



Animal Handling General Risk Assessment

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Introduction and overview

All of the below apply to every Safari Phil's Animal Adventures booking as standard and relate to our general terms and conditions and codes of practice.

Transportation - All animals will be transported in their own individual travel container (they do not live in these containers, they are for safe transportation purposes only). These secured containers are transported together within larger containers, for both warmth and security, reducing the risk of escape. All travel containers have clean substrate/bedding on day of event, which is checked upon arrival and replaced if soiled.

To minimise stress to the animal whilst being transported, our catchment area is all contained within a maximum 45 minute drive from base to event venue.

Parking must be provided close to the venue, to allow safe transportation from the vehicle to the event.

Staff - Safari Phil always has at least 1 member of his expertly trained Critter Crew with him at all bookings. This enables Safari Phil to safely have out more than one animal at a time. With 1 x handler per animal (who have years of experience, including animal related qualifications and additional training from Safari Phil) we can greatly reduce the risk of any negative incidents. The Critter Crew are there to monitor the animals behaviour, demonstrate the correct way to interact with the different species, and remove any animal which shows signs of stress, or behaves in a way not typical of the animal.

Hygiene - To prevent the spread of any zoonotic diseases we have in place the following at every event as standard where animals are involved. The various species are all kept in clean, hygienic, daily maintained enclosures when not being handled. When transferred to travel containers for events, the substrate/bedding is always new & clean that morning, and is checked upon arrival at venue, and changed if soiled. Throughout the event the animals are checked regularly, with any urine/faeces removed, and clean substrate/bedding replaced as necessary. When soiled substrate is removed, it is placed in a plastic bag, sealed and disposed of correctly (never coming into contact with the general public). Staff who have come into contact with any of the waste are instructed to wash their hands before handling any animals to avoid cross-contamination.

Animal Welfare - All species will have access to water (except when in transit for their safety. The animals are never in transit for more than 45 minutes at a time). Food will be provided at different intervals (depending upon the individual needs of the animal). Snakes will be fed at least 2 days before any handling event. Tortoises, lizards and mammals will be provided with food before the event, and possible during the event (depending upon length of event). This lowers the risk of the animals mistakenly biting a staff member or participant in the search for food.

Safari Phil's animals are for the majority exotic species, and require environmental conditions different to the typical weather in the UK. Therefore portable heat packs are provided for the animals during transportation. An electric socket should be provided at indoor events, preferably in a location where Safari Phil can safely store the animals when not being handled. If this is not available, Safari Phil should be informed at the earliest possible time, so additional safe cable covers can be supplied to avoid any tripping hazards. All extension cables provided by Safari Phil will be less than 12 months old, or recently PAT (Portable Appliance Tested) approved.

Your responsibilities

Safari Phil and his staff are there to ensure the safety of all animals in their care, and by extension the safety of animal handling participants. Safari Phil and his team are not there to "babysit" children, and accompanying adults should always be present to supervise young participants and ensure that they follow all instructions given by Safari Phil and his staff. Failure to do so will result in animals being removed from public interaction, with Safari Phil reserving the right to end an appearance should he feel that an unruly situation is posing a threat to the animals, his staff, or other participants (payment in full will still be taken).

Parking close to the venue is essential for all bookings to safely transport the animals. Failure to provide this could result in the booking not taking place, with full payment still being taken. It is the responsibility of the person placing the booking to ensure parking is provided.

It is your responsibility to inform Safari Phil (wherever possible) beforehand of any participants with special needs (both physical & mental), to ensure that additional help can be provided so that all participants can enjoy the experience. Should any participants not speak English, then it is your responsibility to provide a competent translator, who can clearly convey all instructions. This is for the safety of the animals, participants and staff, and failure to do so will result in them being unable to partake in the experience.



Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency at an event, such as an animal escape or venue fire, we have the following risk assessment applicable to all Safari Phil's Animal Adventure bookings, along with our policies & procedures for such events.

Animal Escape Whilst Being Handled - Low Risk

There will only ever be one animal assigned to each trained animal handler at any given time. When animals are changed over, procedure is to ensure that the animal which has been handled is secured in their travel container before another animal is brought out. It is the assigned animal handlers responsibility to look after the animal, safely handling it, and showing any participants the correct way to handle the relevant species. They are trained to spot any behaviour by the animal such as irritation which might increase the risk of the animal escaping (by squirming when agitated, or running if scared) in this situation, the animal is immediately removed and placed securely back into its travel container, whilst being monitored to ensure that their behaviour returns to what is deemed normal for the individual animal. All behavioural changes are reported directly to Safari Phil.

