

# JAWS N CLAWS RISK ASSESSMENT



When working with both animals & Children Health & Safety is of paramount importance, not only for the Children but all our clients young and old and the animals too.

Our Ranger is extremely experienced and qualified in the animal handling field and will take every step to ensure your experience is safe and low risk.

Before the Animal Handling begins our Ranger will explain the basic rules and provide anti-bacterial gel at the end of the show to ensure all hands are clean.

## Snake

Risk	Action
Biting	All snakes used vary in size but all are non - venomous. There is a risk of biting but the Ranger is in control of the head at all times to minimize risk. If biting occurs ranger will secure animal and seek medical assistance.

## Lizard

Risk	Action
Biting, scratching & tail whip	Ranger to handle lizard at all times, customers are instructed how and where to stroke safely.

## Tarantula

Risk	Action
Biting & irritating hairs	Ranger to handle tarantula but it will be in a secure box when in close proximity to customers to eliminate risk.

## Rat

Risk	Action
Biting and minor scratching	All the rats used are hand reared and very friendly. The Ranger will supervise at all times to reduce aforementioned risks.

## Scorpion

Risk	Action
Stinging	The Scorpion will remain in a secure box at all times

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### Rabbit & Guinea Pig

<u>Risk</u>	<u>Action</u>
Biting	Although the rabbits are hand reared and friendly there is still a small chance of biting. To this end the ranger will be in control of the rabbit giving the audience opportunity to stroke & hold under supervision.

### Frog/Toad

<u>Risk</u>	<u>Action</u>
Escaping	Frogs / toads will be kept in a secure container. The animals will be handled under the supervision of an experienced presenter. If the animal escapes it will be recovered by the presenter.

### Cockroach

<u>Risk</u>	<u>Action</u>
Escaping/scratching	The presenter will keep cockroaches in a secure container. Cockroaches will be handled under the supervision of an experienced presenter and if it does escape the presenter will recover the animal

### Millipede

<u>Risk</u>	<u>Action</u>
Biting Scratching Poisoning Escaping	Millipedes can secrete a chemical along their back if they feel threatened. This can cause illness if ingested. Millipedes must only be handled under the supervision of an experienced presenter. If the millipede does secrete this chemical then the participant affected must go and wash their hands immediately. The presenter will keep the millipede in a secure container and it will be handled under the supervision of the presenter. If the millipede escapes the presenter will recover the animal.

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## Giant African Snail

<u>Risk</u>	<u>Action</u>
Escaping	The presenter will keep the snail in a secure container. The snail will be handled under the supervision of an experienced presenter and if it does escape the presenter will recover the animal.

## Hedgehog

<u>Risk</u>	<u>Action</u>
pricking	The presenter will advise how to safely stroke the animal.

## Katydid

<u>Risk</u>	<u>Action</u>
Escape	Katydid will be kept in a secure container. The animals will be handled under the supervision of an experienced presenter. If the animal escapes it will be recovered by the presenter.

## Action

All animals are kept in a secure box until ready to be handled, they are then returned to the secure box as soon as the animal handling for that animal has been completed. A qualified Ranger will be in control of the animals at all times and should this occur the Ranger will recover the animal.

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## Health and Safety

As a business that works with both animals and members of the public "Jaws N Claws" take all health and safety issues very seriously.

## Animals used

All animals used in the show are chosen primarily because of their calm and friendly nature. All animals are handled on a daily basis to ensure animals are content in the situations they are placed in.

Animals are also health checked on a daily basis to ensure they are all in top condition for handling and any animals showing signs of illness or disease will be taken to the vet for advice and treatment and will not be used in any shows until they are fit to do so.

"Jaws N Claws" ensure a high level of hygiene when working with the animals. All enclosures in which the animals are kept in are cleaned out on a regular basis.

## Set up

The workshops work best when participants are sat in a circle or around desks. This enables the presenter to move around the room safely.

Children must be supervised by the appropriate number of adults.

## Handling the animals

Before the animals are touched, the presenter will explain to participants the importance of washing their hands after touching the animals. At the end of the workshop the presenter will remind everyone to wash their hands and will also provide anti-bacterial hand gel for participants to use.

During the workshop all of the animals will be kept in secure boxes and participants will not be allowed to touch these boxes. The animals will be handled by the presenter or under strict supervision of the presenter regardless of age and experience with the animals.

## Phobias

The presenter will be sympathetic with all phobias, participants who feel they need to, can leave the room while a particular animal is being looked at.

Nobody will be made to do anything they don't want to.

## Allergies

Before the session anyone with any allergies should notify the presenter so they can avoid going to close with that particular animal and the participant can just look.

Anybody with severe allergies are advised against taking part in the show.