

## Farming Friends Risk Assessment

Identified Risk	Implications				Risk Before Action Taken			Action Required	Risk After Action Taken		
	Staff	Community	Self	Animal	High	Medium	Low		High	Medium	Low
Bites and scratches								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants instructed in handling animals safely and closely supervised</li> <li>Keep animals away from face</li> <li>Animals are regularly handled</li> </ul>			
Cuts / minor injury from defective housing								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal housing inspected regularly for defects</li> </ul>			
Hygiene/Infection control								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate provision for hand sanitising readily available.</li> <li>Soiled bedding disposed of &amp; animal excrement cleaned before leaving community sites.</li> <li>Foodstuffs stored carefully to prevent contamination and infestation.</li> </ul>			
Allergies/phobias								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children / staff known to have allergic reactions / phobias to specific animals have restricted access – children with allergies must take an antihistamine prior to engaging with our animals, unless</li> </ul>			

							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>parent/carer advises otherwise.</li> <li>• Good general hygiene and hand washing/sanitising followed during and after intervention</li> </ul>			
Transportation of animals							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure animals are transported in appropriate vehicles: horse box, trailer or car boot</li> <li>• Allow time for exercise following travel to and from delivery locations and part way through depending on length of journey</li> </ul>			
Animals onsite at events/community venues							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure adequate holding pens are set up onsite</li> <li>• Ensure fresh water is provided for animals, along with food that has been assessed as safe for consumption</li> <li>• Ensure animals take time out when needed – observation of the animals behaviour, with staff intervention provided when a break is needed so that the animal doesn't become overwhelmed – participants/members of the public must be made aware of the need for time out so</li> </ul>			

								that animals can take this time undisturbed			
								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure all animals are handled and introduced using appropriate control measures, ie: head collars, leads, pop up fencing, etc</li> </ul>			
Animal interaction at activities/events								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure signs are displayed giving info about the animal, along with advice on good housekeeping &amp; hygiene</li> <li>• Safety signs to be displayed and instruction on safe interactions given</li> </ul>			

Risk assessment carried out & reviewed regularly by:

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