Environmental conditions are also monitored to ensure that these do not increase the risk of escape. These include loud noises such as balloons being popped at a party, or adverse weather conditions at outdoor events. Safari Phil & his staff have the authority to remove animals in these conditions if the situation cannot be rectified to their satisfaction, as the welfare of the animal comes first.

Should an animal escape, the animal handler in charge of said animal will immediately alert Safari Phil, the other staff on site, and follow the escape procedure. All other animals which are out at the time will be placed securely back into their travel containers. Staff will direct members of the public or participants to a safe distance or another room if available until the animal is safely detained. This will be done as quickly and calmly as possible, under the direction of Safari Phil.

Animal Escape From Travel Container - Low Risk

Each animal has its own secure travel container. These travel containers are placed within larger travel containers, to minimise the risk of escape even further. All animals are transported in this double secure system, with staff monitoring them during transportation, and carrying out additional checks when they reach the venue. When at the venue, the animals travel containers are kept away from the public and only accessible by Safari Phil and his trained staff throughout the event, and checked at regular intervals.

Should an animal escape from its individual travel container, it will be contained within the larger travel container, minimising risk of escape.

Venue Fire (Real or Drill) - Low Risk

Should a fire alarm sound at an indoor venue, then Safari Phil and his staff will follow their agreed upon escape procedure (Safari Phil will make individual decisions based upon the venue at arrival). If any animals are out at the time, they will be returned to their travel containers by their assigned handler. Staff will then calmly carry their allocated animals within the larger travel containers to the nearest, and safest emergency exit, instructing all participants in the area to do the same. If safe to do so, the animals will all be returned and stored within the vehicle, until instructed by emergency personnel that it is safe for everyone to return to the venue building. If the vehicle is unreachable, the animals will stay under the strict supervision of Safari Phil and his trained staff. No animals will be removed from their travel containers during this time.

This procedure applies to any emergency venue evacuation. It is the responsibility of the venue to have in place emergency lighting and clear fire exits. It is not the responsibility of Safari Phil and his staff to evacuate members of the public, this lies with the venue and its own staff, and will be based upon their own procedures. Safari Phil's Animal Adventures priority is to the animals in their care, and the safety of their staff.

Animal Bite/Sting - Low Risk

In the unlikely event that an animal bites or stings a participant, Safari Phil always carries a first aid kit to immediately treat any small wounds. These are made available to the public, but will not be administered by Safari Phil or his team. At large fairs Safari Phil will also have on staff a level 3 emergency first aider.

Precautions are set in place to eliminate this risk, with animals going through handling training with a multitude of staff before being introduced to the public. Species have been selected due to their docile nature, with their individual behaviour constantly monitored by trained staff. No dangerous species are taken, with the only venomous species being scorpions or tarantulas (with very low venom potency, and no participants under the age of 5 years being able to handle). Those who are allergic to bee and wasp stings or who have high allergies are recommended not to participate in arachnid handling, as a bite or sting could trigger anaphylactic shock.



General Animal Handling Guidelines

Individual species risk assessments can be found on the following pages, this is a quick overview of our handling guidelines and what to expect at events. This is only an overview though and should not be used as a replacement for the entire document.

Safari Phil should be informed of any participants with weakened immune systems, those who are pregnant, or in ill health, with recommendations that those not partake in the animal handling experiences.

Safari Phil should be informed about any participants with behavioural or mental health problems or disabilities. Participants will still be included in the handling experience, but with additional help and support from his trained staff. If any participants are not fluent in English, then it is the participants responsibility to have someone there to translate. It is very important that all participants understand the handling rules, and can follow clear instructions by Safari Phil and his team, for the safety of the animals, themselves and others around them.

Invertebrates (insects & myriapods) - Invertebrate handling mats will be supplied. Clean substrate is used in the travel container on the day of booking. This is checked for soiling upon arrival at venue, and changed/cleaned if necessary (for hygiene purposes). The public will be shown the correct way to handle the individual species, with open palm to allow the animal to explore their surroundings without restraint. One animal handler will be assigned to one animal at a time, to ensure welfare of the animal and minimise risk of escape.

Invertebrates (molluscs) - Invertebrate handling mats will be supplied. Clean substrate is used in the travel container on the day of booking. This is checked for soiling upon arrival at venue, and changed/cleaned if necessary (for hygiene purposes). 'Anti-slime' gloves will be supplied for those who do not wish to touch the snails directly and come into contact with slime (mollusc slime is not harmful in any way, but it's understandable if people do not want to touch it). The public will be shown the correct way to handle the individual species, with open palm to allow the animal to explore their surroundings without restraint. One animal handler will be assigned to one animal at a time, to ensure welfare of the animal and minimise risk of escape.

