

APPENDIX C

PETTING ZOO GUIDELINES FOR TEACHERS AND CARERS

The Department of Human Services has issued a guideline for shows and other events where visitors can come into contact with animals, proposing that the public follow simple precautionary hygiene practices.

What Practical Steps Should Be Followed During Your Visit

Remember hand washing is one of the most important practices in preventing the spread of disease.

WHEN IN THE PROXIMITY OF ANIMALS:

DO NOT:

- suck fingers or objects, touch your mouth with hands, or lick fingers
- kiss the animals
- eat food intended for animals
- wipe hands on clothing, if avoidable

ALWAYS WASH WITH SOAP AND RUNNING WATER AFTER:

- touching animals, their enclosures or food containers
- being licked, bitten or spat upon by animals
- having contact with soil and faeces
- wash any object or item that has fallen on the ground and has been in contact with animals before returning to children.

ALWAYS WASH WITH SOAP AND RUNNING WATER BEFORE:

- eating, drinking or smoking. Always ensure that you eat and drink away from animal areas.

Teachers and carers should supervise proper hand washing by children.

For further information about the Guideline, please contact the Department of Human Services Communicable Disease Control Branch on (08) 8226 7177 or Environmental Health Branch on (08) 8226 7100. Email cdcb@dhs.sa.gov.au

Reference: Petting Zoo Infection Control Guideline for Petting Zoo Operators, Education and Childcare Services, and Environmental Health Officers.