



Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, Clevedon Road, Wraxall, Bristol, BS48 1PG

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Activity being assessed	Outreach and Workshop Session																																																																																			
Location of Activity	Settings receiving an off-site visit from staff and animals at Noah's Ark Zoo Farm																																																																																			
Risk assessment reference number	4.2.3																																																																																			
Lead Assessors Name	Paula Takle																																																																																			
Date of assessment	18/1/2024																																																																																			
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Review date (month/year)	01/25																																																																																			

Method Statement

Noah's Ark Zoo Farm offers a variety of outreach visits to schools, community groups and care homes where animals can be met and handled. Staff also bring a variety of activity resources and bio-artefacts. All animals are in secure transport containers and artefacts and resources are carefully selected dependant on the age and ability of the group. Some animals and artefacts can be touched and handled under staff supervision.

Residual risk to be calculated after all reasonably practicable control measures have been implemented.
 Residual risk score –Likelihood (L) x Severity (S) =Residual Risk (RR). See matrix on front page.



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Hazard identified	Persons affected, and how	Existing Control measures	Additional control measures	L	S	RR
Injuries caused by bites/scratches from animals	Groups having an outreach visit from staff at NAZF – injured by an animal during touching/handling.	<p>Staff member supervising animal contact.</p> <p>Low risk, well-handled animals used.</p> <p>Secure transport enclosures used.</p> <p>Verbal warnings & instructions given on how to safely handle and interact with animals.</p> <p>Sudden movement and loud noises avoided when handling.</p>		2	2	4
Faecal contamination from animal droppings	Groups having an outreach visit from staff at NAZF – coming into contact with animal faeces during the outreach session	<p>Importance of handwashing reinforced at start and end of session.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser in the form of SAFE4 DISINFECTANT 10:1 dilution in foaming dispensers provided throughout session, and taken around at the end of the session.</p> <p>Staff/Leaders to ensure hand washing is carried out following session.</p> <p>Any droppings picked up immediately by NAZF staff member. Waste brought back to NAZF in black bag to be disposed of.</p>		2	2	4
Injuries from resources/artefacts used during sessions	Groups having an outreach visit from staff at NAZF – suffering injuries from artefacts/resources, e.g. paper cuts, small grazes	<p>Instruction given prior to use of resources and artefacts.</p> <p>Supervision provided when resources/artefacts are being used.</p> <p>Appropriate artefacts chosen based on age and ability.</p> <p>Resources used are child friendly.</p>		3	2	6
Allergic reaction to animals	Groups having an outreach visit from	Enquire prior to visit if any children have allergies to specific animals and avoid using these in workshops.		2	3	6



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	staff/animals at NAZF – allergic reaction to an animal during an outreach session	Teacher supervision and staff awareness. Trained first aiders available.				
Risk of disease contraction through contact with animals and animal artefacts	Groups having a visit from staff at NAZF – picking up a disease from an animal/artefact	Supervision by trained staff during handling of animals/artefacts Suitable instruction provided prior to handling to discourage children from placing hands near face or mouth during the session. All animals are regularly health checked and all artefacts are regularly cleaned. Hand washing and use of hand sanitiser encouraged throughout the session and taken round at the end of the session.		1	3	3
Negative psychological effects caused by phobia	Groups having a visit from staff at NAZF – coming in to contact with an animal which triggers phobias	Those with phobias should make themselves known to the staff prior to the session commencing. Recommending to calmly leave the session if an animal will cause a phobic reaction. Instructions given at the start include the explanation that no animal has to be handled and it is all down to personal choice.		1	2	2
Injury cause by falling/tripping over items during the session	Groups having a visit from staff at NAZF – tripping over animal carriers/outreach containers	All items are placed in a safe area or on a table. Staff warn of trip hazard at the start of the session and ask all attendees to remain seated during the session. All staff are first aid trained.		1	2	2
Animal Escape	Groups having a visit from staff at NAZF	All animals are transported in secure transport containers which are always supervised by NAZF staff.		2	2	4



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		Only well trained animals are taken on outreach. Only inverts are held under close supervision on 1:1 basis.				

<p>Acceptable residual risk scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White – safe for all • Green – Safe for all • Amber – Acceptable providing all reasonably practicable control measures are in place • Red – fully trained, competent staff/contractors only • Black – Not safe as is, additional control measures needed
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<p>Initials of staff affected (Read and understood)</p>	
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