

Impeyan Productions Risk Assessment

After careful consideration and continued assessment, I enclose a full Health and Safety Risk Assessment of Animal Lecture Shows conducted by the members of the Impeyan Productions group.

Our public liability insurance policy is required to protect the presenters acting under the name of Impeyan Productions from the moment they enter the premises of the client (be it an educational establishment, public venue or private residence), to the moment they leave such premises.

Potential Hazards

Carrying of Equipment

Particularly in a private residence, there is a risk of the following:-

1. Causing damage by knocking or catching walls or woodwork whilst carrying equipment in and out of a venue.
2. Soiling of carpet or floor during inclement weather.
3. Causing damage to furniture or artefacts while moving during set-up.

The transfer of equipment from the vehicle into a venue and vice versa is done into an unoccupied room. Where an unoccupied room is not available, the lecturer will erect a screen and ask a responsible adult to look after the equipment and animals while the move is completed.

Safeguards

To help reduce the perceived risk as detailed above, all presenters adhere to the following rules:

1. A quick visual inspection of the route from parking to work area is carried out. A request will be made for items noted to be in a precarious or obstructive position to be moved to a safer location. The carrying of equipment is done sensibly and at walking pace. The presenter will not carry more items than is safely practical and care will be taken to avoid collisions with surroundings or people. Presenters are solely responsible for the maintenance of their own equipment – items are visually checked to ensure they are in a safe state of repair and clean.
2. To protect flooring from equipment, especially at times of inclement weather, each presenter carries a protective floor covering.
3. Presenters identify any items of furniture or artefacts that they feel may need removal by the client on their first visual inspection. Where an item cannot be removed due to its size, weight or impracticalities, the presenter will request that the client assumes all responsibility to protect the item from all reasonable damage while the presenter is on the premises. The presenter will then 'work around' the item using care at all times.

In the case of a presentation to children, the client must accept that they risk possible damage to their property through a child's behaviour. A client must also accept that the presenter is responsible for their own actions and the actions of the animals under their charge. Damage caused by a child/adult, either deliberately or accidentally, is not the responsibility of the presenter.

During the presentation

Due to the fact that the presentations offered by members of the Impeyan Productions team include interaction and participation by members of the audience, the following hazards may be present:

1. That an individual drops an item of equipment or prop causing damage to themselves or to the venues decorations, furnishings or surfaces.
2. That an individual may be injured by an item of equipment or prop breaking.
3. That an animal may foul, causing damage to clothing, decorations, furnishings or surfaces.
4. That an individual may have an allergic reaction to an animal.
5. That an individual may be scratched or bitten by an animal.
6. That an animal may escape from its enclosure.

Safeguards

To help reduce the perceived risks as detailed above, all presenters adhere to the following rules:

1. An individual is never asked to hold, carry or pick up any item the presenter feels may be beyond the individual's capabilities. Although it is impossible to predict the actions of an individual who may choose to act irresponsibly, any behavioural show which may suggest irresponsibility is dealt with by the replacement of that individual with a more suitable member of the audience.
2. Each presenter is responsible for the maintenance of their own properties with a visual inspection of their equipment carried out regularly. In most cases, properties and equipment is standard, purpose built by manufacturers.
3. Every precaution is taken against fouling by an animal during a presentation. Presentations are carried out over a floor covering with the addition of other barriers such as trays.

In situations where an animal fouls an individual, an anti-bacterial solution will be administered and the presenter will ask the individual or a responsible adult to assist the individual in a soap and water clean. This applies to clothing as well. On no account will a presenter accompany any child to a toilet.

4. Before every presentation, the presenter will identify any individual that has any allergic considerations and ascertain the extent of the threat with the animals that the presenter may have with them. In most cases, the individual concerned would be asked to view from a distance only. In extreme cases, the individual would have to be excluded from the room completely.
5. At all times, the presenter uses their knowledge and experience to ensure that an individual interacting with an animal is doing so under clear instructions. The individual is watched and, when needed, is helped by the presenter in order that a safe and comfortable experience is had both by the individual and the animal. If protective equipment is needed, the presenter will supply e.g. for handling birds of prey, a proper falconry glove will be used.
6. All of the transportation enclosures are built for the purpose of animal transportation and have catches designed against accidental opening. The enclosures are secured and regularly checked for possible signs of wear and are repaired or replaced when required. A 'head count' is always taken when a presentation has finished before the presenter drives away.

