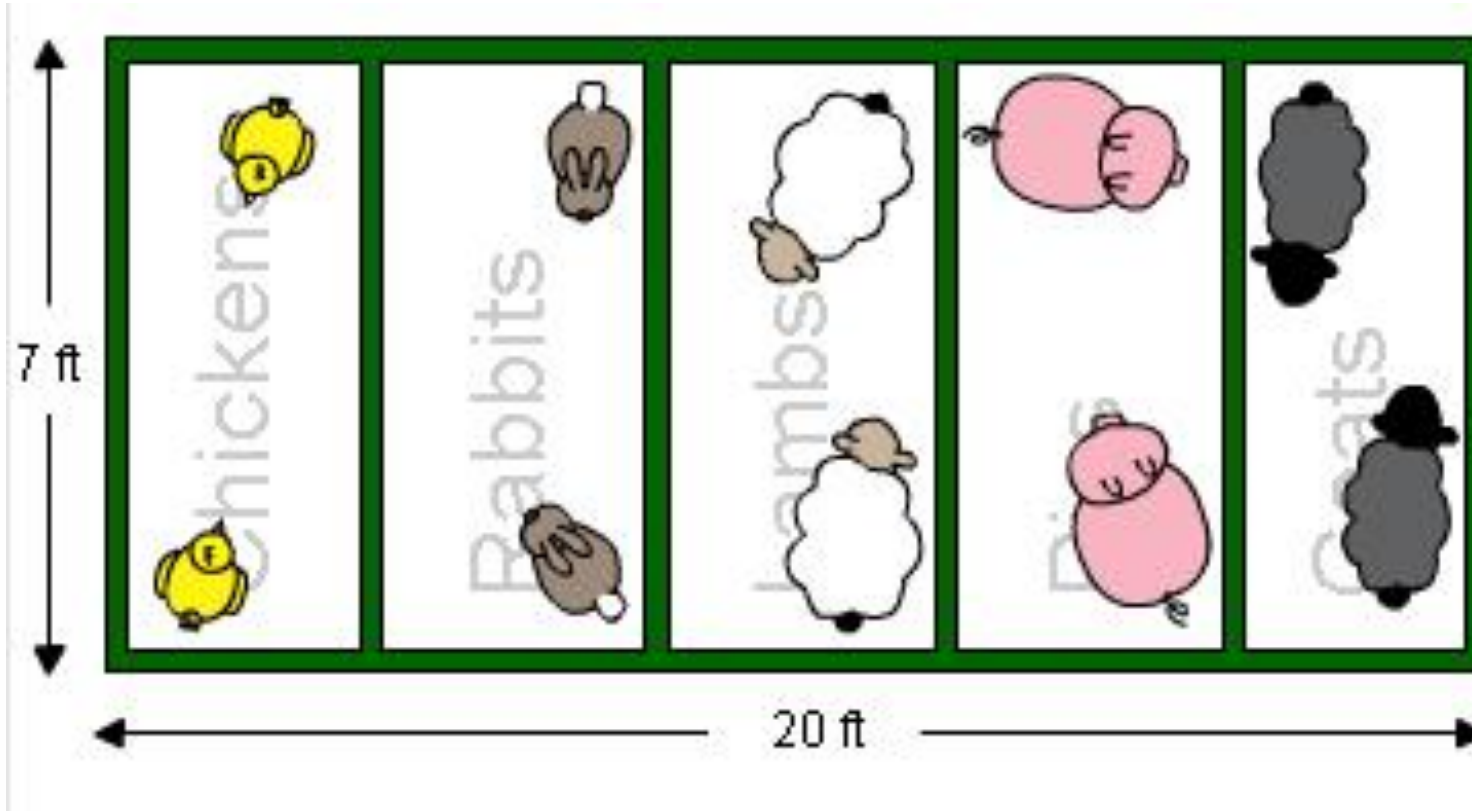




## RISK ASSESSMENT THE MOBILE FARM

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 hands after contact. (pregnant women need to be aware that they cannot have contact with sheep or lambs) Provision of antibacterial hand wash, plus portable sink units where facilities are not available.	Low	Signage advising visitors of 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/guardian/parent.
Animal bites	Customer/employees	Verbal warning from handlers.	Low	Additional warning signs and verbal warning on contact.	Handlers
Slips/trips/falls on floor covering and straw	Customer/employees	Verbal & visual warning.	Low	Sign to warn of trip hazard.	Handlers
Animal waste	Customer	Immediately removed by handlers.	High	All animal waste stored within sealed container and returned back to Reindeer Lodge for correct 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 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 2 ft screen in order for cleanliness e.g children not touching low bars.	Low	Barriers have been tested at Reindeer Lodge 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 movement of larger animals.	Handlers

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



\* Typical Mini Farm layout, size may vary depending on number of animals.



## METHOD STATEMENT

We will:

1. Carefully transport animals and equipment, stopping for 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 mobile farm.
5. Set up enclosures and floor covering.
6. Install props (hay bails, farm props).
7. Checks – Security of pens and health and safety (I.e. signs, hand wash).
8. Ensure animals are harnessed before leaving the vehicle.
9. Move animals into enclosures/pens.
10. The handlers will the proceed with displaying animals.
11. Any animals that show signs of aggression or tiredness will be immediately removed.
12. At the end of the event pens and animals are removed safely and loaded.
13. 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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