Arachnids - Arachnid handling mats will be supplied. Arachnid handling is only available to those over the age of 5 years. The public will be shown the correct way to handle the individual species (all arachnid handling is done by Safari Phil himself) with the option to have the animal walk across participants hands, or the option to gently stroke tarantulas rump for those not comfortable with direct hand contact.

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Reptiles (tortoises) - Tortoises will either interact with participants on the ground, or contained within a handling low level box (depending upon site and participants). Toothbrushes will be supplied for participants to 'tickle' the tortoise shell. Clean substrate is used in the travel container on the day of booking. This is checked for soiling upon arrival at venue, and changed/cleaned if necessary (for hygiene purposes). One animal handler will be assigned to one animal at a time, to ensure welfare of the animal and minimise risk of escape.

Reptiles (lizards) - To protect participants from sharp claws, handling mats will be provided to be placed on participants laps/legs (depending where seated). The public will be shown the correct way to handle the individual species, with open palm to allow the animal to explore their surroundings without restraint. One animal handler will be assigned to one animal at a time, to ensure welfare of the animal and minimise risk of escape.

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Reptiles (Snakes under 6ft) - The public will be shown the correct way to handle the individual species, with open palm to allow the animal to explore their surroundings without restraint. One animal handler will be assigned to one animal at a time, to ensure welfare of the animal and minimise risk of escape. Small to medium snakes will be allowed to express their natural curiosity, with participants being used as a climbing frame for them. The head is not to be touched, with the handler instructing participants and guiding the snakes movements.

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Reptiles (Snakes over 6ft) - For large snakes there will be one trained handler per 6ft of snake (for example a 16ft reticulated python will require 3 trained handler at any one time). The public will be shown the correct way to handle the individual species, with open palm to allow the animal to explore their surroundings without restraint. Large snakes can interact with multiple guests at a time, allowing the snake to stretch out and be supported across their entire body. The head is not to be touched, with the handler instructing participants and guiding the snakes movements.

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Mammals - To minimise the risk of scratches from claws there is an option for the animal to be carried in a comfy, secure towel lined bag. For ferret or polecat handling, bottles with salmon oil will also be supplied, to distract the animals and minimise the risk of biting. The public will be shown the correct way to handle the individual species. There will be one trained handler per animal at any one time.

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Outdoor Events

During the Spring/Summer months Safari Phil can appear at outdoor events. A secondary indoor location should always be provided as a back up, as these outdoor events are subject to weather conditions.

When attending outdoor events, Safari Phil can provide his own gazebo (known as the Safari Phil Base Camp). Risk assessment is provided below for the conditions and use of this gazebo. Should you have your own gazebo/shelter for your event for Safari Phil to appear at, then it is not covered in this document, and a separate risk assessment will be created after viewing the site location, and individual event needs.

Gazebo Set-up - Parking must be provided close to the venue, to allow safe transportation of the equipment from the vehicle to the event space. Access to the site must be available an hour before the event for set-up, with an area 8ft x 8ft clear secure ground, with no public access to ensure the gazebo can be put up safely. The gazebo will be constructed by a minimum of 3 trained members of staff.

Securing the Gazebo - Safari Phil will check that the structure is secure before any animals, or the public are allowed to enter. Additional support can be applied to the structural corners on the day if need be. Safari Phil will provide water weights for the legs of the gazebo to secure it in windy conditions. Should the weather become very windy, and Safari Phil judges that there is a danger of the gazebo moving, he will instruct his staff to safely move the animals into the back-up indoor location (this will be done in accordance with Safari Phil's animal transportation policy, contained within this document)

Taking down the gazebo - Once the booking has finished, Safari Phil and his staff require an 8ft x 8ft area which can be secured with no further access from the public, to ensure that the structure can be collapsed safely. Removal of the animals and gazebo takes approx. 30 minutes, but an hour should be allowed for. 2 trained staff will collapse and remove the structure once animals have been safely returned to their transport vehicles. A clear path to the vehicle from the event site is once again required to do this safely.

Your responsibilities

Parking close to the venue is essential for all bookings to safely transport the animals, as well as the gazebo and any other equipment. Failure to provide this could result in the booking not taking place, with full payment still being taken. It is the responsibility of the person placing the booking to ensure parking is provided.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the ground of the outdoor site is solid for the gazebo to stand and be secured. You must also ensure that the public do not have access to the site an hour before the booking (for safe erecting of the gazebo) and an hour after the booking (for the safe collapse and removal of the gazebo). Should your event be continuing after Safari Phil's appearance, you must ensure that a clear route to the vehicles can still be accessible for safe transportation of the animals & equipment.

