

Large Animal Safety Checklist

Review Date: _____

Reviewed By: _____

No.	Worksite Inspection Item	Present	Needs Correction	Date Corrected
1	All pets, such as dogs and cats, are tied up or kenneled when guests are present.			
2	All fences, gates, and barn doors are appropriate for the livestock and activities, and are in good condition.			
3	Animals are kept out of non-animal areas (with the exception of service animals).			
4	There is a transition area between the non-animal area and the animal area with appropriate signs and trash receptacles.			
5	There are signs posted in the transition area to inform guests of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals are present • Items, such as food, drink, bottles and pacifiers are not allowed • No smoking or tobacco products allowed • Nothing should be placed in the mouth • List of rules for feeding the animals 			
6	Employees tell visitors there is no eating, drinking, smoking or tobacco use in animal areas. Employees also explain which items are not to be taken into animal areas.			
7	There are storage or holding areas for strollers and other items that are not permitted in the animal area.			
8	Animal areas are clean and free of trash and debris.			
9	Children are supervised at all times in animal areas.			
10	The animals are clean, healthy and up to date on all vaccinations.			
11	Animals that have poor temperament are kept in a separate area from those available for guest activities. Signs are posted to warn visitors about these animals, and entrances/access to the pens of these animals are locked/blocked			
12	Employees are aware of the different temperaments of the animals, and of any issues that may affect the temperament of animals used around guests.			
13	Large animals meant only for viewing are separated from visitors with a fence, or in the case of animals that tend to bite, with a double fence. Employees know to never bring these animals out of the fenced or stall area.			
14	Employees inform guests about appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including ASTM/SEI certified equestrian helmets that are worn when horseback riding, and any pertinent regulations regarding it's use (e.g. children under 14 required to wear helmets in some states). Employees educate visitors on the potential consequences of not using PPE, including helmets.			

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15	Information about appropriate riding apparel, liability waivers and other pertinent information is communicated to guests prior to arrival.			
16	There are signs posted at the exit area advising all visitors to wash or sanitize their hands when leaving the animal area.			
17	There are hand washing facilities present in the exit area or nearby that include soap, running water and paper towels, and they are accessible to children and handicapped visitors. Hand sanitizer may be used as a supplement to hand washing, but not replace it.			
18	The riding ability of each visitor is assessed prior to mounting a horse. Visitors are only allowed to mount or dismount horses when employees are present.			
19	Restroom facilities are located in non-animal areas and are adequate to accommodate the number of guests present.			
20	There is a written cleaning log for hand washing facilities and restrooms present and all cleaning is documented.			
No.	Policy/Procedure Inspection Item (policies/procedures are in place for each of the following items)	Present	Needs Correction	Date Corrected
1	Employees are trained on the risk of disease and injury associated with animals and how diseases can be transmitted from animals to humans. Employees are trained to share this information with visitors and educate visitors about the animals.			
2	Workers are informed of emerging animal diseases and new outbreaks of old diseases.			
3	Schedules are set up for inspecting signs, walkways, petting areas and all visitor areas for condition and cleanliness. All issues identified are addressed. All inspections and cleaning efforts are documented.			
4	All animals are kept clean and up to date on vaccinations. Records are kept documenting animal care, including veterinary visits and vaccination records.			
5	All workers are trained on policies and procedures for dealing with guest injuries, including local and state requirements for reporting animal injuries, the use of incident reports and emergency procedures.			
6	Employees remind visitors to wash hands when exiting the animal area, and are trained to demonstrate proper hand-washing procedure.			

Resources that can be used to address these checklist items are available at www.safeagritourism.org/Resources. These resources include signs, policies, forms, logs, and other items.