



# PETTING ZOO CHECKLIST



The best practices described below are based on Summit County's Environmental Health Code 604 Petting Zoos- Public Exhibition of Animals

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## FACILITY DESIGN

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- Provide one hand washing sink with soap, towels and trash can for every 25 visitors expected, if hand sinks are unavailable, hand sanitizer stations must be provided. Sinks and stations are accessible for all visitors including children and persons with disabilities.
- Transition areas at entrances and exits between non-animal and animal areas. Entrances should have stroller and bag storage with education signage and exit areas with hand sinks/hand sanitizing stations with education signage. The flow of visitor traffic should be one way throughout the petting zoo allowing the transitions areas to be utilized by each visitor.
- Adequate barriers to prevent visitors from entering the animal areas/pens (i.e. fences/cages, unless animals are hand led by staff) and barriers which prevent visitors from touching animals that are not available for touching or that should not be touched.
- Eating and preparation areas for food are separated from animal areas, no eating or drinking allowed in the animal area.

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## VISITOR SAFETY AND EDUCATION

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- Informational and educational materials provided to the public of the dangers associated with eating in animal areas and hand-to-mouth contact without hand-washing after contact with animals. At a minimum, this information should consist of brochures and signage posted at entrances, exits and hand sinks/sanitizing stations.
- Keep a first aid kit on site for treatment of accidental biting, scratching, or other injury to the public. Animal bites and escapes must be reported pursuant to state and local laws.
- Barriers and animal areas are sanitized at least once daily or as needed with a disinfectant that is appropriate for the animals displayed and the potential pathogens associated with that animal. Animal areas are cleaned and sanitized after removing animals and before the location returns to its normal usage.
- Adult supervision of children is required at all times in the animal areas.

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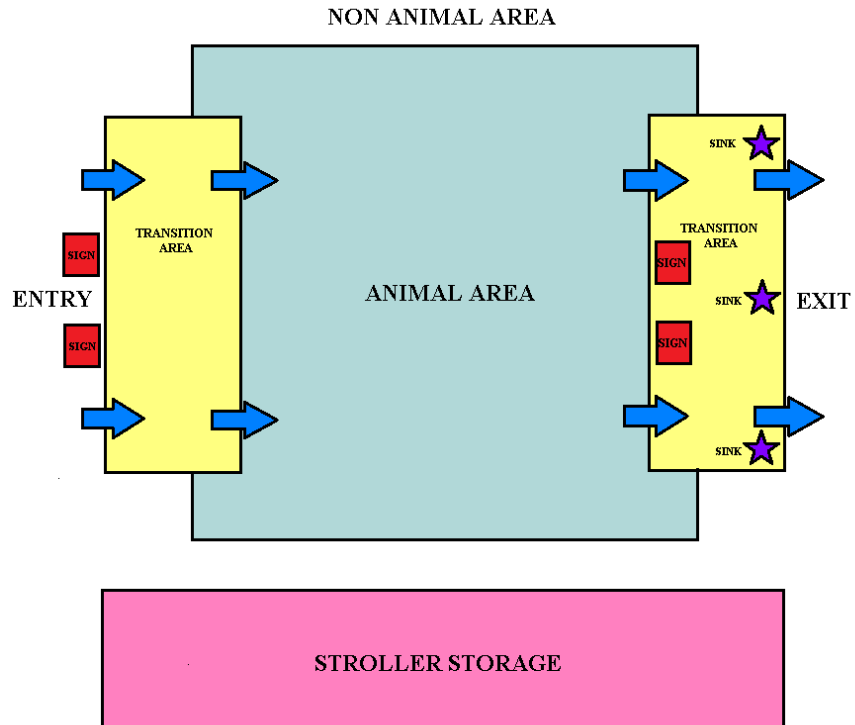
## ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

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- Maintain animals in a healthy environment that is free of stress and overcrowding. Only healthy and vaccinated animals shall be displayed or permitted to have contact with the public.
- No contact between people and dangerous or exotic animals such as primates, wolves, bears or any other animal of a similar nature, including venomous or toxic insects, arachnids, amphibians, or reptiles.
- Cover animal areas with straw or an approved absorbent material. Visibly soiled areas must be cleaned as necessary and no transport of manure or soiled bedding through public areas.

# PETTING ZOO DESIGN IDEAS

## □ Design 1



## □ Design 2

