

Animal	Who could be affected?	Hazard	Risk (low, medium, high)	Actions already taken to reduce risk	Further actions recommended/comments
Pygmy Goats	Staff, students and visitors	Horns	Low	Students/staff/visitors given a safety briefing on how to safely handle to goats with horns to avoid being head-butted by the goats which could result in injury.	Children and Staff to be reminded not to bend down to feed or stroke due to risk of eye injury from horns.
		Allergic reaction	Low	All staff, students and visitors asked to declare any animal allergies upon enrolment/start of visit. Antihistamines/medication checked in upon arrival of the student/staff/visitor along with completed medication form, for access as directed by medication packet or doctors note.	Non-prescription Antihistamines are kept in the locked medication box for emergency use.
		Rope burn	Medium	Students/staff/visitors shown how to handle the lead rope correctly (one hand on lead rope under chin of goat, one hand holding excess lead rope) and how to lead.	Gloves can be requested for walking the goats
		Walking the goats	Medium	Goats are to be walked on the main farm site, not in the woods. Goats permitted to browse on walks but staff to monitor intake. Walks provide enrichment and exercise, but may be stopped in goats bloat after eating.	
		Hay	Low	Airborne dust particles from the straw could cause respiratory illness, masks offered to all staff/students/visitors who will be using straw. Allergic reaction presenting as a rash or asthmatic reaction seek medical assistance through doctor/pharmacy	

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Donkeys	Staff, students and visitors	Kicked or bitten	Medium	Designated staff Theo only to take donkeys out of the enclosure and walk them. Only Theo to walk Cleo Elwen can be walked by all abilities. Safety briefing given to all students and visitors before entering the donkey enclosure, as to how to interact with the donkeys, their body language, how they like to be handled.	
Donkey update	Mentoring staff, students and visitors	Kicked or bitten	Medium	Mentoring staff are not to work directly with the donkeys with a student unless: - Rachelle has confirmed that student and staff member are proficient to undertake an activity with the donkeys and to explain the activity. Safe activities for regulated donkeys: - All staff and students can hand feed and pet donkeys through the gate. - Rachelle to prepare the treats for the donkeys, treats as a reward. - Only designated staff who are listed can go into the enclosure and groom the donkeys with a student (see opposite) - Only designated staff who are listed can go into the enclosure and hoof pick the donkeys with a student - Only designated staff who are listed can go into the enclosure and muck out the donkeys with a student	Theo alerted team to the potential issues around walking donkeys with students, so as of this date, donkeys to not be walked on halter ropes with Theo in mentoring hours. This was discussed and agreed at team meeting in 12/23 Ensure hand is completely flat with a slight push into the mouth for feeding slices of apple or slices of carrot. Current designated staff: Ali, Theo, Bonnie, Yunmi, Rachelle Current students: Maci, Declan

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General care of donkeys	Management staff, Animal care staff	Kicked or bitten	Medium	Designated staff Carol, Rachelle and Ali to work with the donkeys. • Hoof picking • Iodine spray on hooves 3 times a week Tuesday (Carol), Friday (Carol), Sunday (Rachelle/Ali). Mucking out, Matt, Rachelle, Ali, Carol	
		Allergic reaction	Low	All staff, students and visitors asked to declare any animal allergies upon enrolment/start of visit. Antihistamines/medication checked in upon arrival of the student/staff/visitor along with completed medication form, for access as directed by medication packet or doctors note.	
		Rope burn	Medium	Students/staff/visitors shown how to handle the lead rope correctly (one hand on lead rope under chin of donkey, one hand holding excess lead rope) and how to lead.	Gloves for walking the donkeys
		Electric shock from electric fence	Medium	Signs on electric fence advising students/staff/visitors not to touch the electric fence. Staff only to handle battery and energiser. Daily checks to ensure the battery is set up correctly, including suitably earthed. Electric fence can be turned off by staff when students are working in the donkey's field. If donkey fence needs to be on then this will be updated in risk assessment at morning meeting and signs erected.	

