



# RISK ASSESMENT FOR DWAEC LTD

<b>Animal in Presentation</b>	<b>Handled by Whom?</b>
Snakes (boa constrictor/ pythons, Corn snake, King snakes)	Reputable Trained Staff (audience given choice to help assist in handling of the animal)
Lizards (Tegu, Bearded Dragons, Gecko's Monitor lizard)	Reputable Trained Staff (Audience given choice to help assist in handling of the animal)
Skunks	Reputable Trained Staff (Audience given choice to help assist in handling of the animal)
Meerkats/ Mongooses	Reputable Trained Staff (Audience given choice to help assist in handling of the animal)
Birds of Prey (Owls and Hawks)	Reputable Trained Staff (Audience given choice to help assist in handling of the animal)
African Pygmy Hedgehogs	Reputable Trained Staff (Audience given choice to help assist in handling of the animal)
Parrots (Macaw's, African Grey's, Cockatoo's, Amazon's)	Reputable Trained Staff (Audience given choice to help assist in handling of the animal)
Kookaburra's	Reputable Trained Staff (Audience given choice to help assist in handling of the animal)
Bugs and Insects (Snails, Cockroaches, Millipedes, Stick Insects)	Reputable Trained Staff (Audience given choice to help assist in handling of the animal)
Amphibians	Reputable Trained Staff (Audience given choice to help assist in handling of the animal)



Genet	Reputable Trained Staff
Tarantulas / Scorpions)	Reputable Trained Staff
T-Rex (walking dinosaur)	Reputable Trained Staff

All animals used in our presentations are Non-Venomous and have been chosen particularly for their temperament.

To eliminate or minimize any risks or hazards, each animal is carefully selected and is correctly handled and restrained by our zoologists. Any equipment and protective clothing needed is used, however for the animals we have in our presentation, these are not needed.

Each animal is used on a rotation basis. An animal will be removed from any handling sessions if showing any signs of stress or should it display any erratic behaviour, however because of the species we have chosen, the risk will be minimal.

We only use the number of animals capable of being managed by the number of staff available for our presentations, this dramatically reduces the number of animals used if only one presenter is available to reduce the risk of escape. Whenever possible two members of staff will be present per session to ensure an escape does not take place.

If an escape does occur, which is highly unlikely, our trained staff would invoke the standard escape procedure if the animal can not easily be found and returned to safety. Our animals are never left unattended. Each animal is put away in a secure suitable enclosure behind the display after each handling session. They are kept well away from the audience and are provided with water and food if necessary and kept under adequate temperature-controlled conditions.

We are fully aware that there will be some in our audience that have allergies or phobias to the animals we present with. We will always advise that the audience are not obliged to have any interaction with the animals; that they will have the choice whether to hold/stoke the animal or not. Those who are scared or would not like to go near the animal, simply stay seated. Our trained staff will make sure they keep the animal away from them.

We supply anti-bacterial hand gel in every presentation and will explain that these are available for every person who interacts with an animal. It is recommended that the handler does not put hand to mouth or touch any other part of their face until they have used the gel.

There is a potential for all animals to bite or scratch however our animals have been chosen for their placid temperaments. We explain the potential dangers and how to handle the selected animal, ensuring there will be no unsupervised handling. Control of the selected animal is always kept by our trained staff and they will constantly guide the participant throughout the process, ensuring that the handler and the animal are calm and happy. We will not put any member of the audience or the animal through any traumatic situation.



We have fully first aid trained staff to assist in such rare occurrences. As none of the bites or scratches if any, will be life threatening, the wounds will be encouraged to bleed, washed with clean water and will be dressed. The casualty should then have medical attention. Although we have never had an incident of this nature; we are fully competent to deal with this eventuality should it occur.

Our walking T-Rex, interactive costume is handled and controlled by two Trained members of staff. One of whom is in-side the dinosaur controlling movement and sounds, whilst the other staff member is there to insure the public follow guidelines. We confide the dinosaur experience within an enclosed area where the audience can view. We limit all our risk by having all public outside of our visible display area, allowing our dinosaur to freely move without the worry of the public being in the way. A small part of the demonstration will be interactive, with a selected few, children and adults, to come and stroke the dinosaur. This is controlled and organised by our trained member of staff.

COVID – 19

<u>Control Measure</u>	<u>How will it be achieved?</u>
<b>Hygiene and Sanitisation</b>	Hand sanitisers should be made available upon entrance. Clients are advised to provide hand washing facilities also to ensure that the government guidelines are followed.
<b>Social Distancing</b>	All parties must keep 1m+ apart. Wherever this is not possible, everyone will be required to bring and wear a mask.
<b>Equipment</b>	All equipment supplied and used will be disinfected before and after use.
<b>Symptoms</b>	If anyone in attendance is showing any symptoms of COVID 19 they are required by government guidelines to isolate. Therefore, will not be able to take part or attend the presentation
<b>Staff</b>	All our staff are trained and are regularly updated to follow government guidelines during the Coronavirus pandemic.

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