Impeyan Productions Specific Animal Risk Assessment

Animal	Task	Hazard	Likelihood	Consequence	Worst Case Injury	Controls In Place
Stick insect	Handling	No Hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hand washing facilities to be available
Chongalola	Handling	Secretion of defence liquid	Unlikely	Staining of the skin area affected may last 1-4 days	N/A	Hand washing facilities to be available
Madagascan hissing cockroach	Handling	No Hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hand washing facilities to be available
Chile rose spider	Handling	Defensive kicking of abdominal hair Biting	Unlikely Very unlikely	Irritation to exposed skin/eyes Very painful, toxicity around the same as bee sting	Damage to eye tissue Anaphylactic shock may occur in patients allergic to the venom	The animal's behaviour will be monitored for any aggressive/defensive posturing, handler to be in proximity. Hand washing facilities to be available
Burmese python	Handling	Back injury if lifted incorrectly Constriction Biting	Unlikely Extremely unlikely Extremely unlikely	Muscle strain Discomfort until removed Very painful, skin trauma will occur. Low risk of salmonella bacteria present in bite	Muscle strain Muscle strain Salmonella poisoning	Close monitoring of animal behaviour, handler to be in proximity. Hand washing facilities to be available
Marine toad	Handling	Secretion of poison from sacks on back of animal	Unlikely	No hazard unless ingested	Hallucinations in humans, can be fatal in felines or canines	Hand washing facilities to be available
Sulcata tortoise (African spur thigh)	Handling	Back injury when lifting mature specimens Biting	Very unlikely Unlikely	Muscle strain Painful, possible skin trauma	Muscle strain Development of infection around trauma site	Handler will be present if movement is required Advice by handler not to touch head/face
Fennec fox	Handling	Biting	Unlikely	Skin trauma	Development of infection around	Handler present at all times, advice

					trauma site	given not to touch head/face
Imperial scorpion	Handling	Stinging	Unlikely	High level of localised pain	Anaphylactic shock may occur in patients allergic to the venom	Handler to be in control of ALL contact
Locust	Handling	No hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hand washing facilities to be available
Indigo snake	Handling	Biting	Very unlikely	Skin trauma will occur. Low risk of salmonella bacteria present in bite	Salmonella poisoning	Close monitoring of animal behaviour, handler to be in proximity. Hand washing facilities to be available
Mealworms	Handling	No hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hand washing facilities to be available
Black field crickets	Handling	No hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hand washing facilities to be available
Salmon pink spider	Display Only	Defensive kicking of abdominal hair Biting	Unlikely Very unlikely	Irritation to exposed skin/eyes Very painful, toxicity around the same as bee sting	Damage to eye tissue Anaphylactic shock may occur in patients allergic to the venom	The animal's behaviour will be monitored for any aggressive/defensive posturing, handler will solely have ALL contact. Hand washing facilities to be available
Chinchilla	Handling	Biting	Unlikely	Skin trauma	Slight possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Hand washing facilities to be available
Californian king snake	Handling	Biting	Unlikely	Skin trauma will occur. Low risk of salmonella bacteria present in bite	Salmonella poisoning	Hand washing facilities to be available
Asian water monitor	Handling	Scratching Biting	Unlikely Very unlikely	Skin trauma Painful, possible skin trauma	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site Salmonella	The animal's behaviour will be monitored for any aggressive/defensive posturing,

					poisoning	handler to control ALL contact. Hand washing facilities to be available
Common frog	Handling	No hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hand washing facilities to be available
Smooth newt	Handling	No hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hand washing facilities to be available
Common toad	Handling	Poisonous secretion from skin	Unlikely	Unlikely to have any effect	Not dangerous to humans	Hand washing facilities to be available
Water boatman	Observation	No hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dragonfly larvae	Observation	No hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pond snail	Handling	No hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hand washing facilities to be available
Barn owl	Handling	Scratching	Unlikely	Skin trauma	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Handler to be present at all times. Protective gauntlet must be worn.
White faced scops owl	Handling	Scratching	Unlikely	Skin trauma	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Handler to be present at all times.
Spring hare	Handling	Biting	Unlikely	Skin trauma	Slight possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Hand washing facilities to be available
Scheltopusik	Handling	Biting	Very unlikely	Possible skin trauma	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Hand washing facilities to be available
Indian fruit bat	Observation /feeding	Biting	Very unlikely	Possible skin trauma	Slight possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Handler to be present at all times. Hand washing facilities to be available
Lesser hairy armadillo	Observation	Scratching	Very unlikely	Possible skin trauma	Slight possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Hand washing facilities to be available

