing.</p> |

METHOD STATEMENT

We will:

1. Carefully transport animals and equipment to destination, taking regular breaks.
2. Be punctual, arriving in time to set up suitably for the event.
3. Co-ordinate with the event organiser.
4. Check area suitable for animals.
5. Unload and set up enclosures and equipment (where applicable).
6. Checks - Security of enclosures and health and safety i.e. signs, hand wash.
7. Ensure animals are secured before leaving the vehicle.
8. Move animals into enclosures/pens (where applicable).
9. The handlers will then proceed with displaying animals.
10. Any animals that show signs of aggression or tiredness will be immediately removed from presentation.
11. Use regulation equipment.
12. The area which has been used will be cleared of any excess waste or debris.