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Captivating Creatures Animal Risk Assessment - dated: 08/01/2025.

## Section 1 - Animal Handling

Animal	Hazard	Individual at risk	Level of risk	Control Measures	Who is responsible
Millipede (Olive Chocolate Giant African)	Potential secretion of fluid harmful to eyes or if ingested including likelihood of staining of hands.  Escape	Audience and Ranger	Low	The Ranger will instruct and supervise the audience on how to handle the millipede correctly; any secretion will be washed off immediately. The audience will be advised not to touch mouth or eyes until hands have been washed in warm soapy water.  The millipede will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is allowed to remove the millipede from its enclosure.	Ranger
Forest Scorpion	Nips/Stings	Audience and Ranger	Low	Scorpion's behaviour will be assessed before handling session commences if the scorpion is displaying aggressive behaviour the scorpion will not be handled. Only scorpions that are not highly venomous are used. In the event of nips/sting the Ranger will secure the	Ranger

	Escape			<p>animal immediately and medical attention will be given to the individual injured. Incident to be logged in accident book.</p> <p>The scorpion will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is allowed to remove the scorpion from its enclosure.</p>	
Hissing Cockroach	Escape	Audience	Low	The cockroach will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the ranger is to remove the cockroach from its enclosure.	Ranger
Sun Beetles	Escape	Audience	Low	The sun beetles will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the ranger is to remove the sun beetle from its enclosure.	Ranger
Giant African Land Snail	Escape	Audience	Low	The African Land Snails will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is to remove the African land snail from its enclosure.	Ranger
	Wet hands	Animal/Audience		Audience will require hands to be misted before holding, as the snail requires a wet surface.	
Golden Tree Frog	Escape	Audience	Low	The golden tree frog will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is to remove the frog from its enclosure.	Ranger
	Wet hands	Animal/Audience		Audience will require hands to be misted before holding, as the frog has delicate skin and can absorb toxins from being handled and requires wet hands to prevent damage to the frogs skin.	
Spiny Stick Insect	Escape	Audience	Low	The Spanish stick insect will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is to remove the spiny stick insects from its enclosure.	Ranger
Leaf tailed	Escape	Audience	Low	The leaf tailed stick insect will be kept in a secure	Ranger

stick insect				enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is to remove the Leaf tailed stick insect from its enclosure.	
Red knee Tarantula  Chile Rose Tarantula  Curly Hair Tarantula	Bites      Hair flicking (Urticating hairs)    Escape	Audience and Ranger	Low	<p>Tarantula's behaviour will be assessed before handling session commences if the tarantula is displaying aggressive behaviour the tarantula will not be handled. Only tarantulas that are not highly venomous are used. In the event of bite the Ranger will secure the animal immediately and medical attention will be given to the individual bitten. Incident to be logged in accident book.</p> <p>In the event of the tarantula flicking Urticating hairs audience will be advised to wash hands in warm soapy water to remove any hairs and will be advised that these can also cause mild irritation to the skin. The tarantula is not to be held near people's faces to prevent inhalation of any hairs as this can cause irritation to the airway.</p> <p>The tarantula will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is allowed to remove the tarantula from its enclosure.</p>	Ranger
Royal Python	Bite      Escape	Audience and Ranger	Low	<p>Only nonvenomous snakes are used the Ranger will assess the Royal Pythons behaviour before handling. The Ranger will keep the snakes head away from the audience, Royal Pythons are docile in nature and as such are unlikely to bite. In the event of a bite/strike the Ranger will secure the animal immediately and medical assistance will be given to the individual bitten. Incident to be logged in accident book.</p> <p>The Royal Python will be kept in a secure enclosure</p>	Ranger

				and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is allowed to remove the Royal Python from its enclosure.	
Corn snake	Bite	Audience and Ranger	Low	<p>Only nonvenomous snakes are used the Ranger will assess the corn snakes behaviour before handling. The Ranger will keep the snakes head away from the audience, corn snakes are docile in nature and as such up unlikely to bite. In the event of a bite/strike the Ranger will secure the animal immediately and medical assistance will be given to the individual Bitten. Incident to be logged in accident book.</p> <p>The corn snake will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is allowed to remove the corn snake from its enclosure.</p>	Ranger
Hermann Tortoise	Bite/Scratch  Escape	Audience and Ranger	Low	<p>The Ranger will instruct and supervise on the correct handling of Hermann tortoise if necessary the tortoise will be placed in a basket to prevent it from scratching individuals. In the event of a bite or scratch the range you will secure the animal immediately and medical assistance will be given to the individual injured. Incident to be logged in accident book.</p> <p>Hermann tortoise will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is allowed to remove the tortoise from its enclosure.</p>	Ranger
Bearded Dragon  Uromastyx  Blue	Bite/Scratch	Audience and Ranger	Low	The Ranger will instruct and supervise on the correct handling of the animal if necessary the animal will be placed in a basket to prevent it from scratching individuals. In the event of bite or scratch the Ranger will secure the animal immediately and medical assistance will be given to the individual Bitten.	Ranger

