



Animal Nurseries and Farms

Animal welfare and hygiene factors need to be considered if you are having animals or reptiles at your event. This means you will need to ensure they meet all relevant regulations and are set up in a safe manner. This document details your responsibilities as an event provider.

Conditions of use

Consider the following when developing your operations plan as these conditions will form part of your permit requirements:

Site set up

- The set-up needs to be on a surface that is suitable for animals and that doesn't damage the site;
- The site must include adequate shelter from weather, including adequate shade;
- The operators need to provide a place where animals can retreat if distressed;
- Water and food for the animals must always be available;
- Animals should be separated from the food areas of your event;
- The site plan is to show the location of the animal nursery.

Hygiene

- Hand-washing facilities are to be provided for all patrons, to prevent the transfer of any diseases;
- All animal waste must be regularly and appropriately disposed of.

Risk

- The management of the animal nursery should be included in your risk assessment.

Event organisers responsibilities

- It is the event organisers responsibility to ensure the proprietor is setting up and controlling the animal nursery in a safe and compliant manner for the duration of the event;
- They also need to ensure that the operators are suitably licensed and insured;
- Nurseries must comply with the Department of Primary Industry's Code of Practice for the Public Display of Exhibition of Animals;

For more information contact ASSIST

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Relevant legislation

- Code of practice for the public display of exhibition of animals - <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-welfare/animal-welfare-legislation/victorian-codes-of-practice-for-animal-welfare/code-of-practice-for-the-public-display-of-exhibition-of-animals>
- VicHealth – information about prevention of disease spread from animals <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/ResearchAndReports/Reducing%20the%20risk%20of%20gastroenteritis%20at%20open%20farms%20petting%20zoos%20and%20animal%20exhibitspamphlet>

Supply to council

If you have animals on display at your event the following information must be supplied to Council.

- Location of the animals on the event layout plan.
- Supply current public liability insurance coverage for each animal company.
- Add identified risks and mitigation measures in your risk and emergency management plans

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