Should there be adverse weather conditions, then it is your responsibility to provide a back-up indoor location. Failure to do so could result in Safari Phil not appearing (you will still be charged the full amount)

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



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Caribbean Land Hermit Crabs (Coenobita clypeatus)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Pinching	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Animal will be kept at a slightly lower temperature, to ensure lethargy.	
				This is a naturally docile species.	Staff trained by Safari Phil to observe and react to signs if the animal is stressed.	
					Safari Phil will be present at all times, along with at least one trained assistant.	
				Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will demonstrate to everyone the correct way to handle/come into contact with the animal.		
		Infections and Diseases	Low		The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
						All substrate will be fresh that morning, spot checks carried out every hour, excrement removed immediately upon discovery.
Escape	Low		The animals are transported in secure individual containers, housed within secure larger containers.	There will always be 1 trained assistant per animal present. The animals are held in secure containers when not being handled.		



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Halloween Crabs (Gecarcinus quadratus)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Pinching	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Animal will be kept at a slightly lower temperature, to ensure lethargy.	
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Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches (Gromphadorhina portentosa)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Biting	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Animal will be kept at a slightly lower temperature, to ensure lethargy.
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Common Indian Stick Insect (<i>Carausius morosus</i>)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Biting	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Animal will be kept at a slightly lower temperature, to ensure lethargy.	
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Giant African Land Snail (Achatina fulica)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Biting	Low-none	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Animal does not poses teeth, instead has rough tongue, may lick participants but in no way harmful.	
				This is a naturally docile species.	Safari Phil will provide gloves if required, so slime has no contact with skin. Slime is in no way harmful!	
					Safari Phil will be present at all times, along with at least one trained assistant.	
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African Black Train Millipedes (Archispirostreptus gigas)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Defensive secretions	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Only emits poisonous liquid if animal is in distress, which can cause skin discolouration, and possibly cause skin irritation in rare cases.	
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Green banded millipede (Anadenobolus monilicornis)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Defensive secretions	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Only emits poisonous liquid if animal is in distress, which can cause skin discolouration, and possibly cause skin irritation in rare cases.	
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Emperor Scorpion (<i>Pandinus imperator</i>)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Biting / Sting	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Animal will be kept at a slightly lower temperature, to ensure lethargy.
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Flat-Rock Scorpion (Hadogenes troglodytes)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Biting / Sting	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Animal will be kept at a slightly lower temperature, to ensure lethargy.
				This is a naturally docile species.	Staff trained by Safari Phil to observe and react to signs if the animal is stressed.
					Safari Phil will be present at all times, along with at least one trained assistant.
				Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will demonstrate to everyone the correct way to handle/ come into contact with the animal.	
		Infections and Diseases	Low	The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
					All substrate will be fresh that morning, spot checks carried out every hour, excrement removed immediately upon discovery.
Escape	Low	The animals are transported in secure individual containers, housed within secure larger containers.	There will always be 1 trained assistant per animal present. The animals are held in secure containers when not being handled.		



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Tailless whip scorpion (Amblypygi)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Animal will be kept at a slightly lower temperature, to ensure lethargy.
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					Safari Phil will be present at all times, along with at least one trained assistant.
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		Infections and Diseases	Low	The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
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Vinegaroon (Thelyphonida)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Animal will be kept at a slightly lower temperature, to ensure lethargy.	
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		Infections and Diseases	Low		The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
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Mexican Red-knee Tarantula (Brachypelma Smithi)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Biting	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Animal will be kept at a slightly lower temperature, to ensure lethargy.
				This is a naturally docile species.	Staff trained by Safari Phil to observe and react to signs if the animal is stressed.
		Urticating hairs	Low	The Animal is accustomed to being handled.	The tarantula will only be handled for short periods at a time, so the animal doesn't become stressed or overwhelmed.
					Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will demonstrate to everyone the correct way to handle/come into contact with the animal.
		Infections and Diseases	Low	The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
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Honduras curly-hair Tarantula (Brachypelma albopilosum)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Biting	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Animal will be kept at a slightly lower temperature, to ensure lethargy.
				This is a naturally docile species.	Staff trained by Safari Phil to observe and react to signs if the animal is stressed.
		Urticating hairs	Low	The Animal is accustomed to being handled.	The tarantula will only be handled for short periods at a time, so the animal doesn't become stressed or overwhelmed.
					Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will demonstrate to everyone the correct way to handle/come into contact with the animal.
		Infections and Diseases	Low	The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
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Hermann Tortoises (Testudo hermanni)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the tortoises' mouths.	
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		Infections and Diseases	Low		The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
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Red-footed tortoise (Chelonoidis carbonaria)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the tortoises' mouths.	
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Leopard tortoise (Stigmochelys pardalis)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the tortoises' mouths.	
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Horsefield tortoise (Agrionemys horsfieldii)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the tortoises' mouths.
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Leopard Geckos (Eublepharis macularius)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the lizards mouth.
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Blue-Tongued Skink (Tiliqua scincoides intermedia)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the lizards mouth.
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Reptiles

