

Edupet.net Animal Visit / Pet Party "Risk Assessment"

Potential Hazard	Who is at risk?	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Preventative Measures	Responsibilities
People picking up germs from the animals.	All participants	Wet wipes and anti-bacterial gel are provided by edupet for use during all events and activities. Participants are advised to wash their hands at the end of the visit. All hard surfaces e.g. tables and worktops which may have come into contact with the animals will be treated with a suitable anti-bacterial cleaner.	Low	Wet wipes and anti-bacterial gel are provided by edupet for use during all events and activities. Participants are advised to wash their hands at the end of the visit. Terms and conditions state that the responsibility lies with the hirer to ensure they are being used. Edupet will endeavour to enforce this. Edupet will ensure all hard surfaces e.g. tables and worktops which may have come into contact with the animals will be treated with a suitable anti-bacterial cleaner.	Edupet staff and hirer
Allergies	People with allergies.	Terms and conditions state that it is the hirers responsibility to advise edupet .net in advance of any known allergies to any animals the participants may encounter. Wet wipes and anti bacterial hand gels are also covered by the terms and conditions.	Low	Edupet will ensure that details on booking form relating to allergies of participants are checked prior to the visit. Children with known allergies will be encouraged to handle all animals except for any that may affect the health and wellbeing of those individuals. The use of wipes and anti bacterial gels will be the responsibility of the hirer.	Edupet staff and hirer
People getting bitten or scratched by an animal	All participants and edupet staff	All animals are well handled and friendly. All participants will be supervised and shown the correct way to handle the animals to avoid upsetting/frightening the animals thus preventing injury to people.	Low	All animals are well handled and friendly. All participants will be supervised and shown the correct way to handle the animals to avoid upsetting / frightening the animals thus preventing injury to people. Any person deemed by edupet staff to be behaving irresponsibly will be removed from the situation. The activity may be suspended until edupet staff consider it safe (for both animals and people) to continue.	Edupet staff. Hirer to monitor / control participants behaviour.
People being frightened of or disliking an animal	All participants	No person is pressured into having any type of contact (visual or hands on) with any animal if they express a wish not to do so.	Low	At the beginning of each session an edupet staff member will give examples of the types of animals that will be shown / handled during the visit. Participants are offered the opportunity to refuse any involvement during any part of the visit.	Edupet staff
Animals escaping	The animals	All animals are in secure containers to prevent escape. Animals are only removed from the containers by edupet staff. Animals are supervised and if handled correctly should not attempt to escape.	Low	If an animal escapes the edupet member of staff will recapture it in a calm manner having ensured that the participants remain still to avoid any injury to the animal concerned.	Edupet staff
People hurting / upsetting the animals	The animals	At the beginning of the session edupet staff explain to the participants in an age appropriate way, how to avoid upsetting the animals (for example shouting during the session or squeezing an animal) and how to handle them in the correct way to avoid hurting them.	Medium	Appropriate supervision by adults present including edupet staff. Examples of correct handling procedures will be demonstrated by edupet staff as each new animal is introduced.	Edupet staff and ALL participants