

RISK ASSESSMENT

Land events / displays

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No.	Item	Hazard	Risk Level	Target Group	Control Measures
1	Carting Equipment	Equipment not fit for purpose and causes injury to person or dog – handler pays more attention to equipment than dogs Carts injure a member of public	Low	NIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment to be checked prior to and at the event before use Tool kit and spare parts to be available as required Emergency unhitch procedure to be communicated before the start of each event All equipment must have been used previously at a training session Handlers will be experienced with the equipment and will only be moving at a slow / moderate pace. Equipment will only be used for the purpose of which it was intended for.
2	Dog Tethering	Dog running free in public place possibly near main road	Low	NIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All dogs must be securely tethered unless working, and each owner is responsible for ensuring that they stake their dog/s appropriately with enough space not to get tangled or interfere with other dogs or hazards. Dogs to be secured to goat stakes with leads/chains Catches to be checked prior to the event Dogs never to be left alone Restless, unsettled dogs to be caged in vehicles Water must be available to dogs at all times.
3	Dog Welfare	Dog health issues & public perception that dogs are suffering	Low	NIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A lead/rope will be attached to all carts to allow the handler to assist the dog if required Weight within the cart not to exceed 25kg Handlers and dogs will work for short periods only depending on length of walk and weather conditions Carts will carry water & bowl at all times Route to be planned in advance and walked by handlers. Terrain and surface changes to be assessed to ensure not beyond dogs capability

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4	Dog Contact	Spread of disease or bacteria. Member of the public injured (scratched, pawed, bitten) by dog	Low	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice to be displayed stating public must ask before approaching dogs • No member of the public to be permitted to touch a dog without NIA member present • NIA members will wear uniform / a badge to identify themselves • Dogs not to be left alone • Experienced dogs and handlers only to attend events in public places • Hygiene wipes to be available • Resting dogs to be behind a secure line. • All dogs are domestic pets.
5	First Aid	Member of the public, handler or dogs requires medical attention following incident	Low	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid kit with first aider or paramedic to be on site • All members to be aware of the details of the local vet
6	Hygiene	Spread of disease & bacteria	Low	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members to clear up after their dogs and dispose of it hygienically • Hygiene wipes to be available
7	Noise	Barking	Low	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs may bark when excited / ready to work. • Handlers will keep dogs under control at all times • If a dog is persistently barking it will be moved to a caged vehicle.
8	Junior members	Child protection issues / minors at events - behaviour	Low	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior members (Under 16 years of age) will be the sole responsibility of their parent / guardian. • They will NEVER be left with dogs on their own. • They will not be left with equipment on their own • 2015 Childrens policy will be adhered to at all times