

Risk Assessment

of

Small animal showing & competitions

Note

This risk assessment is based on general show activities and must be reviewed and updated in accordance with your specific show location, animal type, displays, attractions, vendors, entertainment and food service etc.

Irish Shows Association Affiliated Show			Other animal showing & competing area, dogs, cats, poultry			
Area / Activity	Task description	Hazard & risk description	People exposed	ORR H, M, L	Control measures (existing and additional required)	Responsibility
Small animal showing & competitions	<p>Grooming of small animals</p> <p>Showing of small animals</p> <p>Competing with small animals</p> <p>Leading of small animals in competition area and show grounds</p> <p>Show attendees with children spectating at small animal competition</p> <p>Show attendees and children interacting with small animals at competition area and on show grounds</p>	<p>Slip trip or fall over competition items</p> <p>Fighting between small animals</p> <p>People or children knocked over/tripped by over playful small animals</p> <p>People or children bitten by small animals</p>	<p>Stewards and Members of show team</p> <p>The public attending the show</p> <p>Small animal owners</p> <p>Children</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewards briefed on show safety statement with specific attention to risk assessments covering tasks, associated hazards and required controls to be implemented and followed • Erect signage on site requesting the public to obey stewards instructions • High visibility jacket and safety boots to be worn by stewards and show team. • Stewards to ensure orderly positioning of vehicles in parking area to enable safe access & egress by competitors • Appropriate barrier (stakes, rope / orange mesh netting) should be erected around the competition area to clearly exclude spectators from the zone where animals are competing • Safety signage cautioning pedestrians not to enter competition area and to take care of young children in their company should be erected • Ensure emergency procedures are in place in the form of ambulance, paramedics, doctor and contact numbers in the show grounds and that stewards are aware of this information • Keep all pedestrian walk ways and viewing points clear of debris or potential trip hazards. • All small animals should be on a collar and lead and not allowed run free • Where required dogs should be muzzled 	Show committee