



Risk Assessment

As an organisation that works with exotic animals and the public **For Paws Animals Shows** take health and safety issues extremely seriously. To this end, all animals are accustomed to being handled on a daily basis. Animals are checked and assessed at regular intervals. In the interests of hygiene, animal enclosures are cleaned regularly and a strict hand-washing regime is established at the beginning of each public engagement.

Every care is taken during each session however animals can be unpredictable and although uncommon, a scratch or bite are the most likely risk.

Giant African Millipede

Risk	Action
Biting	No risk
Escape	Keep secure in enclosure. Presenter to handle and supervise at all times. If escape occurs, Presenter will recover animal.

Corn Snake

Risk	Action
Biting	Snakes used are medium sized and non – venomous. Bites would be small and unlikely to break the skin. If biting occurs, Presenter will secure all animals and seek medical assistance. Staff will be informed and an incident report form will be filled in.
Escape	Keep secure in enclosure. Presenter to handle and supervise at all times. If escape occurs, Presenter will recover animal.



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Madagascan Hissing Cockroach



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Biting	No risk
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Giant African Land Snail

Risk	Action
Biting	No risk
Escape	Keep secure in enclosure. Presenter to handle and supervise at all times. If escape occurs, Presenter will recover animal.

Stick Insect

Risk	Action
Biting	No risk
Escape	Keep secure in enclosure. Presenter to handle and supervise at all times. If escape occurs, Presenter will recover animal.

Chilean Rose Tarantula

Risk	Action
Biting of Presenter	Kept in secure enclosure. Qualified Presenter only to handle tarantula. Only species that are not highly venomous are used. If bitten Presenter will secure all animals before seeking medical assistance.
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Emperor Scorpion

Risk	Action
Stinging of Presenter	Kept in secure enclosure. Qualified Presenter only to handle Scorpion. Only Emperor scorpions are used. These scorpions have a sting similar in venom to that of a bee or wasp. If stung Presenter will secure all animals before seeking medical assistance.
Escape	Keep secure in enclosure. Presenter to handle and supervise at all times. If escape occurs, Presenter will recover animal.

Rat

Risk	Action
Biting /Scratching	Rats used are well handled and reluctant to bite. Qualified Presenter to supervise at all times. If bitten Presenter will secure all animals and seek medical assistance. Staff will be informed and an incident report form will be filled in.
Escape	Keep secure in enclosure. Presenter to handle and supervise at all times. If escape occurs, Presenter will recover animal.

Rabbit

Risk	Action
Biting /Scratching	Rabbits used are well handled and reluctant to bite. Qualified Presenter to supervise at all times. If biting occurs Presenter will secure all animals and seek medical assistance. Staff will be informed and an incident report form will be filled in. Claws are kept short but scratching may occur if they come into contact with bare skin. Blankets for the rabbit to sit on will be offered.



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Guinea/Skinny Pig

Risk	Action
Biting /Scratching	Guinea/Skinny Pigs used are hand-reared and reluctant to bite. Qualified Presenter to supervise at all times. If biting occurs Presenter will secure all animals and seek medical assistance. Staff will be informed and an incident report form will be filled in. Claws are kept short but scratching may occur if they come into contact with bare skin. Blankets for the guinea/skinny to sit on will be offered.
Escape	Keep secure in enclosure. Presenter to supervise at all times. If escape occurs, Presenter will recover animal.

Blue Tongued Skink

Risk	Action
Biting	Skinks used are well handled and reluctant to bite. Qualified Presenter to supervise at all times. If biting occurs Presenter will secure all animals and seek medical assistance. Staff will be informed and an incident report form will be filled in.
Escape	Keep secure in enclosure. Presenter to supervise at all times. If escape occurs, Presenter will recover animal.



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Hermit Crabs

Risk	Action
Nipping	Hermit Crabs to be handled by Presenter at all times. Hermit Crabs use their claws like we use our hands to investigate the world around them.
Escape	Keep secure in enclosure. Presenter to supervise at all times. If escape occurs, Presenter will recover animal.



Pygmy Hedgehog

Risk	Action
Biting and Prickling	Hedgehogs are well handled and reluctant to bite. However, if stroked towards the head there is a risk of being prickled! Better to stroke away from the head. Presenter to supervise at all times.
Escape	Keep secure in enclosure. Presenter to supervise at all times. If escape occurs, Presenter will recover animal.

Bearded Dragon

Risk	Action
Biting	Dragons used are well handled and reluctant to bite. Qualified Presenter to supervise at all times. If biting occurs Presenter will secure all animals and seek medical assistance. Staff will be informed and an incident report form will be filled in.
Escape	Keep secure in enclosure. Presenter to supervise at all times. If escape occurs, Presenter will recover animal.



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Leopard Gecko

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Biting	Geckos are reluctant to bite. Qualified Presenter to supervise at all times. If biting occurs Presenter will secure all animals and seek medical assistance. Staff will be informed and an incident report form will be filled in.
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