



RISK ASSESSMENT AND METHOD STATEMENT - THE MINI FARM

Potential Hazard	Who is at risk?	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Preventative Measures	Responsibilities
Virus/Germs from Touching Animals/E Coli	Customer	Recommend that Customers cleanse/wash hands after contact. (Pregnant Women need to be aware that they cannot have contact with Lambs or Sheep). Antibacterial liquid soap plus portable sink units provided.	Low	Signage advising visitors to the Farm to wash hands after contact with the animals. Verbal instructions from handlers to wash hands after contact. Risk Assessment and HSE recommendation provided to customers of the petting farm on booking and displayed on the company website.	Handlers / Customer / Teachers / Parents / Guardians
Animal Bites	Customer / Employees	Verbal warning from handlers and signs.	Low	Additional warning signs and verbal warning on contact.	Handlers
Slips / Trips / Falls on Floor Covering and Straw	Customer / Employees	Verbal warning.	Low	Sign to warn of trip hazard.	Handlers
Animal Waste	Customer	Immediately removed by handlers.	High	All animal waste stored on vehicle and returned back to the Farm for disposal.	Handlers
Animals Escaping	Customer	Enclosed areas for each animal type and supervision by experienced, trained handlers.	Low	Handlers control customer contact, manage customer numbers and reduce sudden movements.	Handlers/ Operations Manager
Possible Injuries	Customer	First aid kits on hand for any minor injuries.	Low	A visual warning covering slips trips and falls, bites and hygiene.	Handlers
Unpredictable Animal Behaviour	Customer / Employees	Enclosed areas for each animal type and supervision by experienced, trained handlers.	Low	Trained handlers advise that no dogs or other animals which may be viewed as a potential threat approach the area.	Handlers
Barriers / Enclosures	Customer	Secure erection of barriers by our own handlers. Ground sheet under enclosures to carry waste and create a 2ft screen in order for cleanliness e.g. children not touching low bars.	Low	Barriers have been cleaned and tested at the Farm and are checked before each event.	Handlers
Transporting Water	Customer	Carefully transporting water using containers.	Low	Use sealed water container to reduce risk of spillage.	Handlers
Movement of Animals	Customer / Handler	Use of suitable animal containers and due care.	Low	Smaller animals transported with animal containers. At least two members of staff at any time required for the movement of larger animals.	Handlers
Gazebo	Customer / Handler	Carefully erect pop up Gazebo	Low	Attach one side of gazebo to the enclosure and the other side of the gazebo to be weighed down with sand bags.	Handlers
Fire	Customer / Handler / Animals	Do not allow any naked flames/smoking near to the animal display.	Low	Do not use any electrical items on the display. Ask any smokers to remove from the area. Do not allow any naked flames or heaters etc that could cause a fire near to the display areas.	Handlers/ Operations Manager

NB: All signs to include images. **In the Event of an injury to persons or animals:** 1. Notify one of The Mobile/Mini Farm Team (Handlers) 2. Assist the handlers if necessary 3. If necessary, call emergency services

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METHOD STATEMENT

We will:

1. Carefully transport animals and equipment to destination, taking regular breaks.
2. Be punctual, arriving in time to set up suitably for the event.
3. Co-ordinate with the event organiser.
4. Check area selected for the Mobile/Mini Farm.
5. Set up enclosures and floor covering.
6. Checks – Security of pens and health and safety, i.e. signs, hand washing unit).
7. Ensure animals are harnessed/secure before leaving the vehicle. (Large animals harnessed to walk / Smaller animals in crates/carriers).
8. Move animals into enclosures/pens.
9. The handlers will then proceed with displaying animals.
10. Any animals that show signs of aggression or tiredness will be immediately removed.
11. At the end of the event animals and enclosures are removed safely and loaded.
12. The area which has been used will be cleared of any excess waste or debris.

All events differ, the above is a guide.

We are happy to adapt depending upon customer requirements.

It is important that the senior events organiser greets our team on arrival.

A site visit can be arranged prior to the event subject to an additional charge.