Tongued Skink	Escape			<p>Incident to be logged in accident book.</p> <p>The animal will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is allowed to remove the animal from its enclosure.</p>	
Geckos (Crested Gargoyle Chahoua Leachianus Leopard)	Bite  Escape	Audience and Ranger	Low	<p>All these geckos are docile nature and are such are unlikely to bite. In the events of an individual being bitten the Ranger will secure the animal immediately medical assistance will be given to the individual bitten. Incident to be logged in accident book.</p> <p>All the geckos will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is allowed to remove the geckos from their enclosures.</p>	Ranger
Chameleon (Veiled Panther Von Hohnels)	Bite/Scratch  Escape	Audience and Ranger	Low/Medium	<p>The behaviour of the chameleon will be assessed before the handling session commences. If the Chameleon is displaying any aggressive behaviour the chameleon will not be handled. The Ranger will instruct on the correct handling and supervise the correct handling of the chameleon. The chameleon will be placed on a branch and will not be handled directly in the event of an individual being bitten or scratched the animal will be placed easing enclosure immediately and medical assistance will be given to the individual injured. Incident to be logged in accident book.</p> <p>The chameleon will be kept in a secure enclosure and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Ranger is allowed to remove the chameleon from its enclosure.</p>	Ranger
Guinea pig/Skinny	Bite/Scratch	Audience and Ranger	Low/Medium	The Rangers will instruct and supervise on the correct handling of the guinea pig if necessary the guinea pig	Ranger



				be supervised at all times by the Ranger only the Rangers are allowed to remove rabbits from their enclosure.	
Pygmy hedgehog	Bite/Scratch  Escape	Audience and Ranger	Low/Medium	<p>The Ranger will instruct and supervise on the correct handling of the pygmy hedgehog if necessary the pygmy hedgehog will be placed in a basket to prevent it from scratching individuals and minimise the risk of being bitten. In the event of a bite or scratch the Ranger will secure the animal immediately and medical assistance will be given to the individual injured. Incident to be logged in accident book.</p> <p>The pygmy hedgehog will be transported in a secure carry basket and will be supervised at all times by the Ranger. Only the Rangers are allowed to remove the pygmy hedgehog from its enclosure.</p>	Ranger

## Section 2 - Health and Safety

Hazard	Individual at risk	Level of risk	Control Measures	Who is responsible
Spread of disease and bacteria (salmonella)	Audience and Ranger	Low/Medium	<p>The Ranger will wash their hands thoroughly directly before the presentation commences and directly after the presentation as ended. The Ranger will give the Health and safety brief before the animal handling experience starts this will include the washing of hands before and after handling the animal, not putting fingers in their mouths during the presentation. Antibacterial gel will be used in between handling of each animal to reduce cross contamination. It is recommended that the venue must have hand-washing facilities. It will be the responsibility of the event organiser to ensure that all participants wash their</p>	Ranger/Party organiser

			<p>hands thoroughly with soap and warm water. The Ranger will take no responsibility in supervising hand washing.</p> <p>All animals can carry disease and bacteria; and are checked on a regular basis for health and illness. Animals will be provided with vaccinations where necessary. If an animal poo's during the presentation either while being handled or in it's enclosure the Ranger will clean the animal and the enclosure immediately.</p> <p>All reptiles are bathed and cleaned regularly to ensure that they are as clean as possible. All animal enclosures and transport enclosures are regularly disinfected and cleaned substrates are replaced regularly to prevent spread of bacteria.</p> <p>Any sick or unwell animals will not be used in any presentation.</p>	
Faecal/Urinate (A dry, chalky substance called a "Urate" which is essentially excreted <i>uric acid</i> )	Audience and Ranger	Low/Medium	Animals may sometimes poo as a defence mechanism when being handled. In the event of an animal pooing either near or on an individual the Ranger will clean this up immediately and disinfect the area. Bacterial gel will be used on hands.	Ranger
Allergies	Audience	Low	It is recommended that Rangers are made aware of any potential allergies individuals may have. Venue staffs are responsible for delivering any specific first aid encoding depends for allergies are similar ailments.	Ranger/Party organiser
Phobias	Audience	Low	The audience will be introduced to each animal in turn. Individuals will be invited to handle the animals but are not obliged to hold the animal. If the individual does not want to hold an animal they will be asked to fold their arms. Anyone with severe or	Ranger/Party organiser