Lesser tenrec	Handling	Scratching Biting	Very unlikely Unlikely	Possible skin trauma	Slight possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Hand washing facilities to be available
Striped skunk	Handling	Scratching Biting	Very unlikely Unlikely	Possible skin trauma	Slight possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Hand washing facilities to be available
Bengal eagle owl	Handling	Scratching	Unlikely	Skin trauma	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Handler to be present at all times. Protective gauntlet must be worn.
Asian brown owl	Handling	Scratching	Unlikely	Skin trauma	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Handler to be present at all times. Protective gauntlet must be worn.
Harris hawk	Handling	Scratching	Unlikely	Skin trauma	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Handler to be present at all times. Protective gauntlet must be worn.
Rainbow boa	Handling	Constriction Biting	Extremely unlikely Extremely unlikely	Discomfort until removed Skin trauma Low risk of salmonella bacteria present in bite	Muscle strain Salmonella poisoning	Close monitoring of animal behaviour, handler to be in proximity. Hand washing facilities to be available
North American pine snake	Handling	Biting	Very unlikely	Possible skin trauma Low risk of salmonella bacteria present in bite	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site Salmonella poisoning	Close monitoring of animal behaviour, handler to be in proximity. Hand washing facilities to be available
Yemen chameleon	Handling	Scratching Biting	Unlikely Very unlikely	Skin trauma Possible skin trauma	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site Salmonella poisoning	The animal's behaviour will be monitored for any aggressive/defensive posturing, handler to control ALL

						contact. Hand washing facilities to be available
Leopard gecko	Handling	Scratching Biting	Unlikely Very unlikely	Skin trauma Possible skin trauma	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site Salmonella poisoning	The animal's behaviour will be monitored for any aggressive/defensive posturing Hand washing facilities to be available
Leopard tortoise	Handling	Biting	Unlikely	Painful, possible skin trauma	Development of infection around trauma site	Advice by handler not to touch head/face
Red foot tortoise	Handling	Biting	Unlikely	Painful, possible skin trauma	Development of infection around trauma site	Advice by handler not to touch head/face
Mexican wood turtle	Handling	Biting	Unlikely	Painful, possible skin trauma	Development of infection around trauma site	Advice by handler not to touch head/face
Horsefield tortoise	Handling	Biting	Unlikely	Painful, possible skin trauma	Development of infection around trauma site	Advice by handler not to touch head/face
Milk snake	Handling	Biting	Very unlikely	Possible skin trauma Low risk of salmonella bacteria present in bite	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site Salmonella poisoning	Close monitoring of animal behaviour, handler to be in proximity. Hand washing facilities to be available
Corn snake	Handling	Biting	Very unlikely	Possible skin trauma Low risk of	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site Salmonella	Close monitoring of animal behaviour, handler to be in proximity. Hand washing facilities to be

				salmonella bacteria present in bite	poisoning	available
South African Meerkat	Handling	Scratching Biting	Very unlikely Unlikely	Possible skin trauma	Slight possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Close monitoring of animal behaviour, handler to be in proximity. Hand washing facilities to be available
Racoon dog	Handling	Scratching Biting	Very unlikely Unlikely	Possible skin trauma	Slight possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Close monitoring of animal behaviour, handler to be in proximity. Hand washing facilities to be available
White lipped tree frog	Handling	No hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hand washing facilities to be available
White's tree frog	Handling	No hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hand washing facilities to be available
Red eye tree frog	Handling	No hazard	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hand washing facilities to be available
African bull frog	Handling	Biting	Very unlikely	Possible skin trauma Low risk of salmonella bacteria present in bite	Possibility of development of infection around the trauma site Salmonella poisoning	Close monitoring of animal behaviour, handler to be in proximity. Hand washing facilities to be available
Spectacled caiman	Handling	Scratching Biting	Very unlikely Unlikely	Possible skin trauma	Slight possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Close monitoring of animal behaviour, handler to be in proximity.

						Members of the audience will only be permitted to hold the tail. Hand washing facilities to be available
Coati	Handling	Scratching Biting	Very unlikely Unlikely	Possible skin trauma	Slight possibility of development of infection around the trauma site	Close monitoring of animal behaviour, handler to be in proximity. Hand washing facilities to be available

When handling animals of any sort, hand washing is recommended prior to handling any food.

All the animals exhibited by Impeyan Productions are bred ourselves or by people we work with on our endangered breeding projects or by other trusted members of the zoological world. All animals are assessed for their temperament and suitability to be handled prior to any contact with the public. We do not sell animals or buy animals from pet shops.