



# PETTING ZOO

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## KEY BENEFITS

### Education

Provides children and families with hands-on educational experiences with animals.

### Empathy

Encourages empathy and respect for animals through direct interaction.

### Development

Promotes sensory and social development in young children.

### Entertainment

Provides entertainment and enrichment opportunities in community events.

**KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES**

**Zoonotic Disease Transmission**

- ✓ Mandatory hand washing stations
- ✓ Animals regularly vet-checked
- ✓ No eating in animal areas
- ✓ Clear hygiene signage posted

**Animal Bites**

- ✓ Only gentle animals selected
- ✓ Proper feeding technique shown
- ✓ Staff supervision always present
- ✓ First aid kit available

**Allergic Reactions**

- ✓ Allergy warnings displayed
- ✓ Emergency medication available
- ✓ Staff trained in allergy response
- ✓ Clean areas for sensitive visitors

**Lost Children**

- ✓ Clear boundaries established
- ✓ Entry/exit points monitored
- ✓ Staff trained for lost child protocol
- ✓ PA system available



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