Can be touched, but not held by public!

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Nile monitor (<i>Varanus niloticus</i>)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the lizards mouth.	
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Bearded Dragon (Pogona vitticeps)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the lizards mouth.
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Mali Uromastyx (Uromastyx dispar maliensis)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the lizards mouth.	
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Reptiles

1 x handler per 6ft of snake

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Royal Python (Python regius)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact. The snake will have been fed at least 2 days before event.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the snakes head.
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Corn Snake (<i>Pantherophis guttatus guttatus</i>)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact. The snake will have been fed at least 2 days before event.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the snakes head.
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Reticulated Python (Python reticulatus)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact. The snake will have been fed at least 2 days before event.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the snakes head.
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		Infections and Diseases	Low	The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
					All substrate will be fresh that morning, spot checks carried out every hour, excrement removed immediately upon discovery.
Escape	Low	The animals are transported in secure individual containers, housed within secure larger containers.	There will always be 1 trained assistant per animal present. The animals are held in secure containers when not being handled.		



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Reptiles

1 x handler per 6ft of snake

Animal	Activity to be assessed and who is involved	Identifying the Hazards	Assessing the Risks	Controlling the Risk Prior to Show	Controlling the Risk During the Show
Boa Constrictor (Boa constrictor)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact. The snake will have been fed at least 2 days before event.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the snakes head.
				This is a naturally docile species.	Staff trained by Safari Phil to observe and react to signs if the animal is stressed.
					Safari Phil will be present at all times, along with at least one trained assistant.
				Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will demonstrate to everyone the correct way to handle/ come into contact with the animal.	
		Infections and Diseases	Low	The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
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Russian Rat Snake (<i>Elaphe schrenckii</i>)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact. The snake will have been fed at least 2 days before event.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the snakes head.
				This is a naturally docile species.	Staff trained by Safari Phil to observe and react to signs if the animal is stressed.
					Safari Phil will be present at all times, along with at least one trained assistant.
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		Infections and Diseases	Low	The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
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King snakes - various sub-species (Lampropeltis sp.)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3-93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact. The snake will have been fed at least 2 days before event.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the snakes head.
				This is a naturally docile species.	Staff trained by Safari Phil to observe and react to signs if the animal is stressed.
					Safari Phil will be present at all times, along with at least one trained assistant.
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		Infections and Diseases	Low	The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
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Kenyan Sand Boa (Gongylophis colubrinus)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact. The snake will have been fed at least 2 days before event.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the snakes head.
				This is a naturally docile species.	Staff trained by Safari Phil to observe and react to signs if the animal is stressed.
					Safari Phil will be present at all times, along with at least one trained assistant.
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		Infections and Diseases	Low	The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
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Ferrets (<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the ferrets heads to minimise the risk of the animal nibbling	
				This is a naturally docile species.	Staff trained by Safari Phil to observe and react to signs if the animal is stressed.	
					Safari Phil will be present at all times, along with at least one trained assistant.	
		Infections and Diseases	Low	The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands	
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Striped Skunk (Mephitis mephitis)	Handling Sessions. Involving Safari Phil, his Critters, and the public. (aged 3–93)	Bite / spray	Low	The animal is accustomed to human contact.	Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will inform people to keep their hands away from the skunks head to minimise the risk of the animal nibbling.
				This is a naturally docile species.	Staff trained by Safari Phil to observe and react to signs if the animal is stressed.
					Safari Phil will be present at all times, along with at least one trained assistant.
				Safari Phil or his trained Critter Crew will demonstrate to everyone the correct way to handle/ come into contact with the animal.	
		Infections and Diseases	Low	The animals enclosure is maintained by regular cleaning and hygiene checks.	Everyone who handles an animal will have access to anti-bacterial solution (provided by Safari Phil), and be informed as to the location of the cleaning facilities. Signage is also posted in a minimum of 2 locations, warning of the hygiene risks, directing participants to wash hands
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