

## **ANIMAL EVENTS ON CAMPUS**

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This guideline is for use when bring applying to host an event that involves animals as part of a student club activity. Guide, Hearing or Assistance Dogs are exempt and treated under separate parameters.

Animal petting events are commonly used as novelty de-stress activities for students during and around exam times. They can however be extremely stressful for the animals involved due to noise, crowd and heat stress in an unknown environment. Risk of infection for both human and animals involved is also highly pertinent. Approval for animal petting events is limited to very few special exemptions and will only be considered following a full submission of the event proposal including a Risk Management Plan outlining the associated risk controls (see link below).

### **Commercial Operators**

- Vendors operating mobile petting ‘farms’ or ‘zoos’ have a duty of care to ensure that germs are not spread from the animals to patrons. The most common of these illnesses is gastroenteritis however significant diseases can be transmitted by vendors who do not maintain safe work methods.
- Reputable vendors should be able to supply good detail on their processes for animal hygiene, patron hygiene, animal care (including heat stress), staff training, waste disposal and management, equipment cleaning, attraction design (separate entry/exits, handwash facilities) and patron control (maximum attendees, separation of general public).
- A Certificate of Currency (Public Liability Insurance) should be easily and readily obtained from the vendor and checked for validity well prior to engaging the contractor.

### **Student owned or welfare animals**

Students are not permitted to bring personally owned animals onto campus for ‘petting’ events due to health, safety and insurance risks.

Animals under welfare management (AWQ, RSPCA) are not permitted on campus from an animal cruelty standpoint. Students wishing to bring rescue animals onto campus for “adoption” reasons are advised to instead promote the organisation to genuinely interested student peers. Welfare organisations are welcome to attend without animals however, under the parameters associated with external vendors (see guidelines for external vendors, insurance, charity events)

**ADDENDUM – Animal events on campus are currently suspended pending Covid 19 regulations**

For more information contact the Student Events Office on 5595 1211

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