



Early Years & Foundation Stage

CARING FOR ANIMALS

General points about this talk:

This talk generally lasts 30 minutes and will take place out in the Park in all weathers; please ensure that your pupils wear suitable clothes for the conditions.

Talks are generally lead by the keepers and may vary slightly between different staff members. This talk may involve hands-on contact with the animals and the keepers may feed the animals as you go around so you should discuss with your group how to touch animals and the importance of good hygiene.

The normal meeting point for this talk will be at the Children's Farm Barn.

What we will cover in the talk:

A great opportunity to come face to face with our farm animals.

Join a keeper as they take a tour round the farm. You will get to stroke rabbits and guinea pigs and even get to feed some of the animals. We will talk about how all animals, including humans, need food, water and shelter in order to survive and how we provide this for them here at the Park.

In our tour we will look at the animal enclosures and talk about how different animals need different homes. We will talk why we need to clean enclosures and what we need to put into them to keep our animals fit and healthy. We will show the children how we check our animals to make sure they are well and finally, we will look at how we keep our animals from getting bored with smells, food, toys and training.

Animals we may encounter:

We cannot guarantee which animals you will see during your talk but it is likely that you will visit most of the following:

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| Guinea Pigs | Ponies |
| Pigs | Sheep |
| Goats | Chickens |
| Donkeys | Rabbits |



Areas of the Early Learning Goals that this talk addresses:

Communication and Language

ELG 01 Listening and attention: Children listen attentively in a range of situations. They give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.

ELG 02 Understanding: Children follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. They answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.

Physical Development

ELG 05 Health and self-care: pupils know the importance for good health of physical exercise and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe.

Understanding of the World

ELG 14 The world: pupils know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.