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		Straw	Low	Airborne dust particles from the straw could cause respiratory illness, masks offered to all staff/students/visitors who will be using straw. Allergic reaction presenting as a rash or asthmatic reaction seek medical assistance through doctor/pharmacy	
Sheep	Staff, students and visitors	Knocks	Medium	Students/staff/visitors that are of risk of being knocked into or over by the sheep are not allowed to handle the sheep unattended. Sheep are likely to surround any students/staff/visitors that are holding a feed bucket increasing the risk of being knocked into or over, therefore only experienced sheep handlers are allowed to feed the sheep. Whether students/staff/visitors have suitable experience to handle the sheep will be discussed with Alasdair Green, prior to any interaction with the sheep.	
		Allergic reaction	Low	All staff, students and visitors asked to declare any animal allergies upon enrolment/start of visit. Antihistamines/medication checked in upon arrival of the student/staff/visitor along with completed medication form, for access as directed by medication packet or doctors note.	
		Loss of pregnancy	Low	Pregnant ewes can carry a range of bacterial and viral diseases such as chlamydiosis (enzootic abortion of ewes – EAE), toxoplasmosis and listeriosis which can affect pregnant women as well as the ewes. Any pregnant members of staff/students/visitors	Sheep not to be bred on-site.

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				should not handle late gestation ewes or help with lambing.	
Goats	Staff, students and visitors	Horns	Low	Students/staff/visitors given a safety briefing on how to safely handle to goats with horns to avoid being head-butted by the goats which could result in injury.	
		Allergic reaction	Low	All staff, students and visitors asked to declare any animal allergies upon enrolment/start of visit. Antihistamines/medication checked in upon arrival of the student/staff/visitor along with completed medication form, for access as directed by medication packet or doctors note.	
		Rope burn	Medium	Students/staff/visitors shown how to handle the lead rope correctly (one hand on lead rope under chin of goat, one hand holding excess lead rope) and how to lead.	Gloves can be requested for walking the goats
		Hay	Low	Airborne dust particles from the straw could cause respiratory illness, masks offered to all staff/students/visitors who will be using straw. Allergic reaction presenting as a rash or asthmatic reaction seek medical assistance through doctor/pharmacy	
Cats	Staff, students and visitors	Bites/scratches	Medium	Maisie can be handled by students/staff/visitors including sitting on laps and being stroked. Max does not like to be handled so staff/students/visitors are advised to give him his space. Both cats are	

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				encouraged out of the cabin at lunch times and when students are eating to ensure they are not near the food. Students/staff/visitors are advised on cat behaviour and body language to minimise the risk of the cats becoming agitated when handled.	
		Allergic reaction	Medium	All staff, students and visitors asked to declare any animal allergies upon enrolment/start of visit. Antihistamines/medication checked in upon arrival of the student/staff/visitor along with completed medication form, for access as directed by medication packet or doctors note.	
Guinea Pigs	Staff, students and visitors	Bites	Low	All the guinea pigs have been well handled and are safe for all abilities of students/staff/visitors to handle in their pen.	Guinea pigs not to be taken out of their pen unless by experienced handlers.
		Allergic reaction	Low	All staff, students and visitors asked to declare any animal allergies upon enrolment/start of visit. Antihistamines/medication checked in upon arrival of the student/staff/visitor along with completed medication form, for access as directed by medication packet or doctors note.	
		Straw/Hay	Low	Airborne dust particles from the straw could cause respiratory illness, masks offered to all staff/students/visitors who will be using straw. Allergic reaction presenting as a rash or asthmatic reaction seek medical assistance through doctor/pharmacy	

