



THE RANCH
HEALTH AND SAFETY
RISK ASSESSMENT

1) LOCAL DETAILS

Address - The Ranch, Coombe Valley Road, Weymouth, Dorset , DT3 6NL

Assessor/s : I.Woodbridge, T.Woodbridge, D.Glencross.

Department/Section: All Areas

Date of Assessment: **29.4.2021**

Date of last review: 29.4.23

2) DESCRIPTION OF TASK/WORK PROCESS

All tasks that are undertaken at Ranch including;

- Animal assisted activity
- Goat Yoga
- Equine Therapy
- Education

3) PERSONS AT RISK

Visitors/ Clients

Ranch Staff

Volunteers

4) GROUPS/INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PARTICULARLY AT RISK

All booked visitors are assessed prior to session

5) RISK EVALUATION

| 1 Process Steps | 2 Hazards | 3 Risks Arising | 4 Current Control Measures | 5 Estimate the Risk | | 6 Risk Rating | 7 Further Action Required |
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| | | | | Degree of Harm | Likelihood of Occurrence | | |
| All tasks undertaken at The Ranch | Housekeeping | Slips & Trips. Falls. | Cleaning Regime. Reactive maintenance. Scheduled H&S Inspection | 2 | 3 | 6 | Monitor |
| | Interaction with animals on site | Unpredictable nature of all animals | Interpersonal Skills. Communication. Direction / knowledge guidance of all Ranch staff. Safe staffing levels. Relevant training. Qualified Equine instructor on site at all times equine during sessions. Competent instructor/facilitator on site during all animal activity sessions. Dynamic risk assessment. | 3 | 3 | 9 | Monitor |

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| | Unpredictable animal behaviour | Animal Body Products Biting Kicking Crushing Cuts, Scratches Blunt Force Wound. | Interpersonal Skills Communication. Safe staffing levels. Cleaning Protocols for animal body products.. Relevant training. First Aid. Dynamic risk assessment | 3 | 3 | 9 | Monitor |
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| | | | Good Personal Hygiene | | | | |
| | Communicable diseases. | Animal Body products and waste items. | Relevant Training. Adequate self Hygiene practices. | 4 | 2 | 8 | Monitor |
| | Use of basic tools & equipment. | Ergonomic Injury. Cuts. | Reactive maintenance. Relevant training. Supervision & Instruction. | 3 | 2 | 6 | Monitor |
| Supervising classes and activities. . | Lack of Supervision. | Animal inflicted injury Slips, trips,Falls | Interpersonal Skills. Communication. Safe staffing levels. Relevant training. First Aid. Dynamic risk assessment On site induction | 3 | 3 | 9 | Monitor |

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| Use of Equine & Cleaning Equipment (Spade, Fork, Rake etc). | Use of equipment. Incorrect technique. | Slips, Trips and falls Injury to individuals. Ergonomic Injury. Muscle strain. | H&S Inspection Regime. Reactive maintenance. Relevant Training. Information on correct set-up of equipment. Supervision. Induction for use of equipment. Instruction for use. | 2 | 2 | 4 | None |
| | Feeding, grooming & Cleaning of Livestock and associated areas. | Bites, Cuts, Scratches & Blunt Force Wound. Access. Egress. Lack of Maintenance. | Relevant Training. Adequate Supervision. Information & Instruction. | 3 | 2 | 6 | Monitor |
| | | | Selection of 'safer' products when practicable. Control of storage, issue and use of substances. Use of correct PPE when appropriate. | | | | |

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| Use of outdoor areas. | Use of equipment. Incorrect technique. | Injury to individuals. Ergonomic Injury. Muscle strain. Lack of Maintenance. Nip, Trap, Slip, trip or Fall. | Induction training Reactive maintenance. Dynamic risk assessment. First Aid. Adequate Supervision. Safe staffing levels. | 2 | 3 | 6 | Monitor |
| Emergency contact required. | Lack of electricity | Inability to raise alarm, contact emergency services. | The Ranch mobile will be charged overnight to be on-sight. Large power bank in main office for laptop and mobile. Individual power banks for staff. | 3 | 1 | 3 | Monitor |
| Standing water. | Risk of drowning. | Injury to individuals. | Suitable drainage for car park and ditch in place. Pond will be raised to prevent fall/trip, also covered with mesh cover to prevent accidental access. | 3 | 2 | 6 | Monitor |

6) ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES REQUIRED

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| 1 Risks not | 2 | | 4 | 5 Completi | 6 Estimate the Risk | 7 New |
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| adequately controlled | Addition control measures required | 3 Time scale | To be completed by | n date and sign off | Degree of Harm | Likelihood of Occurrence | Risk Rating |
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7) COMMENTS

Staff may be required to work in the sun for prolonged periods of time, clothing should be sun safe.
 Staff may be required to work in inclement weather for prolonged periods of time, clothing should be weather appropriate.

Visitors to the Ranch are responsible for their own attire. They are responsible for ensuring that they are dressed suitably for the weather.
 All visitors are advised of appropriate footwear and attire on The Ranch.

8) ASSESSMENT COMPLETED AND SIGNED OFF

Assessor/s I.Woodbridge, T.Woodbridge, D.Glencross

Date: 29/4/21

Review Date: 29/4/22 or earlier if changes are made and a review is appropriate.

9) RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Review Date: 2.4.2022

Review Type: Routine/ Review Findings: No Changes required

Date of Next Review: 29.4.2023

: Signature of Person Carrying out this Review: *J. Woodbridge*

Review Date: 29.4.23

Review Type: Routine Review

Findings: No changes

Date of Next Review: 29/4/24

Signature of Person Carrying out this Review: *J. Woodbridge*

Information to assist in Risk Evaluation (5)

In most cases risk will be assessed qualitatively. Qualitative risk assessment is based on subjective judgments using generalised data and usually expresses risk in descriptive terms such as high, medium or low. They are based on judgment rather than calculation. This is the approach used here.

Risk is evaluated taking into account both:

- (a) the consequences, i.e. the degree of harm which would result;
- (b) the frequency/probability/likelihood that it will occur.

The degree of harm and likelihood of occurrence are both given ratings as follows:

| RISK RATING | DEFINITION | TIME SCALE FOR ACTION |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| 20-25 | Very high | Stop activity-take immediate action |
| 15-19 | High | Take action the same day. Implement short-term measures. Instigate long-term solution. |
| 10-14 | Medium | Take action within one week. (this level of risk may be acceptable provided the risk is <u>as low as is reasonably practicable</u>) Where further controls are required implement short term measures. Instigate a long term solution. |
| 5-9 | Low | Monitor the situation |

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| 0-4 | Insignificant | No action required |
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Degree of Harm or Hazard Severity.

- 0 No injury
- 1 First aid injury-no time lost
- 2 1-3 days lost
- 3 Over three day injury
- 4 Major injury [as defined by the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases, and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (HMSO1995)] or long-term disease or disability.
- 5 Fatality

The Likelihood of Occurrence

- 0 Highly unlikely
- 1 Improbable: so unlikely that probability is close to zero
- 2 Unlikely: remote possibility, though conceivable
- 3 Possible: could occur sometimes e.g. where tasks are carried out on an irregular basis
- 4 Likely: will occur several times – per cycle, per shift
- 5 Very likely: occurs repeatedly- per cycle, per shift

$$RISK = DEGREE OF HARM \times LIKELYHOOD OF OCCURRENCE$$

