

Owl Adventures

Falconry and Mobile Zoo

Risk Assessment

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This risk assessment considers all possible Health and Safety risks for all activities. This includes: static displays, flying shows, all handling activities with the animals during school visits, weddings, care homes visits and all private and public events which involve members of the public.

Hazard	Who might be harmed	Risk Level	Necessary Control Measures
Bird injuring a member of the public during handling.	Anyone	Very Low	Handling is carried out by an experienced falconer at all times. Protective glove to be worn by those holding the birds.
Birds colliding or attacking a member of the public during a flying show	Anyone	Low	The flying areas are spacious. The birds are tame and well trained and although they fly close to members of the public they are very unlikely to come into contact with people.
Un-authorized handling of the animals or equipment	Anyone	Very Low	A falconer is present at all times. Displays are in cordoned off areas.
Zoonoses (disease spread from animals to people)	Anyone	Very Low	All animal are checked daily for signs of ill health. Enclosures and display areas are cleaned thoroughly with anti- bacterial cleansers. Anti- bacterial hand gel to be used before and after handling the animals.
Transmission and spread of diseases such as bird flu	Predominantly Birds only	Very low risk to people	All animal are checked daily for signs of ill health. Enclosures are pest proof and

			<p>access by wild animals (eg birds) is prevented</p> <p>Enclosures, travel boxes, turf, perches and display areas are cleaned thoroughly with anti-bacterial cleansers.</p> <p>Anti- bacterial hand gel to be used before and after handling the animals.</p> <p>Monitor and review risks in line with government recommendations</p>
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Use of gazebos	Anyone	Very low	Ensure gazebos are attached to sand bagson each leg. No gazebos used when wind is above5mph
Exotic Animal injuring a member of the public when handling	Anyone	Very Low	All the exotics are classed as 'harmless' species. All the animals used are tame and handled regularly. A qualified zookeeper is in attendance at all times.
Exotic animal causing illness from venom	Anyone	Extremely Low	Most of the exotic animals have no venom with the exception of some, of which have a mildvenom considered harmless to humans.
Use of hawk helmet	Anyone	Extremely Low	Cricket helmet used with metal visor to prevent harm to person wearing it Check they have proper footwear before running and surface is safe to runon Food placed correctly on helmetso bird will land inthe correct, safe place
Driving in a public area	The Public	Extremely Low	Never drive more than 5mph and indicators on whendriving.
Extra safety measures	Anyone		Always have first aidkit