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Mixed breed Pigs	Staff, students and visitors	Bites	Medium	Students/staff/visitors advised to feed pigs on the floor and in suitable feed trough, not to hand feed and to stay clear of the feeding area while the pigs are eating.	
		Knocks	Medium	The pigs may crowd the feeding area leading to students/staff/visitors being knocked into or over. Experienced pig handlers only to feed. Whether students/staff/visitors have suitable experience to handle the pigs will be discussed with Alasdair Green, prior to any interaction with the pigs.	
		Electric shock from electric fence	Medium	Signs on electric fence advising students/staff/visitors not to touch the electric fence. Staff only to handle battery and energiser. Daily checks to ensure the battery is set up correctly, including suitably earthed. Electric fence can be turned off by staff when students are working in the pigs enclosure field.	
		Allergic reaction	Low	All staff, students and visitors asked to declare any animal allergies upon enrolment/start of visit. Antihistamines/medication checked in upon arrival of the student/staff/visitor along with completed medication form, for access as directed by medication packet or doctors note.	
		Straw	Low	Airborne dust particles from the straw could cause respiratory illness, masks offered to all staff/students/visitors who will be using straw.	

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				Allergic reaction presenting as a rash or asthmatic reaction seek medical assistance through doctor/pharmacy	
Micro-Pigs	Staff, students and visitors	Bites	Medium	Students/staff/visitors advised to feed pigs on the floor and in suitable feed trough, not to hand feed and to stay clear of the feeding area while the pigs are eating.	
		Knocks	Medium	The pigs may crowd the feeding area leading to students/staff/visitors being knocked into or over. Experienced pig handlers only to feed. Whether students/staff/visitors have suitable experience to handle the pigs will be discussed with Alasdair Green, prior to any interaction with the pigs.	
		Allergic reaction	Low	All staff, students and visitors asked to declare any animal allergies upon enrolment/start of visit. Antihistamines/medication checked in upon arrival of the student/staff/visitor along with completed medication form, for access as directed by medication packet or doctors note.	
		Straw	Low	Airborne dust particles from the straw could cause respiratory illness, masks offered to all staff/students/visitors who will be using straw. Allergic reaction presenting as a rash or asthmatic reaction seek medical assistance through doctor/pharmacy	

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Chickens	Staff, students and visitors	Pecks/scratches	Low	Chickens that can be handled safely have been identified to staff to ensure that students/visitors/other staff members only handle chickens who are used to being handled. Students/staff/visitors have been given guidance on how to handle chickens correctly to minimise stress to the birds and reduce the incidence of pecks and scratches.	Maintain contact with animal health for the most up to date advisory and regulatory issues RE birdflu
		Allergic reaction	Low	All staff, students and visitors asked to declare any animal allergies upon enrolment/start of visit. Antihistamines/medication checked in upon arrival of the student/staff/visitor along with completed medication form, for access as directed by medication packet or doctors note.	
		Straw	Low	Airborne dust particles from the straw could cause respiratory illness, masks offered to all staff/students/visitors who will be using straw. Allergic reaction presenting as a rash or asthmatic reaction seek medical assistance through doctor/pharmacy	
		Salmonella	Medium	Poultry can have inherent salmonella infections which can be carried in their eggs. All eggs are to be cooked thoroughly (white and yolk) to minimise the risk on bacterial ingestion. Students/staff/visitors are directed to wash their hands thoroughly with warm water and antibacterial soap after handling the chickens/eggs. Face touching is discouraged.	

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Ducks	Staff, students and visitors	Pecks/scratches	Low	Ducks that can be handled safely have been identified to staff to ensure that students/visitors/other staff members only handle chickens who are used to being handled. Students/staff/visitors have been given guidance on how to handle chickens correctly to minimise stress to the birds and reduce the incidence of pecks and scratches.	
		Allergic reaction	Low	All staff, students and visitors asked to declare any animal allergies upon enrolment/start of visit. Antihistamines/medication checked in upon arrival of the student/staff/visitor along with completed medication form, for access as directed by medication packet or doctors note.	
		Straw	Low	Airborne dust particles from the straw could cause respiratory illness, masks offered to all staff/students/visitors who will be using straw. Allergic reaction presenting as a rash or asthmatic reaction seek medical assistance through doctor/pharmacy	
		Salmonella	Medium	Poultry can have inherent salmonella infections which can be carried in their eggs. All eggs are to be cooked thoroughly (white and yolk) to minimise the risk on bacterial ingestion. Students/staff/visitors are directed to wash their hands thoroughly with warm water and antibacterial soap after handling the ducks/eggs. Face touching is discouraged.	

