

Animals on Campus

H&S Considerations for Animal Assisted Activity

This considerations document is an aide-memoir to assist in the production of a risk assessment and should be carried out prior to any animal assisted activity on campus.

Emergency/ evacuations	All AAA should be an organised event with suitable qualified trainers.	
	Prior to visit AAI team should be provided with the risk assessment, plans of the building access/ egress routes, parking, where the animals are authorised to access etc.	
	A member of University/ Student Union staff should be present at all times.	
	Plan a visit with the organisation prior to the event happening to go through all plans including evacuation.	
Risk to Animals	Suitable location to accommodate AAI team, animals and participants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large enough to accommodate animals, supervisor and participants comfortably. • Temperature should be appropriate. • Noise levels should be managed e.g. is there a planned fire alarm test, any unusual noises i.e. from machinery that could alarm the animals. • Any unusual smell in the buildings/ work being carried out that could upset the animal.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What type of flooring is in the room, is it suitable for the animal, e.g. concrete maybe too cold?
	Participants should be briefed before attending planned activity.	<p>Briefing should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose of the activity. Conduct – if there are any requirements from the AAI team.
	Animals are selected by AAI team for suitability for planned activities.	
Risk to property	Animals should be trained and supervised by AAI team at all times.	
	Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timetabling the event should be planned to allow appropriate cleaning before and after the event. Any incident of animal foul waste will need to be cleaned up by the AAI team.
Risk to public	People with phobias of animals	All persons who may will have contact should be informed of the animals on campus.
	The animals should be on a lead at all times when on campus, except for the planned activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals should be identified with a harness to inform others it is part of a planned activity.
	Aggressive behaviour of animals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals should be trained and supervised and at times. AAI team should be trained in the safe handling, controlling and spotting incidents where the animal may become agitated.
	Animal waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toileting areas will need to be agreed by the University. Any incidents of animal fouling will need to be cleaned up by AAI team.
Security	Animal escaping from event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals should be supervised at all times. Arrangements should be in place to ensure animals are secured when the door is opened.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entry and exit from the room should be controlled.
	All animals should be easily identified by a harness when on campus.	
Insurance	Ensure AAA provider has appropriate insurance in place.	