			extreme phobias needs to be brought to the attention of the Ranger on arrival prior to the handling session commencing. The Ranger has the rights to remove an animal from the presentation if the audience or individual seems particularly stressed or uneasy.	
Child and vulnerable persons protection	Audience	Low	All Rangers have a valid DBS check renewed every three years. Captivating Creatures have up to date child protection and safeguarding training. All Ranges will be dressed in Captivating Creatures Branded uniforms.	Ranger
Animal transport	Ranger	Low	All our animals are transported in appropriate and secure enclosures, ensuring adequate heating is supplied and ample food and water is provided for the animals. Animals are not transported for long periods of time and animals will be rotated periodically in order to prevent being stressed. Venue staff should ensure power is available in order to provide heating for some animals if required.	Ranger/Party organiser
Vehicle Breakdown	Ranger	Low	In the event of vehicle breakdown the collection of the animals is to be arranged by the owner/director. Once the animals have been collected the recovery service is to be called and the vehicle repaired or recovered.  Primary Emergency Contacts Owners/Directors Michelle Staniforth 07765876848 Lee Staniforth 07956636829  Secondary Emergency Contact Paul Staniforth 07939106498	Ranger
Vehicle Accident	Ranger	Low	In the event of a vehicle accident the safety and security of all the animals is to be ensured emergency services are to be informed and the collection of the animals is to be arranged by the owner/director. Once	Ranger

			<p>the animals have been collected the recovery of the vehicle can be arranged.</p> <p>Primary Emergency Contacts Owners/Directors Michelle Staniforth 07765876848 Lee Staniforth 07956636829</p> <p>Secondary Emergency Contact Paul Staniforth 07939106498</p>	
Public Events	Animals/Ranger	Low	<p>For closed groups a maximum of 30 per session is recommended. A representative of the event should control the general public. The display will be held in the gazebo when outdoors. In the unlikely event that there are too many people the Ranger will restrict access to the animals and move them to a safe and secure place. The Ranger reserves the right to withdraw any animals from any public events on the grounds of animal welfare if required.</p> <p>In the event of any adverse weather conditions the animals will be kept in their enclosures and access will be restricted. An electricity supply must be provided in order to provide adequate heat sources for the animals; the Ranger will conduct a dynamic risk assessment if necessary on the day of the event taking into account weather conditions and temperature. The Ranger will assess whether it is appropriate or not and whether an alternative locations can be arranged.</p> <p>The Ranger will handle only one animal at any one time. The Ranger will remain in full control of the animal and the public will not be allowed to hold the animal independently. All animal enclosures are kept</p>	Ranger/Venue Staff

			secure at all times and checked regularly by the Ranger. Animals will be accounted for before during and after the event. In the unlikely event that an animal escapes the Ranger will locate the animal promptly and using safe capture techniques will be returned to its enclosure.	
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### Covid-19 Risk Assessment

Hazard	Individual at risk	Level of risk	Control Measures	Who is responsible
Ingress and Egress in and out of buildings.	Ranger	Low	Ensure relevant information is obtained for the venue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain an arrival time</li> <li>Confirm entry and exit point</li> </ul> Maintain 2 metres social distancing from any other arrivals. Follow all guidance set by the venue and obtain a relevant COVID-19 Brief by the venue staff on arrival.	Ranger
Vaccinations and testing	Audience and Ranger	Low	The day before any visit the Ranger will take a lateral flow test and if the test is positive will immediately inform the school/event. All Rangers have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 having had both doses of the vaccine and have also had the booster vaccine.	Ranger
Potential spread of COVID-19 whilst at the venue.	Audience and Ranger	Low	Ensure hand washing is carried out immediately on arrival at the venue, periodically throughout the event and before leaving the venue. Ranger will wear clean uniform for the event.	Ranger
Setting up at the venue	Ranger	Low	Only the Ranger is to handle the equipment and animal enclosures. Tables to be cleaned before and after the presentation.	Ranger

			Table cover to be used and cleaned after each event.	
Presentation	Audience and Ranger	Low	<p>During the presentation the Ranger is to wear a face shield. During the animal handling the Ranger is to wear face shield and facemask.</p> <p>Ranger to take advice on social distancing from venue staff (School).</p> <p>Ranger to socially distance by 1+ metre wherever possible.</p> <p>All participants are to wash their hands before and immediately after the presentation.</p>	Ranger

## Review

Reviewed by:	Date of Review:	Amendments made:	Signature (Electronically signed)
L Staniforth	23 Feb 2022	Rotherham Council Inspection amendments	<i>L Staniforth</i>
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