

Operational Risk Assessment Form

Task/Premises: Animal Handling Sessions

Location: At customers premises

Date: 29th September 2020

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Risk Rating: Extreme: 15+; High: 8-12; Moderate: 4-7; Low: 1-5

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Activity/plant / materials etc	List significant hazards	People at risk	Existing controls i.e. Safety procedures	Assessment of Risk			What further action Is required to control the risk?
				Likelihood 1-5	Severity 1-5	Risk Rating	
Attending handling sessions	1. Harm from the venue 2. Harm from animals 3. Harm from other persons	All	1. General health and safety precautions are taken and processes in place. On arrival, a visual risk assessment is undertaken for trip hazards, fire escapes etc. 2. See separate RA 3. Children are not left unaccompanied and are always supervised Staff and adults are always to wear face masks An Isolation process is in place should anyone become ill during the session Social distancing is observed at all times. Where this cannot be achieved, i.e. when passing animals to another person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Face coverings must to be worn ● Sit side by side not opposite to minimise aerosol spray effect ● No raised voices or singing to minimise aerosol transmission 	2	3	6	Ensure Track and Trace processes are in place Ensure soap, water, and hand sanitiser freely available Group size to be no greater than that permitted by legislation in force at any time, (numbers must include staff) For larger parties, the rule of 6 permits multiple groups of 6 in a Covid-secure venue providing they are socially distanced, they do not mingle, and they do not share equipment.

During the session	Exposure to virus staying on surfaces	All	<p>Hand washing regime throughout sessions</p> <p>Viricidal Cleaner/Sanitiser used to clean surfaces (confirmed by the supplier to be effective for Covid-19)</p> <p>All wipes and cloths to be discarded after finishing and all persons to wash hands &/or use hand sanitiser after the session.</p>	2	3	6	
Contact with realia, artefacts and bio resources	<p>Harm through miss use</p> <p>Virus could contaminate resources.</p>	All	<p>Staff to ensure items are safe to handle (no sharp edges)</p> <p>Exoskeletons and shed skins kept in boxes and only touched after health and safety has been given</p> <p>Staff to supervise items</p> <p>Children supervised during sessions</p> <p>Ensure hands are washed and disinfected immediately before and after handling.</p> <p>Clean resources between each person. (NB. Not all resources are not suitable for cleaning between people during handling, but where they are then this should be done)</p>	2	3	6	
Craft activities using Scissors, glue, glue gun,	<p>Virus retained on hard surfaces</p> <p>Social distancing could be compromised</p>	All	<p>Children over 5 permitted to use scissors at their own discretion</p> <p>Supervised craft session at all times</p> <p>Materials and equipment disinfected where possible between each session</p> <p>Sufficient equipment per child so as no need to share.</p>	3	2	6	Consider not running craft sessions if risk for area is medium or high.

Heat mats, leads and extensions	Electric shock, trips and falls, fire	All	Room layout such that attendees do not have to step over wires Animals lifted in and out of crates by handler Electrical equipment PAT tested.	1	3	3	
Allergic reaction	Allergic reactions Anaphylactic shock	All	Booking form allows space for bookers to state if any guests have allergies. First aid kit available. Mobile phone available to call 999	1	3	3	

Summary

COVID-19 is a public health emergency. Everyone needs to assess and manage the risks of COVID-19, and businesses should consider the risks to their workers and visitors. As the sole proprietor of my animal handling business, by completing this updated operational risk assessment I have demonstrated that I have considered the risks I face and have put in place everything reasonably practicable to minimise them, recognising that I cannot completely eliminate the risk of COVID-19.

I have made sure that the risk assessment for my business addresses the risks of COVID-19, using government advice and guidance from the HSE website to inform my decisions and control measures. I recognise that a risk assessment is not about creating huge amounts of paperwork, but rather about identifying sensible measures to control the risks in my workplace.

I acknowledge that failure to complete a risk assessment which takes account of COVID-19, or completing a risk assessment but failing to put in place sufficient measures to manage the risk of COVID-19, could constitute a breach of health and safety law.

I will respond to any advice or notices issued by enforcing authorities rapidly and are required to do so within any timescales imposed. I will follow all instructions from authorities in the event of new [local restrictions](#).

		Consequence				
		Negligible 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
Likelihood	5 Almost certain	Moderate 5	High 10	Extreme 15	Extreme 20	Extreme 25
	4 Likely	Moderate 4	High 8	High 12	Extreme 16	Extreme 20
	3 Possible	Low 3	Moderate 6	High 9	High 12	Extreme 15
	2 Unlikely	Low 2	Moderate 4	Moderate 6	High 8	High 10
	1 Rare	Low 1	Low 2	Low 3	Moderate 4	Moderate 5