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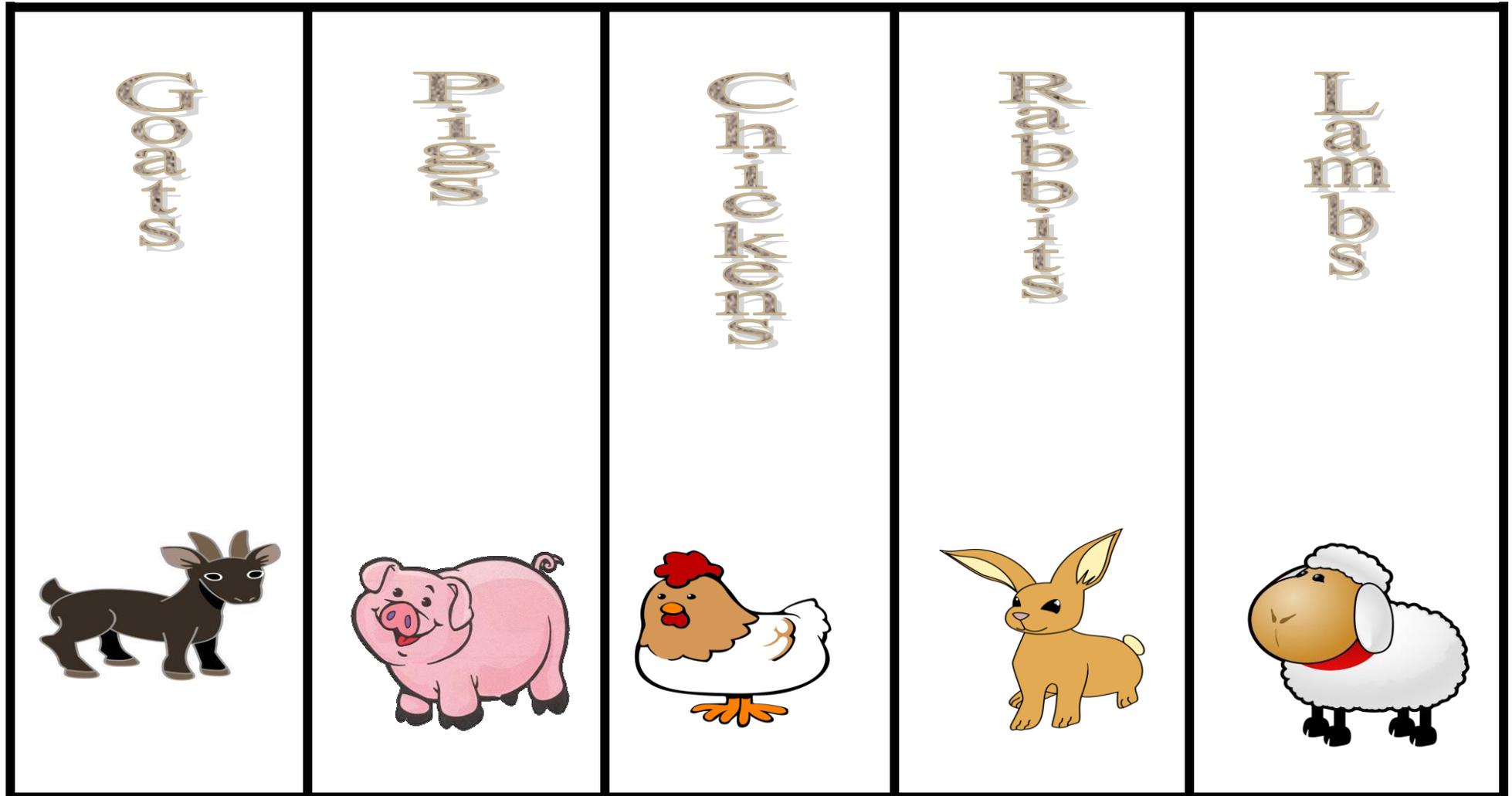
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THE MOBILE / MINI FARM STANDARD LAYOUT IS 6ft x 18ft *



□ Size may vary depending on number of animals.