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		Contaminated water	Low	The ducks ponds are emptied and refilled every 3 days (minimum) to ensure a clean water supply. Students/staff/visitors should wash their hands with warm water and antibacterial soap if they have interacted with the dirty water and should not touch their face whilst cleaning the ponds.	
Dogs	Staff, students and visitors	Bites/scratches	Low	The dogs are kept fence in the garden on the private residents on the property. Students/staff/visitors are not permitted to touch the dogs through or over the fence.	Only Mini to be walked by staff and student. She is to be kept on a lead at all times. Mini must be collected from the garden by Alasdair or Rachelle Green.
		Allergic reaction	Low	All staff, students and visitors asked to declare any animal allergies upon enrolment/start of visit. Antihistamines/medication checked in upon arrival of the student/staff/visitor along with completed medication form, for access as directed by medication packet or doctors note.	
Hedgehogs	Staff, students and visitors	Bites/scratches	Medium	Wild hedgehogs that are being cared for by Halstock Hedgehog Rescue may be reluctant to be handled and if stressed could bite or scratch the handler. Experienced handlers only to help care for the hedgehogs with training provided by Rachelle Green	Wear protective gloves when handling hedgehogs.
		Allergic reaction	Low	All staff, students and visitors asked to declare any animal allergies upon enrolment/start of visit. Antihistamines/medication checked in upon arrival of the student/staff/visitor along with completed medication form, for access as	

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			directed by medication packet or doctors note.	
	Straw	Low	Airborne dust particles from the straw could cause respiratory illness, masks offered to all staff/students/visitors who will be using straw. Allergic reaction presenting as a rash or asthmatic reaction seek medical assistance through doctor/pharmacy	

Zoonotic and Notifiable Disease Management

Zoonotic diseases are diseases that can be transferred between animal species and to humans. Ringworm, orf, leptospirosis, influenza, salmonellosis, brucellosis and E. coli are common forms of zoonotic diseases that could be pathogenic in the animals housed at CoRE. Notifiable diseases are diseases that need to be reported to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) upon diagnosis such as foot and mouth disease, brucellosis, scrapie, influenza (avian/swine). Further information on zoonotic and notifiable disease can be found using the following links: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/notifiable-diseases-in-animals> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/list-of-zoonotic-diseases/list-of-zoonotic-diseases>.

To reduce the incidence and manage zoonotic/notifiable diseases, animals are visually health checked daily and any uncharacteristic behaviours or signs of illness are reported to the Alasdair/Rachelle Green and Rebecca Boulert to decide when veterinary intervention is needed. Should a zoonotic disease be identified, the affected animal/animals will be quarantined for treatment/euthanasia in line with veterinary guidance. If the disease is notifiable, then quarantine procedures will be followed as well as the APHA notified, and treatment/euthanasia will be conducted according to veterinary guidance. All animal health information is logged internally on the animal health tracker.

Biosecurity Plan

Hand washing before and after handling any of the animals is directed. Hand washing facilities with warm water and antibacterial soap are located in the barn and cabin. Feed and water troughs are cleaned regularly, feed is not left down to discourage vermin which can carry zoonotic diseases. Animal waste is stored away from animal housing in designated muck heaps. Should animals become ill, appropriate signage will be displayed and isolation/quarantine areas clearly marked.

Isolation and Quarantine Procedure

In the event that animals need to be isolated or quarantined, the stable with hardstanding in the car park will be used, with sheep hurdles creating a barrier around the hardstanding. Animals may be isolated/quarantined upon arrival to CoRE for 2 weeks, to ensure they are disease free before being housed near the animals already on site or because they are exhibiting signs of illness/disease. Personal protective equipment including overalls, boots and gloves will be worn by any member of staff handling animals in quarantine/isolation. There will be a foot dip outside the quarantine/isolation pen, antibacterial hand gel, and a pedal bin for disposing of used gloves. There is designated isolation equipment including feed trough, water trough, wheelbarrow, fork and broom which is only to be used in the isolation pen.

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