



When working with both animals and children, health and safety is of paramount importance, not only for the children but all of our animals too.

Our Rangers are extremely experienced and qualified in the animal handling field and will take every step to ensure your experience is safe and low risk.

Before the animal handling begins our ranger will explain the basic rules and then, at the end of the show will provide anti-bacterial gel to ensure all hands are clean.

### **Snakes**

Risk	Action
Biting	All snakes used vary in size, however, all are completely non-venomous. There is a small risk of biting but the ranger will be in control of the snakes head at all times to minimize risk. If biting occurs the ranger will secure the animal and seek medical assistance.

### **Lizards**

Risk	Action
Biting Scratching Tail whipping	Our ranger will handle the lizard allowing the customers to safely stroke or hold the lizards as appropriate. Any injuries will be given immediate first aid and medical assistance sought if required.

### **Tarantulas**

Risk	Action
Biting Irritating hairs	Only our ranger will handle the tarantula, for safety the spider will be in a secure box when in close proximity to clients to eliminate risk. The ranger will be allergy aware and if any signs of an allergic reaction occurs appropriate action will be taken.

**Rodents**

Risk	Action
Biting Minor Scratching	All the rodents used were hand reared and are very friendly and very unlikely to bite. The ranger will supervise at all times to reduce the chance of injury.

**Scorpion**

Risk	Action
Stinging Pinching	Only our ranger will handle scorpion, for safety the scorpion will be in a secure box when in close proximity to customers to eliminate risk.

**Frogs, Toads and Salamanders**

Risk	Action
Biting	Frogs/toads will be kept in a secure container. The animals will only be handled under the supervision of an experienced presenter. If the animal escapes it will be recovered by the presenter and returned to its secure container.

**Cockroach**

Risk	Action
Escaping Scratching	The presenter will keep cockroaches in a secure container. Cockroaches will be handled under the supervision of an experienced presenter and if it does escape the presenter will recover the animal and return it to its secure container

**Millipede**

Risk	Action
Biting Scratching Poisoning Escaping	Millipedes can secrete a chemical along their back if they feel threatened. This can cause mild illness if ingested. If this happens, that person will wash their hands immediately. Millipedes must only be handled under the supervision of an experienced presenter. The presenter will keep the millipede in a secure container and it will be handled under the supervision of the presenter. If the millipede escapes the presenter will recover the animal.

**Snails**

Risk	Action
Escaping	The presenter will keep the snails in a secure container. The snail will be handled under the supervision of an experienced presenter and if it does escape the presenter will recover the animal and returned to a secure container

**Hedgehog/ tenrec**

Risk	Action
Pricking Biting	The presenter will advise how to safely stroke the animal. The tenrecs/hedgehogs were hand reared and are very friendly and very unlikely to bite. The ranger will supervise at all times to reduce aforementioned risks.

**Stick/leaf insects**

Risk	Action
Escape Scratching	Stick insects/leaf insects will be kept in a secure container. The animals will be handled under the supervision of an experienced presenter. If the animal escapes it will be recovered by the presenter and returned to their secure container.

**Crabs**

Risk	Action
Pinching Scratching	Crabs will be kept in a secure container. The animals will be handled under the supervision of an experienced presenter. If the animal escapes it will be recovered by the presenter and returned to their secure container.

**Beetles**

Risk	Action
Pinching Scratching Biting.	Beetles will be kept in a secure container. The animals will be handled under the supervision of an experienced presenter. If the animal escapes it will be recovered by the presenter and returned to their secure container.

**COVID19**

Risk	Action
Transmission	Ranger takes lateral flow test at least twice a week and is vaccinated at the earliest possible time. Masks worn as required and social distancing in place wherever possible. Hands washed regularly and hand sanitiser provided. All government guidelines in place at the time of visit are followed by the ranger.

## **Action**

All animals are kept in a secure container until ready to be handled, they are then returned to the secure container as soon as the animal handling for that animal has been completed. A qualified ranger will be in control of the animals at all times.

## **Animals Used**

All animals used in the show are selected mainly for their calm and docile nature. All animals are handled daily to ensure they are content and feel safe in the situations they are placed in during shows.

Animals are health checked every day to ensure they are in a good, healthy condition. Any signs of illness or disease and the animals are taken to the vet for advice and care. No unwell or unhealthy animals participate in shows until they are fully recovered and back to top condition.

Wriggly Roadshow ensure stringent levels of hygiene are maintained. Animals are kept in clean, well maintained enclosures.

## **Set Up**

The workshops work best with all the participants sit around the ranger in a semi-circle on the floor, or at desks. This ensures the ranger to move around easily and safely. Children must be supervised by the required number of adults.

## **Handling the Animals**

Before the participants are permitted to handle the animals the importance of hand hygiene is explained. Everyone who participates is expected to wash their hands when the session terminates and will be offered antibacterial hand gel as an extra precaution.

During the workshop the animals are comfortably housed in secure boxes and no one is allowed to touch the animals without direct supervision and permission from the ranger, regardless of age and previous experience.

## **Phobias**

Phobias of certain animals are not uncommon and will be taken seriously. All aspects of the animal handling workshop is optional and no pressure will be placed on any participant to take part in any activity which makes them uncomfortable or scared.

## **Allergies**

Please make the ranger aware of any allergies. Anyone who suffers from severe allergies is advised against taking part.

All of our rangers hold a current basic life support and first aid certificate.