

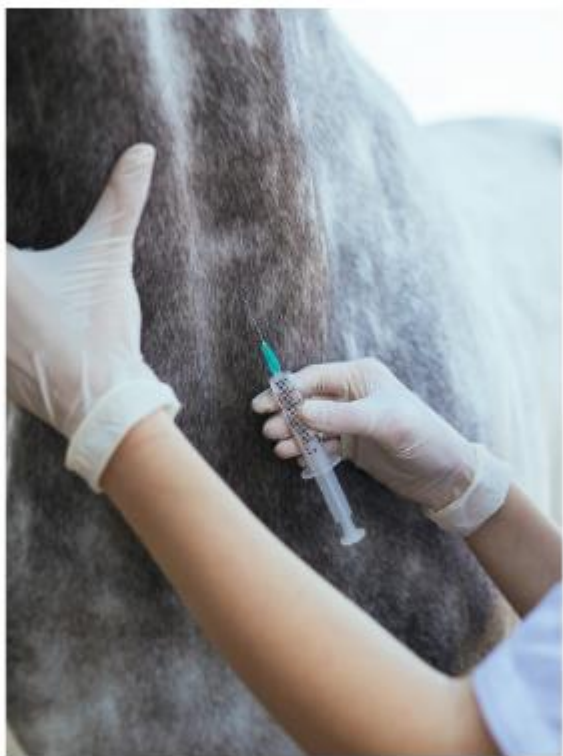


Town of Shelburne

Guidelines for Animals for Entertainment

For Operators of petting zoos, animal rides and animal exhibits in the Town of Shelburne

The purpose of these guidelines is to make owners/operators aware of the risks of animal attractions and how to prevent the spread of diseases, which can be spread through the bite of an animal or through other contact with the animal or their excrement.



Protect your health

All animal handlers should be vaccinated against rabies.

Council Consideration

If you plan on having animals at your event, please disclose this on the special event application form you will require council consideration.

Animal Health

Ensure all animals are examined by a veterinarian annually.

At least three months prior to the event, unvaccinated animals should be vaccinated against rabies where such vaccination is proven to work, for example, horses. Proof of vaccination is to be supplied to the Town of Shelburne prior to the event.

Animals that are sick and those that test positive for an infectious disease must not take part in the attraction.

Monitor animals daily for signs of illness. If an animal becomes sick or dies during the attraction, it must be removed and isolated from all other animals and humans. The Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Department must be notified of this immediately.

The maintenance and care of all animals used for entertainment must observe the standards of care outlined under [Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 13 - Bill 136](#).

Protecting the public

Locate the attraction in an area and manner that does not adversely affect the local water sources/supplies or environment. Supply the Town of Shelburne with a site plan indicating the types of water supply to be used (for example, public, private, treated, untreated), general landscape, emergency exit(s) location and layout of the attraction.

House animals to minimize stress and overcrowding.

Provide sufficient hand-washing stations with potable running water (hot and cold or warm) with liquid pump soap and paper towels in dispensers.

In cases where a petting zoo is part of a larger attraction, at least one hand-washing station should be located at the exit of the petting zoo area. The hand-washing stations are always to be kept clean and fully stocked. Post signs to encourage hand washing.

Ensure that food is not fed to the animals in containers that can be consumed by humans, such as ice cream cones.

Do not allow the public to milk animals or drink unpasteurized milk.

Ensure that adequate barriers and signs are provided to prevent people from coming into contact with animals they should not touch.

If an animal birth occurs, ensure that the public has no contact with animals involved in birth or the area they are in.

Incidents such as bites and scratches where human skin is broken due to contact with an animal must, by law, be reported to the Health Department immediately.

Signage

Post two signs at the entrance, exit, and other prominent locations within the attraction stating the following:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water after touching the animals and before eating or drinking or touching your face.
2. If bitten or scratched, immediately report the incident to the owner/operator, wash the wound with soap and water. Contact your family doctor or go to a hospital emergency room immediately. Public Health will provide rabies vaccine to your doctor, if needed.



Contact the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Department at 1-800-265-7293.

Cleaning

Clean and disinfect the railings in the attraction regularly throughout the day.

Clean the floor/ground in the attraction area regularly throughout the day.

Keep animals clean and ensure that their waste is adequately collected, stored, and disposed. Avoid agitating soiled bedding and manure, which could disperse bacteria.

If an animal birth occurs, the area must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each birth and the waste product properly disposed.

Reporting to the Health Department

Notify the Town of Shelburne facility coordinator if you plan to operate an animal attraction that is being held on the Town of Shelburne property. Send the animal exhibit information sheet to the facility coordinator four weeks before the event (see page 5).

Send a site plan indicating the types of water supply to be used (for example, public, private, treated, untreated), general landscape, emergency exit(s) location and layout of the attraction.

Supply proof of veterinarian examination of animals and proof of rabies examination.

Notify the Health Department if an animal becomes sick or dies during the attraction.

Incidents such as bites and scratches must, by law, be reported to the Health Department immediately. The report should include:

Person whose skin is broken

- name/ parent/ guardian if applicable
- age (if available)
- address
- phone
- date of incident

Animal information

- type of animal
- name of owner
- address of owner
- telephone number where the owner can be reached

Note: The person who was bitten or scratched should be advised to seek medical attention, and the animal must be isolated from all other animals and humans. All reported incidents will be investigated by a Public Health Inspector

Town of Shelburne – Animal Exhibit Information

Event / Exhibit Information					
Name of event:					
Location:					
Date(s) of event(s)		Start Date:		End Date:	
Event Organizer (Name)					
Address (including City/Town)					
Primary Phone Number			E-mail address		
Operator name that will be onsite if different than event organizer					
Primary Phone Number			E-mail address		
Type of Animals in Exhibit	Number of Animals	Rabies Vaccination up to date		Certificate on Site	
		Yes	No	Yes	No

Please submit this form directly to the facility coordinator by either dropping it off, mailing or email.
 Town of Shelburne, Facility Coordinator, 203 Main Street East, Shelburne, ON L9V 3K7
mkenney@shelburne.ca

Personal information contained on this form is collected under the authority of *The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Clerk at 519-925-2600.

Animal Cruelty – Protect Our Animals

Cruelty to any animal is not tolerated in Ontario. If you think an animal is in distress or is being abused, call:

1-833-9-Animal

If an animal is in distress or being neglected. This includes animals that are injured, in pain, sick, suffering or abused, or lack proper care, water, food or shelter.

Local animal control

Call your local animal control if a wild animal is in distress, injured or deceased, or if a wild or domestic animal is roaming on public property.

911 (Emergency)

Call 911 in an emergency when a life is in immediate danger or distress, such as an animal attack, animal in a hot or cold vehicle, or illegal activity such as dog or cock fighting rings.

For more information on Animal Cruelty please visit

<https://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/AnimalWelfare/paws.html>