

CLOSE ENCOUNTER - Health & Safety Checklist

Please read the following Health & Safety Checklist and complete and sign the declarations below, Thank you. Please hand this to the Keeper you are shadowing on the day. Failure to complete this form may result in cancellation of the day.

- All participants must comply with the minimum age requirement:
 - Reptile Encounter - 8 years +
 - Feed the Lemurs - 8 years +
 - Feed the Spider Monkeys - 12 years +
 - Feed the Penguins - 8 years +
 - Feed the Giraffes - 8 years +
 - Feed a Big Cat - 16 years +
 - Creature Feature - 6 years +
 - Meet the Orang utans - 12 yrs+
 - Feed the Bats - 10 yrs+
 - Tickle a Tapir - 8 yrs+
 - Feed the Sea lions - 8 yrs+
 - Meet the Chimps - 12 yrs+

- This experience should not be undertaken by expectant mothers, new mothers of less than six months and persons with depressed immune systems.

- The experience may not be suitable for people with severe allergies to fur, feathers, dust or animal bedding.

- Please ensure that you wear clothing suitable for working with animals and which you don't mind getting dirty. Clothing should not be very loose fitting as this can get caught on doors and equipment and be grabbed by animals.

- Please also ensure that your clothing is appropriate for the time of year and forecast weather. You may be working outside in all weathers.

- Suitable footwear such as walking boots, work boots or wellingtons should be worn.

- No jewellery other than ear studs is permitted. Long hair should be tied back.

- Existing cuts and abrasions on exposed skin must be covered with waterproof dressings and you must wear the disposable gloves provided when instructed.

- Smoking, eating or drinking is only allowed in designated areas.

- Do not eat any of the food intended for the animals.

- Hands should be washed at every opportunity, especially before eating, drinking or smoking and before leaving the site.

- During your visit you should avoid putting your face close to the animals and never place your fingers in your mouth during the visit.

- You should remain in close contact with the Zoo Keeper you are working with and never wander off.
- You must never enter an animal enclosure without specific instruction from the Zoo Keeper.
- You must not touch, stroke or pet an animal unless told it is acceptable to do so by the Zoo Keeper.
- Any accident or injury must be reported to the Zoo Keeper immediately so that appropriate action can be taken and first aid provided.
- In the event of an emergency you should follow the instructions of a Keeper, if you become separated go to the nearest building and report to a staff member.
- No animals, other than assistance dogs, are allowed to be brought onto the site.
- Photos may be taken of your Experience, and may be used in the future for Press & Publicity purposes. If you would prefer us not to use the photos taken, then please inform us in writing.

Date of last tetanus immunisation? -----

Do you have any allergies? -----

Do you suffer from any medical conditions we should be aware of? If so, please give full details
(all information is treated in strict confidence)

Contact name and telephone number in case of emergency on the day

Name:-----Tel No: -----

I have read & understood the health and safety checklist & agree to abide by the rules and conditions.

Signed Date:
(Parent or Guardian if under 16yrs)