



WORKING WITH ANIMALS RISK ASSESSMENT

GENERAL HAZARDS

HAZARD	SPECIFICS	CONSEQUENCES	PREVENTATIVE MEASURE	PARTICIPANT ACTION
Animals	Biting, scratching, kicking, trampling, gauging	Being bitten, Being scratched, Being kicked, Being trampled Being gauged	Washing hands, Wearing gloves, Wearing the appropriate clothing, Ensuring there is suitable signage where needed.	Site Manager to communicate to animal staff to ensure that they are competent and confident with the handling, daily care of the animals
Zoonotic diseases	All the animals	Transmission of disease from animal to human. Salmonella/E Coli Leptospirosis Lyme disease Orf Ringworm	Washing hands, Wearing gloves No food and drinks in the animal area. Ensuring there is appropriate signage.	Pre-advice from Site Manager All Cuts need to be covered
Allergic Reactions	Reactions to animal fur Reactions to dust	Reaction specific to each individual	Wear appropriate clothing including goggles, masks, gloves	Staff to have given relevant medical details to Site Manager.

POULTRY

HAZARD	RISK LEVEL (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	ACTION
Infection with salmonella or other bacteria	Medium	Children to wash hands after handling chickens. Anti bacterial gel available. Chickens not allowed in food preparation areas.

Avion Influenza	Low	Staff aware of symptoms of disease and will contact vet if any signs displayed. Fresh water provided. Food purchased from reputable company.
Rodents and disease.	High	Feed stored in secure containers. Only enough food for chickens provided daily. Vermin control in place around the Hut. Chickens kept in the run when staff off site.
Inhalation of sawdust.	Low	Staff/Children made aware before cleaning out chickens. Good ventilation when cleaning out poultry.
Infections through cuts/wounds	Low	Children with broken skin not to handle chickens.

HORSES

HAZARD	RISK (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	ACTION
Lifting/carrying hay and straw, feed sacks and water buckets.	Low	Ensure all children have clear instructions regarding how to lift/carry all equipment correctly. Provide a wheelbarrow for moving large amounts of hay/straw and feeds. Ensure correct footwear is worn.
Mucking out , maintaining muck heap/ sweeping.	Low	Trained staff to ensure children are supervised at all times. Correct use of tools and training provided. Correct footwear to be worn.
Leading / handling horses	Medium	Staff to supervise children 1:1 when leading horses. Children shown correct way to lead horses safely. Make Children aware of what to do if a horse was to pull/run. Correct footwear to be worn. Anti – bacterial gel on hand.
Grooming Horses		Horses to be tied up using a safety knot by staff. Staff to supervise grooming at all times. Horses to be tied up outside. Staff to show children the correct way to use the brushes. Correct footwear to be worn. Children to wash hands after handling the horses.
General movement around the stables	Low	Area to be kept clear. All tools to be stored away when not in use.

GOATS

HAZARD	RISK (HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW)	ACTION
Biting by animals	Low	All animals are well handled. Children made aware of how to approach/ handle the goats. Staff always monitoring petting/handling of animals.
E.Coli Salmonella	Low	Make sure children wash hands immediately after handling the animals. Anti-bacterial gel on hand.
Goat walking	Low	Staff to supervise goat walks at all times. Children to wash hands immediately after the walk . Anti – bacterial gel on hand.

SHEEP

HAZARD	RISK (HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW)	ACTION
E.Coli	Low	Wash hands immediately after contact with sheep. Have anti-bacterial gel on hand .Wash boots before leaving The Ark Smallholding.
Orf	Low	Staff to monitor sheep for signs of orf. Hygiene as above. Make sure no child has broken skin when touching the sheep.
Brushes, forks and other tools.	Low	Show children how to use tools and equipment correctly. When not in use make sure all tools are stored away.